

Plain Language Summary of the Collin County Second 10-year Air Quality Maintenance Plan for Lead

Introduction

On October 15, 2008, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) lowered the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for lead from 1.5 micrograms per cubic meter ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) to $0.15 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$. EPA designated an area surrounding Exide Technologies (Exide) located in Frisco, Collin County, as nonattainment, or not meeting the standard. The nonattainment area later met the standard after the Exide facility permanently shut down.

On November 2, 2016, TCEQ submitted to EPA a revision to the state's air quality plan, known as a state implementation plan (SIP) revision, requesting redesignation of the nonattainment area to attainment for the 2008 lead NAAQS and providing a plan to demonstrate how the area would remain in compliance with the standard over a 10-year maintenance period, known as a maintenance plan. EPA redesignated the Collin County lead nonattainment area to attainment and approved the maintenance plan, effective September 27, 2017.

The federal Clean Air Act (FCAA) requires an additional maintenance plan submittal to EPA eight years after an area is redesignated to attainment that covers a second 10-year period to ensure the area continues to meet to standard. An updated maintenance plan for the second 10-year period of September 2027 through September 2037 is due to EPA by September 27, 2025.

Summary

This SIP revision would provide a second 10-year air quality maintenance plan that ensures the Collin County area remains in attainment of the 2008 lead NAAQS through 2037, as required by FCAA, §175A(b).

Public Comment and Hearing Information

TCEQ will offer a virtual hearing on May 9, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. Central Daylight Time. This hearing is offered to receive public comments on the proposed Second 10-year Lead Maintenance Plan for Collin County (Project No. 2024-042-SIP-NR).

The hearing will be conducted in English. Persons who do not have internet access or who have special communication or other accommodation needs and plan to attend the hearing should contact Jamie Zech, Air Quality Division at (512) 239-3935 or 1-800-RELAY-TX (TDD) as far in advance as possible.

The comment period for this project opens on April 7, 2025, and closes on May 12, 2025. Submit written comments through the *TCEQ Public Comments* system at <https://tceq.commentinput.com/>. Comments for the proposed maintenance plan must reference **SIP Project No. 2024-042-SIP-NR**.

The proposed maintenance plan documents can be found on the TCEQ's website at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/sip/dfw/dfw-latest-lead>.

For more information about the proposal or to get help with submitting written comments, contact Eugenia Reynoso Moreno, SIP Project Manager, 512-239-1496 or eugenia.reynosomoreno@tceq.texas.gov.