TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (TCEQ) UPDATE
MAY 31, 2018 RAQPAC MEETING

Proposed State Implementation Plan (SIP) Revision to Remove Anti-Tampering and Early Action Compact (EAC) Low Income Repair Assistance Program (LIRAP)

On April 27, 2018, the commission approved proposal of a SIP Revision to Remove Anti-tampering and EAC LIRAP (Non-Rule Project No. 2018-006-SIP-NR). The proposed SIP revision would remove Chapter 114, Subchapter B, and Section 114.86 from the SIP. Neither set of rules is a Federal Clean Air Act SIP requirement, and neither was adopted into the SIP with associated emissions reductions. Along with the SIP revision, the requested action would withdraw from consideration four adopted amendments to the anti-tampering rules that are still pending action by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The public comment period closes on June 4, 2018. Adoption is scheduled for October 2018. The documents are available on the SIP Hot Topics webpage (https://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/sip/Hottop.html).

Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP)

- The Emissions Reduction Incentive Grants are now open for applications. The application deadline is August 15, 2018. This is a competitive grant program, with grant selections based primarily on cost per ton of nitrogen oxides (NOx) reduced.
- The Texas Natural Gas Vehicle Grant Program is open for applications. This is a first-come, first-served program, with a deadline of May 31, 2019, or until all funds are awarded, whichever occurs first.
- A second application period for New Technology Implementation grants, to include additional project categories, may open in June or July 2018.
- The Light-Duty Motor Vehicle Purchase or Lease Incentive Program is now open for applications. Rebates are available statewide for eligible light-duty motor vehicles purchased or leased in Texas on or after September 1, 2017. Rebate applications will be accepted and considered on a first-come, first-served basis through the earlier of May 31, 2019, or until available funds are used.
- The Clean Fleet Program may begin accepting applications by late summer 2018.
- The Seaport and Rail Yard Areas Emissions Reduction Program may begin accepting applications in fall of 2018.
- The Texas Clean School Bus Program may also open another grant application period in the fall.
- Keep updated on all programs by visiting the TERP website at www.terpgrants.org.

Emissions Banking and Trading (EBT)

Reminders for 2017-2018 compliance with the Emissions Banking and Trading of Allowances Program (Senate Bill 7).

- Allowance trades must be submitted by June 1, 2018.
- Annual Compliance Reports must be submitted by June 30, 2018.

For assistance, contact the EBT Team at https://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/banking/contacts or by email at ebt@tceq.texas.gov.

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SIP Planning

TCEQ staff has begun planning for several SIP revisions, three of which concern the Houston-Galveston-Brazoria (HGB) ozone nonattainment area:

- redesignation request and maintenance plan for the HGB 1979 one-hour ozone standard nonattainment area and HGB 1997 eight-hour ozone standard nonattainment area;
- reclassification attainment demonstration SIP revision for the HGB 2008 eight-hour ozone standard nonattainment area; and
- reclassification reasonable further progress (RFP) demonstration SIP revision for the HGB 2008 eight-hour ozone standard nonattainment area.

The redesignation-maintenance SIP revision covering the two previous ozone standards is tentatively planned for Agenda this year. The reclassification SIP revisions covering the current 2008 ozone standard will follow the EPA's reclassification of the HGB area from moderate to serious nonattainment.

Modeling and analysis for the reclassification SIP revisions is not yet available or complete, but TCEQ staff does not anticipate the need to ask the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) to provide quantified local measures (i.e., transportation control measures (TCMs) and Voluntary Mobile Source Emission Reduction Program (VMEP) measures) to be included as part of the modeled demonstration of attainment. We do ask that H-GAC provide a description of the measures that make up the area's VMEP for use as weight of evidence in the attainment demonstration SIP revision. This was done for the most recent HGB-area attainment demonstration SIP revision for the 2008 eight-hour ozone standard. A link to that SIP revision was provided last week to Shelley and Andrew.

The redesignation-maintenance and reclassification SIP revisions are still in the early planning phases, and there are no official timelines yet. Once timelines are finalized, TCEQ staff will work with H-GAC staff to ensure that we give you as much time as possible to fulfill any SIP-related requests.