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Dear Ms. Blume:

Thank you for your comments regarding the State Implementation Plan's (SIP) short list of control strategies for on-road and non-road measures. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and H-GAC continue to examine a wide range of voluntary control measures. Your letter commented specifically on several aspects of non-road control measure number 45. Responses to each of these points follow:

- *Clean Port Initiative:* Thank you for your comment. The Houston-Galveston Area Council supports implementation of air quality improvements by all of the Houston-Galveston-Brazoria (HGB) region's ports. To reflect this, the wording of this measure will be changed to encourage the development of clean air action plan at all ports within the HGB region.
- *Vessel Speed Reduction and Reduction of At-Berth OGV Emissions:* Port of Houston Authority as well as the other ports located within the HGB region will develop clean air action plans tailored towards each facility's specific needs and abilities. Should vessel speed reduction and at-berth OGV be removed from consideration as part of a proposed clean air action plan, expected emission reductions for this measure would be reduced accordingly.
- *OGV Auxiliary Engine & Main Engine Fuel Standards:* Thank you for your comment. Since fuel standards can only be implemented as a state or federal level and since H-GAC can only place control measures that can be implemented voluntarily on a local level, this measure will be removed from the final report.
- *OGV Main and Auxiliary Engine Emissions Improvements:* Thank you for your comment. Like the previous control measure, this measure cannot be implemented locally and will be removed from the final report.

You can follow the progress and see a more detailed summary of the SIP process, the timetable for the rest of the process and the on- and non-road control measures at the H-GAC SIP website: <http://www.h-gac.com/taq/airquality/sip/default.aspx>

Sincerely,

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