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SIP Revision: Small Business Stationary Source Technical and Environmental Compliance Assistance Program, November 6, 1992

On November 6, 1992 the Texas Air Control Board (TACB) adopted a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision to establish a Small Business Stationary Source Technical and Environmental Compliance Assistance program.

Summary of the SIP Revision

Adoption Date: 11/06/1992

EPA Approval Date: 08/19/1994 ([59 FR 42759](#))

Background: The 1990 Federal Clean Air Act (FCAA) Amendments required states to submit SIP revisions that would establish Small Business Stationary Source Technical and Environmental Compliance Assistance Programs in each state's environmental agency. These programs would assist small businesses, which often lacked the technical expertise and financial resources to conduct their own compliance evaluations and analysis, to control air toxic emissions.

Key Changes: On November 6, 1992, the TACB adopted this SIP revision to fulfill these requirements by establishing the Small Business Assistance Program within the TACB, designating a Small Business Ombudsman to serve as a representative for small businesses, and establishing a Compliance Advisory Panel (CAP). The CAP would provide advice to the board, submit reports to the EPA on the program's effectiveness, and review air program documentation to ensure that it was understandable to the general public.

The Small Business Assistance Program was designed to facilitate communications between the agency and small businesses, notify potentially regulated businesses of new regulations, work with trade associations and small businesses to encourage voluntary compliance with regulations, serve as a liaison between government agencies, and assist small businesses in finding financing for pollution abatement technology. Businesses were eligible for assistance if:

- They employed 100 or fewer employees;
- They were defined as a small business by the Small Business Administration;
- They emitted 50 tons per year (tpy) or less of any regulated pollutant and 75 tpy of all regulated pollutants; and
- If the CAP determined that the source category lacked the technical and financial capabilities to comply with the FCAA requirements.

The SIP also specified that emissions fees would be reduced for small businesses in accordance with FCAA provisions. This SIP revision included a commitment to have all operational elements for the program in place no later than November 15, 1994.

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