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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED REVISIONS TO 30 TEXAS ADMINISTRATIVE CODE CHAPTERS 115 AND 117 AND TO THE STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (commission) will offer a public hearing to receive testimony regarding proposed state implementation plan (SIP) revisions resulting from reclassification of the Houston-Galveston-Brazoria (HGB) area from serious to severe nonattainment for the 2008 eight-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS). The hearing will also be offered to receive testimony regarding proposed air quality rules applicable to the HGB area. These proposals are made under the requirements of Texas Health and Safety Code, §382.017; Texas Government Code, Chapter 2001, Subchapter B; and 40 Code of Federal Regulations §51.102 of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) concerning SIPs.

The proposed revisions to the SIP include an attainment demonstration (AD) that includes a photochemical modeling analysis and a weight-of-evidence assessment that meets EPA modeling guidance (**Project No. 2023-110-SIP-NR**) and a demonstration that includes an analysis of reasonable further progress (RFP) towards attainment (**Project No. 2023-108-SIP-NR**). The RFP SIP revision includes motor vehicle emissions budgets (MVEB) for the 2023 analysis (milestone) year and both the RFP and AD SIP revisions include MVEB for the 2026 attainment year. The concurrently proposed rulemakings concern amendments to 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 115, to address contingency measure requirements for the 2008 ozone NAAQS and to correct inadvertent errors made in a previously adopted rulemaking (**Project No. 2023-116-115-AI**) and Chapter 117, to address a rule petition for stationary diesel engines and associated emissions monitoring requirements (**Project No. 2023-117-117-AI**).

The commission will offer a public hearing on these proposals in Houston on January 4, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. CST at the Houston-Galveston Area Council, located at 3555 Timmons Lane, #100. The hearing is structured for the receipt of oral or written comments by interested persons. 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 in English, and Spanish language interpretation services will be made available. Persons who have special communication or other accommodation needs who are planning to attend the hearing should contact Jamie Zech, Air Quality Division at (512) 239-3935 or 1-800-RELAY-TX (TDD). Requests should be made as far in advance as possible.

Written comments may be submitted to Vanessa T. De Arman, MC 206, Office of Air, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, or faxed to either (512) 239-4804 or fax4808@tceq.texas.gov. Electronic comments may be submitted via *Public Comment* system at: <https://tceq.commentinput.com/>. File size restrictions may apply. All comments should reference the respective project number.

The comment period closes at 11:59 p.m. CST on January 16, 2024. Information concerning the proposed rules, including proposal documents and instructions for providing public comment, is available at https://www.tceq.texas.gov/rules/propose_adopt.html. Information concerning the proposed SIP revisions, including proposal documents and instructions for providing public

comment, is available at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/sip/hgb/hgb-latest-ozone>. For further information, please contact the project manager for the proposed project: for **Project No. 2023-110-SIP-NR**, contact Vanessa T. De Arman, at (512) 239-5609 and for **Project No. 2023-108-SIP-NR**, contact Denine Calvin, at (512) 239-0613. For **Project No. 2023-116-115-AI**, contact Bob Gifford at (512) 239-8541. For **Project No. 2023-117-117-AI**, contact Lindley Anderson at (512) 239-0003.