TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (TCEQ) UPDATE AUGUST 29, 2019 RAQPAC MEETING

TCEQ Air Quality Division Staffing Announcements

- Steve Davis, Air Modeling & Data Analysis (AMDA) Section Manager, retired on July 31, 2019. Daphne McMurrer started as the new AMDA Section Manager on August 1, 2019.

TCEQ Office of Air Reorganization

- The Office of Air has created a new Grants Division, effective September 1, 2019. The Grants Division will be led by Mike Wilson, formerly the Air Permits Division Director, and will focus on the administration of the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP) and Texas Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Plan (TxVEMP) programs.

Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP)

- Application rounds for the Light-Duty Purchase or Lease Incentive Program (LDPLIP) and the Texas Natural Gas Vehicle Grant Program (TNGVGP) are tentatively scheduled to open in Fall 2019. These programs are offering grants on a first-come, first served basis until early 2021 or until all available funds are awarded. Opening dates for other TERP programs have not yet been scheduled.
- TERP will offer workshops on how to apply for the Texas Natural Gas Vehicle Grant Program throughout September. There will also be a free webinar hosted on October 1, 2019. For a list of dates and locations visit the TERP calendar webpage: https://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/terp/terp_mtgs.html.
- TCEQ will conduct a stakeholder meeting to solicit informal comments on the implementation and administration of the new Governmental Alternative Fuel Fleet (GAFF) Grant Program.
  - September 4, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. at the commission's central office located at 12100 Park 35 Circle, Building E, Room 201S, Austin, Texas
  - For more information contact Ron Hieser at (512) 239-0244, or toll free at (800) 919-TERP (8377)
- Keep updated on all programs by visiting the TERP website at www.terpgrants.org.

Texas Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Plan (TxVEMP) Program

- The TxVEMP program is currently accepting applications for the repower or replacement of school buses, transit buses, and shuttle buses.
- A summary of applications submitted to date and remaining funding by area is available at: https://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/implementation/air/terp/VW/TxVEMP_Buses_Status.pdf.
- Visit www.txvwfund.org to stay updated on future grant rounds.

HGB Serious Reclassification SIP Revisions for the 2008 Eight-Hour Ozone NAAQS

- On August 23, 2019 the EPA published the final notice reclassifying the HGB nonattainment area from moderate to serious for the 2008 eight-hour ozone NAAQS.
- In anticipation of the reclassification, TCEQ staff developed attainment demonstration and reasonable further progress (RFP) SIP revisions.
- The SIP revisions are scheduled for proposal at the September 11, 2019 commissioners’ agenda:
  - HGB Serious Classification Attainment Demonstration SIP Revision for the 2008 Eight-Hour Ozone NAAQS (Project No. 2019-077-SIP-NR). The executive director's recommended

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attainment demonstration SIP Revision includes a photochemical modeling analysis, a
weight of evidence analysis, a reasonably available control technology analysis, a
reasonably available control measures analysis, motor vehicle emissions budgets for 2020,
and a contingency plan. H-GAC staff provided information on local initiatives as weight of
evidence in Appendix H.

- **DFW and HGB Serious Classification Reasonable Further Progress SIP Revision for the 2008
Eight-Hour Ozone NAAQS (Project No. 2019-079-SIP-NR).** The executive director's
recommended RFP SIP revision includes an analysis of reasonable further progress toward
attainment of the 2008 eight-hour ozone NAAQS, demonstrating 9% emissions reduction in
ozone precursors from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020, a 3% reduction from
January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 for attainment year RFP contingency, and RFP
motor vehicle emissions budgets for the 2020 attainment year.

- All SIP revision documents are available on the TCEQ's [HGB: Latest Ozone Planning Activities
webpage](https://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/sip/hgb/hgb-latest-ozone). Keep updated by
visiting the SIP Hot Topics webpage ([https://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/sip/Hottop.html](https://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/sip/Hottop.html)).

**Quadrennial Rule Review**

- On August 28, 2019, the TCEQ adopted the completed Rule Review of 30 TAC Chapter 118,
Control of Air Pollution Episodes. This action is required by Texas Government Code,
§2001.039, which requires a state agency to review and consider its rules for re-adoption, re-adoption with amendments, or repeal every four years. As a result of the review, the TCEQ
finds that the reasons for adopting the rules in 30 TAC Chapter 118 continue to exist and are
readopted.

- On September 11, 2019, the TCEQ will consider for adoption the 30 TAC Chapter 111, Control
of Air Pollution from Visible Emissions and Particulate Matter, Rule Review and determine
whether the reasons for adopting the rules continue to exist and if re-adoption of the rules is
necessary.

- For further information, please contact Graham Bates, Air Quality Division, at (512) 239-2606.