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## **SIP Revision: Northeast Texas Region Ozone Control, March 13, 2002**

On March 13, 2002, the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) adopted a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision for ozone control in Gregg, Harrison, Rusk, Smith, and Upshur Counties in Northeast Texas.

## Summary of the SIP Revision

Adoption Date: 03/13/2002

Proposal Date: 08/22/2001

**EPA Approval Date:** 08/19/2005 (70 FR 48642<sup>4</sup>)

**Background and Key Changes:** On March 13, 2002, the TNRCC adopted a SIP revision concerning Gregg, Harrison, Rusk, Smith, and Upshur Counties. In 2000, the Northeast Texas area monitored two exceedances of the ozone standard. Due to the area's history of exceedances, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) refused to extend the Flexible Attainment Region (FAR) agreement and suggested that the state submit an early SIP revision for the area before expiration of the FAR agreement. In response, the commission adopted this SIP revision. The SIP included an updated emissions inventory (EI), data analysis showing the relative contribution of background and local sources of pollution to the area's ozone levels, a new analysis showing that nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>X</sub>) reductions would be more effective in reducing ozone levels than the VOC reduction strategies initially required under the FAR, and appropriate control strategies for the area. The control strategy was updated to achieve emissions reductions beyond the regional controls adopted in the Regional SIP on April 19, 2000. New controls for this plan included agreed orders with three companies operating point sources in the area and the area's participation in the TERP program. This SIP revision was later replaced by the area's Early Action Compact (EAC) SIP revision, which the commission adopted on November 17, 2004.

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