

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
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Plain Language Summary of the Ozone Attainment Plan for the Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW) Area

Introduction

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) established the maximum level of ozone in the air to protect human health (70 parts per billion for the 2015 ozone standard). Nine counties in the DFW area (Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Johnson, Kaufman, Parker, Tarrant, and Wise Counties) do not meet the EPA's 2015 standard for ozone and are classified as a moderate nonattainment area under that standard. Texas must develop a plan, known as a State Implementation Plan or SIP, to reduce ozone in this area to meet the standard by the EPA's deadline of August 3, 2024.

Summary

The proposed attainment plan for the DFW area includes a photochemical modeling analysis and a weight-of-evidence analysis that evaluate the attainment status of the area (Project No. 2022-021-SIP-NR). The proposed attainment plan also includes an analysis of possible reasonably available control measures and technology as well as motor vehicle emissions budgets for 2023. An included contingency plan will provide additional emissions reductions if the area fails to meet the EPA's standard by the deadline.

The attainment plan is proposed concurrent with a rule project that would remove Ellis, Johnson, Kaufman, Rockwall, and Wise Counties from the list of affected counties required to comply with the state's low Reid vapor pressure control requirements. The proposed rulemaking would amend 30 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 114, Control of Air Pollution from Motor Vehicles (Project No. 2022-026-114-AI).

Public Comment and Hearing Information

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) will offer a public hearing in Arlington on July 6, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of Arlington City Hall located at 101 West Abrams Street. This hearing is offered to receive public comments on the proposed attainment plan for the DFW area (Project No. 2022-021-SIP-NR). The hearing is also offered to receive public comments on two other proposals that would impact the DFW area. One is a proposed reasonable further progress plan (Project No. 2022-023-SIP-NR), and the other is a proposed rulemaking to amend rules for the state's low Reid vapor pressure program (Project No. 2022-026-114-AI). The hearing will be conducted in English, and Spanish language interpretation services will be available. For accommodation needs, contact Brad Patterson, Office of the Chief Clerk at (512) 239-1201 or 1-800-RELAY-TX (TDD) as far in advance as possible.

The comment period for this project opens on June 2, 2023 and closes on July 17, 2023. Submit written comments through the *TCEQ Public Comments* system at

<https://tceq.commentinput.com/>. Comments for the proposed attainment plan must reference **SIP Project Number 2022-021-SIP-NR**.

The proposed attainment plan documents can be found on the TCEQ's website at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/sip/siplans.html#prosips> and the proposed rulemaking documents can be found at https://www.tceq.texas.gov/rules/propose_adopt.html.

For more information about the proposals or to get help with submitting written comments, contact Denine Calvin, SIP Project Manager, (512) 239-0613 or denine.calvin@tceq.texas.gov.