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SIP Revision: El Paso, Eight-Hour Ozone Maintenance Plan, January 11, 2006

On January 11, 2006, the commission adopted a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision incorporating the El Paso eight-hour ozone maintenance plan.

Summary of the SIP Revision

Adoption Date: 01/11/2006

EPA Approval Date: 01/15/2009 ([74 FR 2387](#))

Background: On April 15, 2004, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) designated El Paso County attainment for the 1997 eight-hour ozone standard of 0.08 parts per million (ppm), effective June 15, 2004. Monitors in El Paso County at that time showed attainment of both the one-hour and eight-hour ozone standards.

The EPA's Phase I Implementation Rule for the eight-hour ozone standard directed that areas designated nonattainment for the one-hour ozone standard, but designated attainment for the eight-hour ozone standard, submit a maintenance plan for the 1997 eight-hour ozone standard by June 15, 2007. The maintenance plan had to demonstrate that the area was attaining the eight-hour and one-hour standards and would continue to attain the eight-hour ozone standard through 2014; maintenance could be demonstrated by projecting lower nitrogen oxide (NO_x) and volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions in future years. The plan was required to include ambient air quality monitoring data and analysis, an attainment inventory, and a contingency plan. The TCEQ submitted this maintenance plan to the EPA on January 20, 2006. On January 15, 2009, the EPA proposed approval of the El Paso ozone maintenance plan SIP revision ([74 FR 2387](#)). The EPA did not receive any adverse comments regarding the maintenance plan approval, and the plan became effective on March 16, 2009. On October 20, 2010, the EPA published a final rule in the *Federal Register* ([75 FR 64675](#)), clarifying the EPA's approval of the 1997 eight-hour ozone maintenance plan.

Key Changes:

This SIP revision included:

- data from 2002, 2003, and 2004 to show attainment of the one-hour standard, and included an attainment inventory for 2008;
- control strategies, including a low Reid Vapor Pressure (RVP) gasoline program, an inspection and maintenance (I/M) program, the Low Income Vehicle Repair Assistance, Retrofit, and Accelerated Vehicle Retirement Program (LIRAP), and all existing control strategies, including Chapter 115 rules for the control of VOC from stationary sources; and
- a contingency plan, including potential controls on emissions from bakeries, degassing operations, and petroleum dry cleaners.

SIP Narrative and Appendices

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