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SIP Revision: Stage II Vapor Recovery Program, September 30, 1992

On September 30, 1992, the Texas Air Control Board (TACB) adopted a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision to lay out a Stage II vapor recovery plan for gas stations in ozone nonattainment areas classified as moderate or higher.

Summary of the SIP Revision

Adoption Date: 09/30/1992

EPA Approval Date: 04/15/1994 (59 FR 17940⁴)

Background: As a result of the 1990 Federal Clean Air Act (FCAA) Amendments, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) mandated that Stage II requirements apply to all refueling facilities dispensing 10,000 gallons or more of gasoline per month or, in the case of independent gasoline marketers, 50,000 gallons per month if the state wished to raise the throughput to that level for such individuals. These systems required either 95% vapor control efficiency or certification from the California Air Resources Board (CARB), and required testing for proper installation.

Key Changes: In this SIP revision Texas required CARB certification of Stage II vapor recovery systems for the state's four ozone nonattainment areas (Beaumont-Port Arthur [BPA], Dallas-Fort Worth [DFW], El Paso, and Houston-Galveston [HGA]). The program also included:

- A strategy to determine which facilities would have to comply with the new regulations;
- Training for station owners, station operators, and inspectors;
- A public information campaign;
- Guidance for facility and agency recordkeeping;
- Requirements for installation and testing;
- Annual inspection requirements;
- Enforcement provisions; and
- A commitment to submit additional information and analysis on the program in the future.

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