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SIP Revision: Post-1999 Rate of Progress (ROP) and Attainment Demonstration (AD) Follow-Up, Houston-Galveston (HGA), September 25, 2002

On September 25, 2002, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) adopted an ROP and AD State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision for the HGA area to include speed limit reductions and a Voluntary Mobile Emissions Reduction Program (VMEP).

Summary of the SIP Revision

Adoption Date: 09/25/2002

EPA Approval Date: 11/14/2002 (67 FR 68941)

Background and Key Changes: Per House Bill 2912, enacted by the 77th Texas Legislature, on September 1, 2002, the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) formally changed its name and began doing business as the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, or the TCEQ.

The HGA Speed Limit Reduction/ VMEP SIP revision, adopted by the TCEQ on September 25, 2002, updated the HGA control strategy and the HGA AD. In this SIP revision, the TCEQ revised the HGA area's speed limit control measure and included provisions ensuring the integrity of the emissions reductions claimed from VMEP. The speed limit control was changed by suspending the 55 mph speed limit and replacing it across-the board 5 mph speed limit reductions from the speed limits posted prior to May 1, 2002. The TCEQ also committed itself to monitor, assess, and remedy any shortfall in emissions reductions attributed to VMEP and to adopt and implement additional control measures if needed to make up for a shortfall.

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