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David Gray
Acting Regional Administrator
United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6
1201 Elm Street, Suite 500
Dallas, TX 75270

Subject: Request for a One-Year Extension of the Houston-Galveston-Brazoria (HGB) 2008 Eight-Hour Ozone Standard Attainment Date

Dear Acting Administrator Gray:

In accordance with Federal Clean Air Act (FCAA), §181(a)(5), the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) requests the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant a one-year attainment date extension, to July 20, 2022, for the HGB 2008 eight-hour ozone nonattainment area. The HGB area meets the following FCAA requirements necessary for the EPA to grant the extension.

- §181(a)(5)(A) - The TCEQ certifies that the state is implementing all requirements and commitments pertaining to the area in the applicable ozone implementation plan.
- §181(a)(5)(B) - The fourth highest daily maximum eight-hour average concentrations for all monitors in the nonattainment area were not greater than 75 parts per billion (ppb) in 2020, the year preceding the area's July 20, 2021 attainment date. The HGB 2008 eight-hour ozone nonattainment area meets the monitoring data requirement with a 75 ppb fourth highest daily eight-hour monitored average as measured at the Conroe Relocated monitor (C78/A321) in 2020.

Thank you for considering this extension request. If you have any questions, please contact Donna F. Huff, Deputy Director of the Air Quality Division, at 512-239-6628 or donna.huff@tceq.texas.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tonya Baer".

Tonya Baer, Director
Office of Air

cc: Guy Donaldson, EPA Region 6