The public comment period for the HGB Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan SIP Revision for the One-Hour and 1997 Eight-Hour Ozone NAAQS closed on October 8, 2018 (Non-Rule Project No. 2018-026-SIP-NR). A summary of the comments received and the TCEQ response will be provided as part of the SIP revision in the Response to Comments section.

This SIP revision is scheduled to be considered by the commission for adoption at the December 12, 2018 Commissioners’ Agenda.


On October 17, 2018, the commission adopted a SIP revision to remove anti-tampering and EAC LIRAP (Non-Rule Project No. 2018-006-SIP-NR).

For additional information, please visit the SIP Hot Topics webpage https://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/sip/Hottop.html.

A SET PMTC meeting is scheduled for November 29, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at the offices of the Houston Galveston Area Council, 3555 Timmons Avenue, Houston, Texas.

The SET PMTC is an advisory group to assist the TCEQ with technical and scientific issues related to air quality modeling and analysis in the HGB and Beaumont-Port Arthur areas. Anyone interested may attend and participate in the advisory group’s meetings. Past meetings included representatives from the public, environmental groups, industry, and government.

If anyone would like to present or would like to request a presentation on a relevant air quality topic, please contact Doug Boyer at (512) 239-1523 or Doug.Boyer@tceq.texas.gov.

In anticipation of the HGB area being reclassified to serious nonattainment for the 2008 ozone NAAQS, the TCEQ is preparing to update its attainment demonstration SIP revision. If the SIP revision is adopted, this will update the SIP emissions year, which may impact a regulated entity’s ability to generate credits. SIP emissions are based on the annual emissions inventory data used in the attainment demonstration SIP modeling; for HGB point sources that are not electric generating units, 2016 will become the SIP emissions year.

If a regulated entity (point source) needs to update its previously submitted 2016 point source emissions inventory data, revisions must be postmarked by January 4, 2019. A govdelivery e-mail was sent on October 1, 2018 that included further detail. Information is also available on the Point Source Emissions Inventory webpage (https://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/point-source-ei/psei.html).

Applications to generate Emission Reduction Credits (ERC) or Discrete Emission Reduction Credits (DERC) using the current SIP emissions years for the HGB eight-hour ozone nonattainment area are due no later than January 18, 2019. If the anticipated SIP revision relating to the HGB area being reclassified to serious nonattainment is adopted, credit
applications submitted after this deadline will be required to use the new SIP emissions years in the baseline assessment. All applications must be submitted electronically through the State of Texas Environmental Electronic Reporting System (STEERS) at [https://www3.tceq.texas.gov/steers/](https://www3.tceq.texas.gov/steers/). If you have questions, contact EBT staff at 512-239-4900 or by e-mail at ebt@tceq.texas.gov.

- On November 12, 2018, at 1:30 p.m., the EBT Programs will hold a training seminar at the Texas Department of Transportation in Houston. Please contact EBT staff at 512-239-4900 or by e-mail at ebt@tceq.texas.gov for additional details. To receive notifications for this training and other EBT Program developments, please sign up for free e-mail updates at [https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/TXTCEQ/subscriber/new](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/TXTCEQ/subscriber/new).

**AirCheckTexas Drive a Clean Machine (DACM) Program**

- The DACM program is currently accepting applications for vehicle repair and replacement in the HGB area.
- The DACM program provided $2.5 million in assistance, repairing 325 vehicles and retiring/replacing 725 vehicles in the HGB area in fourth quarter of Fiscal Year 2018 (June 1, 2018 through August 31, 2018). Since the start of the program in December 2007, 22,672 vehicles have been repaired and 28,135 vehicles have been retired/replaced in the HGB area at a cost of $97.6 million.

**Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP)**

- The New Technology Implementation Grant (NTIG) Program is now accepting applications through December 14, 2018, with $3.6 million in grants available for projects to implement new technologies to reduce air pollutants from stationary sources in Texas.
  - An NTIG workshop will be held at TCEQ Headquarters in Austin on Oct. 30, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. Further information is available on the [Upcoming TERP Meetings and Workshops](https://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/terp/terp_mtgs.html) webpage.
- Both the Light-Duty Motor Vehicle Purchase or Lease Incentive Program and the Texas Natural Gas Vehicle Grant Program are accepting applications through May 31, 2019 or until allocated funds have been awarded.
- The TCEQ anticipates opening the Texas Clean Fleet Program (TCFP) and the Seaport and Rail Yard Areas Emissions Reduction Program by late fall 2018.
  - A TCFP application workshop will be held at the Tracy Gee Community Center in Houston on November 16, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. Further information is available on the [Upcoming TERP Meetings and Workshops](https://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/terp/terp_mtgs.html) webpage.
- The most recent Emissions Reduction Incentive Grants Program closed on August 15, 2018, with more than $105 million in grant funds requested. Applications are currently being reviewed for eligibility and selection. The TCEQ anticipates awarding up to $53 million in grants.
- Keep updated on all programs by visiting the TERP website at [www.terpgrants.org](http://www.terpgrants.org).

**Volkswagen (VW) Environmental Mitigation Trust**

- The public comment period for the *Draft Beneficiary Mitigation Plan for Texas* closed on October 8, 2018. The comments are being considered in development of a final plan.
- The final plan will be posted on the TCEQ's Texas VW Environmental Mitigation Program webpage at [www.TexasVWFund.org](http://www.TexasVWFund.org).