February 15, 2017 Commission Agenda Meeting

- The commissioners appointed Mr. Timothy Jones, Environmental Manager for Samsung Austin Semiconductor, to fill the open industry representative position on the Tax Relief for Pollution Control Property Advisory Committee. The term expires on December 31, 2017.

Emissions Banking and Trading (EBT) Programs Reports Reminder

The 2016 Annual Compliance Reports for the Mass Emissions Cap and Trade (MECT) and Highly Reactive Volatile Organic Compounds Cap and Trade (HECT) Programs must be submitted no later than March 31, 2017. Reports should be submitted electronically through the State of Texas Environmental Electronic Reporting System (STEERS), available at https://www3.tceq.texas.gov/steers/. All reports must be certified by the site’s Authorized Account Representative (AAR) or alternate AAR. A new owner of a site that is subject to the MECT and/or HECT Programs will need to request a new EBT account (portfolio). For assistance with a change of ownership, EBT 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.

Emissions Reduction Credit (ERC) and Discrete Emissions Reduction Credit (DERC) Stakeholder Meetings

Meetings have been scheduled to discuss with stakeholders the anticipated revision of the ERC and DERC Program rules (30 TAC Chapter 101, Subchapter H, Divisions 1 and 4) including a February 28, 2017 meeting at 1:00 p.m. at the Houston-Galveston Area Council. These meetings are open to the public and anyone interested may attend. This rulemaking primarily addresses implementation issues with the generation of emissions credits for area and mobile sources. The rule proposal (Rule Project No. 2016-041-101-AI) is scheduled for consideration at the March 8, 2017 Commission Agenda Meeting. Documents are available on the Pending Rule Proposals Web page (http://www.tceq.texas.gov/rules/pendprop.html).

The potential new requirements and how the TCEQ plans to implement these requirements, including anticipated procedures for transitioning to implementation of the proposed new requirements, will be discussed at these meetings. While the primary focus of this rulemaking is addressing issues associated with credit generation from area and mobile sources, certain aspects of the proposal may influence the review of all potential credit generation applications. For additional information about these meetings, contact Guy.Hoffman@tceq.texas.gov or Daphne.McMurrer@tceq.texas.gov.

Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for Vehicle Idling Limitations

The TCEQ executed an MOA for Vehicle Idling Limitations with the City of Houston on October 18, 2016. The MOA is a voluntary agreement where the local government agrees to implement control of air pollution from motor vehicles rules in 30 TAC Chapter 114, Subchapter J, Division 2, Locally Enforced Motor Vehicle Idling Limitations, Sections 114.510 – 114.512 and 114.517. This agreement will run through 2019. For additional information, contact Michael Regan, michael.regan@tceq.texas.gov.

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Texas Emissions Reduction Plan ( TERP )

The TCEQ is now accepting applications for the TERP Rebate Grants Program on a first-come, first-served basis. Approximately $10 million is available to award. Applications will be accepted for consideration during this grant period until funds are awarded or through May 26, 2017, whichever occurs earlier. Copies of the request for grant applications, rebate tables, and application forms are available at www.terpgrants.org. Contact TERP staff toll-free at 800-919-TERP (8377) with questions regarding the grant application process.