Proposal and Direct Final Rule on Clean Air Act Requirements for Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance, Nonattainment New Source Review and Emission Statements in the Houston Area

In late December EPA received State Implementation Plan (SIP) revisions for the Houston ozone nonattainment area. The revisions are:
- An attainment demonstration
- A reasonable further progress demonstration that ozone precursors are being reduced in the area
- Updated regulations for fixed roof condensate and crude oil storage tanks

The attainment demonstration included documentation for the Houston area that Clean Air Act requirements are being met for:
- A vehicle inspection and maintenance program
- A nonattainment new source review program for new major stationary sources or major modifications at existing stationary sources
- Emission statements from facilities that the emissions they are reporting are true to the best of their knowledge

On May 15, 2017 EPA published a proposal and direct final rule approving the portion of the Houston attainment demonstration that address these requirements. The proposal and direct final rule can be found on the regulations.gov website under docket EPA-R06-OAR-2017-0054. Unless EPA receives relevant adverse comments, the approval will be effective July 14, 2017 without further notice.