SIP Revision: Houston-Galveston-Brazoria (HGB) 1997 Eight-Hour Ozone Attainment Demonstration, March 10, 2010

On March 10, 2010, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) adopted an Attainment Demonstration State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision for the HGB area.

Summary of the SIP Revision

**Adoption Date:** 03/10/2010  
**Proposal Date:** 09/23/2009

**EPA Approval Dates:** Approved on 01/02/2014 ([79 FR 57](#)); Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT) analysis approved on: 04/02/2013 ([78 FR 19599](#)), 04/15/2014 ([79 FR 21144](#)), 08/04/2014 ([79 FR 45105](#)), 03/27/2015 ([80 FR 16291](#))

**Background:** On October 1, 2008, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved Texas’ request to reclassify the HGB 1997 eight-hour ozone nonattainment area from moderate to severe, with a new attainment deadline of June 15, 2019 ([73 FR 56983](#)). The state was required to submit an attainment demonstration SIP revision by April 15, 2010. On March 10, 2010, the TCEQ adopted the HGB 1997 eight-hour ozone attainment demonstration SIP revision to address severe ozone nonattainment area requirements (Non-Rule Project No. 2009-017-SIP-NR).


**Key Changes:** This SIP revision included a photochemical-modeling analysis and a weight-of-evidence analysis to demonstrate attainment of the 1997 eight-hour ozone standard by the June 15, 2019 deadline. As required by the EPA, this SIP revision also included motor vehicle emissions budgets (MVEB), volatile organic compounds (VOC) and nitrogen oxides (NOx) RACT analyses, Reasonably Available Control Measures (RACM) analysis, and a contingency plan. In response to comments received, this SIP revision included a commitment to perform a mid-course review for commission consideration and approval.

The commission also adopted associated rule projects revising 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapters 101 and 115, which addressed cap integrity in the Mass Emissions Cap and Trade (MECT) program, a cap reduction and allowance reallocation for the Highly Reactive Volatile Organic Compounds Emissions Cap and Trade (HECT) program, and updated Control Technique Guidelines (CTG) documents for VOC used in offset printing.
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Associated Rules

The commission adopted the following rule revisions to support the HGB attainment demonstration SIP revision for the 1997 eight-hour ozone standard.

- MECT Program
  - Rule Project No. 2009-019-101-EN, Chapter 101: MECT Program Cap Integrity for the HGB Eight-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area
    - EPA Approval: January 2, 2014 (79 FR 57)
- HECT Program
- **Rule Project No. 2009-006-101-EN, Chapter 101: HECT Program Cap Reduction and Allowance Reallocation**
  - EPA Approval: January 2, 2014 (79 FR 57)

- **Offset Lithographic Printing**
  - EPA Approval: August 4, 2014 (79 FR 45105)