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# SIP Revision: Northeast Texas Flexible Attainment Region (FAR), May 12, 1999

On May 12, 1999, the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) adopted a FAR State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision for the Northeast Texas area for the one-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS).

## Summary of the SIP Revision

**Adoption Date:** 05/12/1999

**Proposal Date:** 11/18/1999

**EPA Approval Date:** N/A. A separate [SIP Revision for the Northeast Texas region](#) was adopted 08/19/2005 ([70 FR 48642](#)), replacing this expired FAR Agreement.

**Background:** Gregg County had been designated as nonattainment for the one-hour ozone NAAQS from 1977-1990. On September 26, 1989, the TACB requested that the area be redesignated to attainment, and on September 13, 1990, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved this request ([55 FR 37712](#)). However, in the summer of 1995, there were four exceedances of the one-hour ozone standard. The EPA offered areas an opportunity to adopt voluntary local plans as an alternative approach to formal redesignation. The EPA developed the FAR program to recognize and encourage local efforts to maintain levels of ground-level ozone below the NAAQS and to remain in attainment. In 1999, local governments in Northeast Texas, the TNRCC, and the EPA signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), which became the area's FAR plan. The Northeast Texas Air Care Policy Committee was formed in 1996 to coordinate and oversee the development of the FAR agreement.

## Key Changes:

The FAR plan included:

- An updated emissions inventory (EI);
- Quantifiable and enforceable emissions reductions achieved through voluntary site-specific industrial controls;
- Other local voluntary emissions reductions; and
- Contingency measures.

The contingency measures included:

- Expanding existing notification programs and announcements;
- Implementing additional voluntary control measures;
- Establishing a committee to promote fuel conservation and optimum timing of vehicle refueling;
- Establishing a committee to increase the number of compressed natural gas-fueled vehicles;
- Reducing electricity consumption;
- Implementing additional controls on two industrial sites; and



- Implementing additional quantifiable, voluntary emissions reduction programs.

## **SIP Narrative and Appendices**

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