AirCheckTexas Drive a Clean Machine (D ACM) Program

The DACM program is currently accepting applications for vehicle repair and replacement in the Houston-Galveston-Brazoria (HGB) area. The DACM program provided $1.8 million in assistance, repairing 348 vehicles and retiring/replacing 532 vehicles in the HGB area in fourth quarter of Fiscal Year 2017 (June 1, 2017 through August 31, 2017). Since the start of the program in December 2007, 21,254 vehicles have been repaired and 25,666 vehicles have been retired/replaced in the HGB area at a cost of $89 million.

Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP)

- The following proposed rulemakings implementing TERP program changes and new programs established under Senate Bill 1731, 85th Texas Legislature, 2017, Regular Session will be considered for approval at the November 1, 2017 agenda. If approved, the comment period will close December 22, 2017, with a public hearing scheduled in Austin on December 11, 2017. Documents are available on the Pending Rule Proposals Web page (https://www.tceq.texas.gov/rules/pendprop.html#17030).

- Rule Project No. 2017-030-114-AI includes proposed revisions to the standards and criteria for the Light-Duty Motor Vehicle Purchase or Lease Incentive Program in order to implement legislation that re-establishes the program. The revisions include maximum incentive amounts of $5,000 for natural gas and propane vehicles and $2,500 for electric vehicles, with a limit per fiscal biennium of 1,000 incentives for natural gas and propane vehicles and 2,000 incentives for electric vehicles. The revisions would also allow vehicles converted to operate on natural gas or propane within 500 miles of first sale of the vehicle to be eligible for an incentive.

- Rule Project No. 2017-031-114-AI includes proposed revisions to the standards and criteria for incentives under the Diesel Emissions Reduction Incentive Program, Texas Clean School Bus Program, Texas Clean Fleet Program, and Drayage Truck Incentive Program, including changing the name of the drayage program to the Seaport and Rail Yard Areas Emissions Reduction Program. The rulemaking would implement legislation that amended statutory provisions for these programs.

- Reminder: the Alternative Fueling Facilities Program (AFFP) grant applications will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. CST, January 16, 2018. The TCEQ has scheduled eight AFFP grant application workshops, including one in Houston on November 28, 2017 at the Houston-Galveston Area Council to review the grant requirements and the application process. Please RSVP to Camen Gupta, Program Coordinator, at camen.gupta@tceq.texas.gov.

- Other TERP grant programs will be opened later in the fall and into 2018.
- Keep updated by visiting the TERP website at www.terpgrants.org.

November 9, 2017 Emissions Banking and Trading (EBT) Forms Meeting

TCEQ staff will be presenting information on how to submit EBT forms online using the State of Texas Environmental Electronic Reporting System (STEERS). The presentation will cover basic instructions for using the STEERS system, detailed information and examples on preparing EBT forms, and tips for successful submission of the forms to the TCEQ. The meeting will be held on November 9, 2017 at 1:30 PM at the Texas Department of Transportation Houston District Office located at 7600 Washington Avenue, Houston, Texas 77007. For additional information please contact Melissa Ruano at 512-239-4496 or melissa.ruano@tceq.texas.gov.