

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
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## Plain Language Summary of the Emission Inventory for El Paso County

### Introduction

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) established the maximum level of ozone in the air to protect human health. The air quality in El Paso County does not meet the EPA's standard for ozone and the EPA has classified El Paso County as marginal nonattainment. As a result, the TCEQ is proposing a state implementation plan (SIP) revision to address the marginal nonattainment area planning requirements for the El Paso County portion of the El Paso-Las Cruces, Texas-New Mexico nonattainment area.

### Summary

For the SIP revision, the EPA requires states to submit an inventory of emissions that cause ozone (nitrogen oxides and volatile organic compounds) for a specific year when an area does not meet the standard for ozone. The proposed SIP revision (Project No. 2022-010-SIP-NR) provides a 2017 base year emissions inventory. The proposed SIP revision also certifies that air permitting and emissions reporting requirements for El Paso County meet federal requirements for marginal ozone nonattainment areas.

### Public Comment and Hearing Information

The TCEQ will offer a public hearing on this proposal in El Paso on July 18, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. MDT in the Carlos M. Ramirez Tech<sub>2</sub>O Water Resources Learning Center located at 10751 Montana Avenue. This hearing will be offered to receive public comments on the proposed SIP revision for El Paso County (Project No. 2022-010-SIP-NR). The hearing will be conducted in English, and Spanish language interpretation services will be made available. For accommodation needs, 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 proposed action opens on June 17, 2022 and closes on July 21, 2022. Submit written comments through the *eComments* system at <https://www6.tceq.texas.gov/rules/ecomments/>. Comments must reference **SIP Project Number 2022-010-SIP-NR**.

The proposed SIP revision can be found on the TCEQ's website at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/sip/siplans.html#prosips>.

For more information about the proposal or to get help with submitting written comments, contact:

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