Adoption of 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 114 Clean-up and Repeal of the Voluntary Accelerated Vehicle Retirement (VAVR) Program (Rule Project No. 2016-010-114-AI)

- On December 7, 2016, the commissioners approved the adoption of a rulemaking to remove the VAVR regulations and update references to obsolete testing methods.
- Documents are available on the Rule Adoptions Web page (http://www.tceq.texas.gov/rules/adopt.html).

Adoption of Revisions to the Texas State Implementation Plan (SIP) for the Houston-Galveston-Brazoria (HGB) 2008 Eight-Hour Ozone Standard Nonattainment Area and 30 TAC Chapter 115

On December 15, 2016, the commissioners approved the adoption of:

- HGB Attainment Demonstration SIP Revision for the 2008 Eight-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) (Non-Rule Project No. 2016-016-SIP-NR);
- HGB Reasonable Further Progress SIP Revision for the 2008 Eight-Hour Ozone NAAQS (Non-Rule Project No. 2016-017-SIP-NR); and


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- The commissioners will consider adoption of 30 TAC Chapter 114 Low Income Vehicle Repair Assistance, Retrofit, and Accelerated Vehicle Retirement Program (LIRAP) revisions (Rule Project No. 2016-031-114-AI). The project manager is Alison Stokes, Alison.Stokes@tceq.texas.gov. Documents will be available January 27, 2017 on the Pending Rule Adoptions Web page (http://www.tceq.texas.gov/rules/pendadopt.html).
- The commission will consider the appointment of one person to fill the open industry representative position on the Tax Relief for Pollution Control Property Advisory Committee (Docket No. 2016-2123-MIS). An industry representative position is available because one of the 13 members, whose term expires on December 31, 2017, resigned his position effective October 31, 2016. The program solicited nominations, and two were received. For more information contact ronald.hatlett@tceq.texas.gov.

Emissions Banking and Trading (EBT) Programs

- Allowance trades for 2016 compliance with the Mass Emissions Cap and Trade (MECT) and Highly Reactive Volatile Organic Compounds Cap and Trade (HECT) Programs must be submitted no later than January 30, 2017. Trade requests submitted after this date will not be accepted. The 2016 annual compliance reports for the MECT and HECT Programs are due by March 31, 2017. For assistance with a change of ownership, EBT State of Texas Environmental Electronic Reporting System (STEERS), or for questions pertaining to the MECT or HECT Programs, contact the EBT Team at
https://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/banking/contacts or by email at ebt@tceq.texas.gov.

- On March 8, 2017, the commissioners will consider proposal of revisions to the emissions banking and trading rules in 30 TAC Chapter 101, Subchapter H, Divisions 1 and 4, to address implementation issues that were identified with the generation and use of emissions credits for area and mobile sources. (Rule Project No. 2016-041-101-AI). The project manager is Guy Hoffman, guy.hoffman@tceq.texas.gov. Documents are scheduled to be available February 17, 2017 on the Pending Rule Proposals Web page (http://www.tceq.texas.gov/rules/pendprop.html).

AirCheckTexas Drive a Clean Machine (DACM) Program

The DACM program is currently accepting applications for vehicle repair and replacement in the HGB area. The DACM program provided $1.5 million in assistance, repairing 372 vehicles and retiring/replacing 412 vehicles in the HGB area in first quarter of Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 (September 1, 2016 through November 30, 2016). Since the start of the program in December 2007, 20,062 vehicles have been repaired and 24,212 vehicles have been retired/replaced in the HGB area at a cost of $83.9 million.

Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP)

- The Emissions Reduction Incentive Grants (ERIG) Program application period closed January 10, 2017, with $51.7 million available. Over 800 applications were received for an initial requested amount of around $130 million or more. It is anticipated that grant selections may be completed by March 2017.
- The most recent New Technology Implementation Grants Program was open July 18, 2016 through October 18, 2016, with $3.5 million available. TERP received seven project applications, and selections for funding are being finalized.
- The Texas Clean Fleet Program was open August 26, 2016 through October 18, 2016, with $5.9 million available. TERP received 14 applications with a total of 340 activities included, and grant awards are being finalized.
- The Clean Transportation Triangle and Alternative Fueling Facilities Programs (CTT/AFFP) were open August 8, 2016 through November 8, 2016, with $5.9 million available for each program. TERP received 13 applications, and grant awards are being finalized.
- The Texas Natural Gas Vehicle Grant Program (TNGVGP) application period is currently open. Applications will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis through the earlier of May 2017, or until all available funding is awarded ($37.8 million for the FY 2016-2017 biennium).
- The Drayage Truck Incentive Program application period is currently open with $4.7 million available. Applications will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis through the earlier of May 26, 2017 or until all available funding is awarded.
- The Rebate Grants program application period will not open before February 21, 2017, with initial funds available estimated to be approximately $5 million. Draft documents are provided on the TERP website for reference and final application forms and rebate grant tables will be available when the grant round officially opens.
- Information on all of the grant programs is available at www.terpgants.org.