2015 Eight-Hour Ozone NAAQS Emissions Inventory (EI) SIP Revision for the HGB, DFW, and Bexar County Nonattainment Areas

- On November 20, 2019, the commission approved the proposal of the 2015 Eight-Hour Ozone NAAQS EI SIP Revision for the HGB, DFW, and Bexar County Nonattainment Areas (Non-rule Project No. 2019-111-SIP-NR).
- The public comment period closed on January 10, 2020.
- The SIP revision is currently scheduled for adoption on June 10, 2020.

Emissions Banking and Trading (EBT)

- Allowance trades for 2019 compliance with the Mass Emissions Cap and Trade (MECT) and Highly Reactive Volatile Organic Compounds CAP and Tract (HECT) Programs must be submitted no later than January 30, 2020. Trade requests submitted after this date will not be accepted. Trades must be submitted electronically through the State of Texas Environmental Electronic Reporting System (STEERS) (https://www3.tceq.texas.gov/steers/).

Tax Relief for Pollution Control Property

- Tax Relief Applications for pollution control property use determination are due at the end of January in order to submit the use determinations to the appropriate county appraisal district for a tax exemption for 2020. More information can be found on the Tax Relief for Pollution Control Property website (https://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/taxrelief). Questions can be directed to Elizabeth Sartain at (512) 239-3933 or Elizabeth.sartain@tceq.texas.gov or Nikki Clark at (512) 239-3931 or frances.clark@tceq.texas.gov.

Inspection and Maintenance (I/M) Program

- Eastern Research Group, Inc. will be conducting the 2020 I/M Program Fee Analysis beginning in January. A survey will be available to vehicle emissions inspection stations beginning in March 2020.
- On January 1, 2020, tailpipe vehicle emissions inspections are no longer required as a part of the I/M program. On-Board Diagnostics inspections are the only inspection type required as a part of the program going forward.

Point Source Emissions Inventories

- The reporting year (RY) 2019 point source emissions inventories are due March 31, 2020.
  - In calendar year 2019, the EPA finalized nonattainment designations with a serious classification for the eight-county Houston-Galveston-Brazoria (HGB) area for the 2008 eight-hour ozone NAAQS. This lowered the potential-to-emit (PTE) major source thresholds from 100 tons per yea (tpy) to 50 tpy. If a site in the eight-county HGB area has the PTE 50 tpy of NOX or VOC, then the EI reporting thresholds are met and the 2019 EI is due March 31, 2020.
  - A RY 2019 Emissions Inventory Reporting Requirements Map and Table (https://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/implementation/air/ie/pseiforms/reporting_map.pdf) is available online. Additional information on emissions inventories, including the

Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP)
- The Texas Natural Gas Vehicle Grant Program (TNGVGP) opened on October 15, 2019 and will remain open for 16 months or until allocated funds have been awarded.
- The Alternative Fueling Facilities Program (AFFP) opened on November 22, 2019. This is a competitive grant round with approximately $12 million in grant funds available. The grant round will remain open until March 18, 2020.
- The Seaport and Rail Yard Areas Emissions Reduction Program (SPRY) is planning to open in February 2020. This is a first-come, first-served grant round with approximately $9.2 in grant funds available.
- Keep updated on all programs by visiting the TERP website (www.terpgrants.org).

Texas Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Plan (TxVEMP) Program
- The TxVEMP program opened a grant round for the repower or replacement of class 7 and 8 refuse vehicles on October 8, 2019. The grant round will close on October 8, 2020. Vehicles eligible for funding include the following: garbage trucks, recycling trucks, dump trucks, chipper trucks, street sweepers, and roll-off trucks. Electric and hydrogen infrastructure may also be included in a grant application for charging or refueling all-electric or hydrogen-fuel cell vehicles in the project.
  - The Houston area has approximately $6.9 million in available funding.
  - Eligible projects will be processed for approval on a first-come, first-served basis.
- The TxVEMP program is planning to open a grant round for freight vehicles in early 2020. Vehicles eligible for funding in this grant round include class 4 thru 7 local freight trucks and class 8 local freight trucks and port drayage trucks that transport freight. Electric and hydrogen infrastructure may also be included in a grant application for charging or refueling all-electric or hydrogen-fuel cell vehicles in the project.
  - Approximately $33 million in grant funds will be available under this round of funding.
  - Eligible projects will be processed for approval on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Visit www.txvwfund.org to stay updated on future grant rounds and to find eligibility requirements, grant materials, and project summary reports.
- Contact TxVEMP staff by phone at (833) 215-TXVW (8989) or by email at VWsettle@tceq.texas.gov.