AirCheckTexas Drive a Clean Machine (DACM) 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 361 vehicles and retiring/replacing 523 vehicles in the HGB area in first quarter of Fiscal Year 2018 (September 1, 2017 through November 30, 2017). Since the start of the program in December 2007, 21,615 vehicles have been repaired and 26,189 vehicles have been retired/replaced in the HGB area at a cost of $90.9 million.

Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP)

- Proposed revisions to the TERP Guidelines for Emissions Reduction Incentive Grants (RG-388) and the TERP Guidelines for the Drayage Truck Incentive Program (RG-524) are available for public comment. Comments will be accepted through February 6, 2018. Visit the TERP website at www.terpgrants.org to download copies of the draft revised guidelines and to view the schedule of public meetings to be held in late January 2018.
- The Alternative Fueling Facilities Program grant applications were accepted until January 16, 2018. The applications are now being reviewed for eligibility and selection.
- The Rebate Grants Program is currently accepting applications, although a sufficient number of applications has been received to use the allocated funds. Copies of grant solicitation and application forms are on the TERP website.
- The Texas Clean School Bus (TCSB) Program is now awarding grants state-wide for school bus replacements as well as retrofits. Applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, to replace or retrofit diesel school buses operating on a regular daily route to and from a school during the regular school year until 5:00 p.m. on April 26, 2019 or until all funding is awarded. Additional information is available on the TERP TCSB Program webpage at https://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/terp/school-buses.html.
- The Texas Natural Gas Vehicle Grant Program is also expected to be opened in the near future. Other TERP grant programs will be opened later in 2018. Keep updated by visiting the TERP website.

Volkswagen Mitigation Trust

- The Governor has designated the TCEQ as the Lead Agency for administration of funds to be allocated to Texas as a part of the Volkswagen Mitigation Settlement. If the state is finally designated as a beneficiary under the Trust by the Trustee, the state will potentially be allocated at least $209 million to fund projects similar to those funded under the TERP programs.
- The agency is inviting comments and recommendations regarding development of a draft mitigation plan to outline goals and priorities for use of the funds.
- Visit the TCEQ's Volkswagen Mitigation Trust webpage at https://www.tceq.texas.gov/agency/trust for information on the trust agreement and the state program.

Emissions Banking and Trading (EBT)

- Reminder: Allowance trades for 2017 compliance with the Mass Emissions Cap and Trade (MECT) and Highly Reactive Volatile Organic Compound Cap and Trade (HECT) Programs must be submitted by no later than January 30, 2018. Trade requests submitted after this date will not be accepted.
- Annual compliance reports for the MECT and HECT Programs must be submitted by March 31, 2018.
Trades for current or vintage allowances and annual compliance reports must be submitted electronically through the State of Texas Environmental Electronic Reporting System (STEERS), available at https://www3.tceq.texas.gov/steers/. Instructions for using the EBT STEERS can be found at https://www3.tceq.texas.gov/steers/help/ebt/ebtmain.html. All electronic applications must be certified by the site’s Authorized Account Representative (AAR) or alternate AAR. Paper applications will no longer be accepted for current or vintage allowances trades and annual compliance reports.

Note that if you are the new owner of a site that is subject to the MECT and/or HECT Programs, you will need to request a new EBT account (portfolio) and may need to permanently transfer allowances for compliance with the 2017 control period. The permanent transfer request must be submitted no later than January 30, 2018. 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.