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SIP Revision: Transportation Control Measures (TCM) for Nonattainment and Maintenance Areas, May 3, 2000

On May 3, 2000, the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) adopted a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision for TCMs.

Summary of the SIP Revision

Adoption Date: 05/03/2000

Proposal Date: 11/10/1999

EPA Approval Date: 12/05/2002 ([67 FR 72379](#))

Background and Key Changes: This SIP revision modified the procedures for adopting TCMs in nonattainment areas. On October 27, 1993, the TNRCC adopted a TCM rule and revised the rule on July 27, 1994. The TCM rule made the TCMs included in a SIP enforceable by establishing specific requirements for nonattainment area metropolitan planning organizations (MPO) and implementing agencies. The rule was designed to ensure that TCMs were implemented in a timely manner and that they achieved the estimated emissions reductions. The rule had allowed TCMs to be grouped and quantified by categories, without specific descriptions and measure-specific emissions reductions. MPOs were allowed to substitute TCMs within, but not between, categories without a SIP revision.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) later objected to this rule because it did not require the MPOs to quantify specific TCM projects or allow for public comment on TCM substitutions within a category. Nonattainment area MPOs also objected to the rule because any substitution between TCM categories would require a SIP revision. These SIP revisions would force the MPOs to conduct new transportation conformity determinations that may not have otherwise been necessary. The TNRCC addressed the EPA's concerns by revising the TCM rule to require MPOs to provide descriptions of each individual project and estimated the emissions reductions from each project. To address the MPOs' concerns, the TNRCC revised the rule to allow MPOs to substitute TCMs without a SIP revision if the substitution resulted in equal or greater emission reductions after an interagency consultation process and a public comment period.

SIP Narrative and Appendices

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- Adopted [TCM SIP Revision](#)
- Appendices
 - Appendix A: Excerpt from the General Preamble for Implementation of Title I of the Clean Air Act of 1990, pages 124 to 132, April 16, 1992, 57 FR1 3498 (No change.)



- Appendix B: "Revised On-Road Mobile Source Emissions Inventory Estimates in Support of the Vehicle Miles of Travel State Implementation Plan for the Houston/Galveston Ozone Nonattainment Area." Revised: June 1997, by the Houston/Galveston Area Council. (No change.)
- Appendix C: Resolution approving the selection of projects for the 1996-1998 Transportation Improvement Program and the Metropolitan Transportation Plan - Transportation Policy Council for the Houston/Galveston Transportation Management Area, September 29, 1995. (No change.)

Associated Rules

Transportation Control Measures

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