

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
June 2, 2023

Plain Language Summary of the Ozone Reasonable Further Progress Plan for Bexar County

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). Bexar County does not meet the EPA's 2015 standard for ozone and is classified as a moderate nonattainment area under that standard. Texas must develop a plan for Bexar County, known as a State Implementation Plan or SIP, that reduces emissions of pollutants that lead to the formation of ozone. This plan must show that the state is making progress towards meeting the 2015 ozone standard by the EPA's deadline of September 24, 2024.

Summary

The proposed plan shows that Bexar County is making progress toward meeting the EPA's 2015 ozone standard by reducing emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOC) and nitrogen oxides (NO_x) (Project No. 2022-024-SIP-NR). The proposed plan also includes a motor vehicle emissions budget for 2023.

Public Comment and Hearing Information

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) will offer a public hearing in San Antonio on July 13, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Alamo Area Council of Governments board room, located at 2700 Northeast Loop 410, Suite 101. This hearing is offered to receive public comments on the proposed reasonable further progress plan for Bexar County (Project No. 2022-024-SIP-NR). The hearing is also offered to receive public comments on three other proposals that would impact Bexar County: a proposed attainment plan (Project No. 2022-025-SIP-NR), a vehicle inspection and maintenance program plan (Project No. 2022-027-SIP-NR), and a proposed rulemaking to amend rules for the state's vehicle inspection and maintenance 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 *eComments* system at <https://tceq.commentinput.com/>. Comments for the proposed reasonable further progress plan must reference **SIP Project Number 2022-024-SIP-NR**.

Information concerning the proposed SIP revision, including proposal documents and instructions for providing public comment, is available at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/sip/san/san-latest-ozone>.

For more information or to get help with submitting written comments, contact Vanessa T. De Arman, SIP Project Manager, 512-239-5609 or vanessa.dearman@tceq.texas.gov.