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SIP Revision: Transportation Conformity for Nonattainment and Maintenance Areas, April 30, 2003

On April 30, 2003, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) adopted a Transportation Conformity State Implementation Plan (SIP) and rule revisions.

Summary of the SIP Revision

Adoption Date: 04/30/2003 **Proposal Date:** 01/23/2003

EPA Approval Date: 07/06/2005 (70 FR 38776¹)

Background: This SIP revision incorporated by reference two federal amendments providing metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) more time to achieve conformity. Specifically, it reinstated a one-year grace period before conformity is required for areas designated nonattainment for the first time and required conformity to be determined within 18 months of the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) finding that a motor vehicle emissions budget (MVEB) for an area is adequate, rather than within 18 months of the state submitting an initial SIP revision including these MVEBs. The SIP revision also implemented the March 2, 1999, United States Court of Appeals ruling in *Environmental Defense Fund v. EPA* that the EPA must make an affirmative determination than am MVEB is adequate before it can be used. This SIP revision incorporated all federal conformity rules up to and including those promulgated on August 6, 2002 (67 FR 50808).

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Adopted Transportation Conformity SIP Revision

Associated Rules

Revisions to 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 114, Control of Air Pollution from Motor Vehicles

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