

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
June 2, 2023

Plain Language Summary of the Ozone Attainment 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, known as a state implementation plan or SIP, to reduce ozone in this area to meet the standard by the EPA's deadline of September 24, 2024.

Summary

The proposed attainment plan for Bexar County includes a photochemical modeling analysis and a weight-of-evidence analysis that evaluate the attainment status of the area (Project No. 2022-025-SIP-NR). The proposed attainment plan also includes an analysis of possible reasonably available control measures 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.

Public Comment and Hearing Information

The 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 attainment plan for Bexar County (Project No. 2022-025-SIP-NR). The hearing is also offered to receive public comments on three other proposals that would impact Bexar County: a proposed reasonable further progress plan (Project No. 2022-024-SIP-NR), a proposed 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 attainment plan must reference **SIP Project Number 2022-025-SIP-NR**.

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

For more information or to get help with submitting written comments, contact Alison Stokes, SIP Team Leader, at (512) 239-4902 or alison.stokes@tceq.texas.gov.