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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED REVISION TO THE STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ or commission) will offer a virtual public hearing on September 28, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. Central Standard Time.

The hearing is offered to receive testimony regarding the proposed Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan State Implementation Plan (SIP) Revision for the Freestone-Anderson and the Titus 2010 Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂) National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) Nonattainment Areas (**Project No. 2021-007-SIP-NR**). The proposed SIP revision includes a request that the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) redesignate the Freestone-Anderson and Titus nonattainment areas to attainment for the 2010 SO₂ NAAQS and provides 10-year maintenance plans for both areas consistent with Federal Clean Air Act (FCAA), §175A requirements. The proposed SIP revision also addresses the comprehensive emissions inventory and nonattainment new source review certification statement SIP requirements provided under Part D of the FCAA. The hearing for the proposed SIP revision is required by 40 Code of Federal Regulations §51.102 of the EPA concerning SIPs.

The virtual hearing is structured for the receipt of oral comments only. Individuals may present oral statements when called upon in order of registration. Open discussion will not be permitted during the hearing; however, commission staff members will be available to discuss the proposal 30 minutes prior to the hearing. The hearing will be conducted remotely using an internet meeting service. Individuals who plan to attend the hearing must register by September 21, 2021. To register for the hearing, please email SIPRules@tceq.texas.gov and provide the following information: your name, your affiliation, your email address, and whether or not you plan to provide oral comments during the hearing. Instructions for participating in the hearing will be sent on September 24, 2021 to those who registered for the hearing.

Persons who do not have internet access or who have special communication or other accommodation needs who plan to attend the hearing should contact Jamie Zech, Air Quality Division at (512) 239-3935 or 1-800-RELAY-TX (TDD) to register. Accommodation requests should be made as far in advance as possible.

An electronic version of this proposed SIP revision is available at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/sip/criteria-pollutants/sip-so2#latest-air-quality-planning>.

The comment period for this SIP revision (**Project No. 2021-007-SIP-NR**) closes September 29, 2021. Written comments will be accepted through the *eComments* system at: <https://www6.tceq.texas.gov/rules/ecomments/>. For additional submission methods, please contact Mary Ann Cook, Air Quality Planning Section at maryann.cook@tceq.texas.gov.