DFW AIR QUALITY ROUNDUP



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NCTCOG PLANNING AREA



EMISSION SOURCES Nitrogen Oxides (NOx)



Total NO_x = 370 tons per day (tpd)

Source: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)

OZONE EXCEEDANCE DAYS



Exceedance Level indicates daily maximum 8-hour average ozone concentration. Exceedance Levels are based on Air Quality Index (AQI) thresholds established by the EPA for the for the revised ozone standard of 75 ppb.

= Additional level orange exceedance days under the revised standard that were not Source: TCEQ, http://www.t

exceedances under the previous 84 ppb standard. (AQI level orange = 76-95 ppb) pb = p

Source: TCEQ, <u>http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/cgi-bin/compliance/monops/8hr_monthly.pl</u> ppb = parts per billion

Note: The 2009-2013 data has been certified by TCEQ, and is currently undergoing review

2014 OZONE SEASON 8-Hour Ozone Historical Trends



^Attainment Goal - According to the US EPA National Ambient Air Quality Standards, attainment is reached when, at each monitor, the three-year average of the annual fourth-highest daily maximum 8-hour average ozone concentration is equal to or less than 75 parts per billion (ppb).

*Not a full year of data, current as of 10/05/2014.

8-HOUR OZONE STANDARD TIMELINE

2008 = 8-Hour Ozone Standard Revised to 75 ppb

State Designation Recommendations Submitted to EPA; Hood County Considered for Inclusion into Nonattainment Area

- 2010 = Reconsideration of Standard (60-70 ppb) Standard Put On Hold (75 ppb)
- 2011 = Withdrawal of Reconsideration (60-70 ppb) Standard Resumed (75 ppb)
- 2012 = Final Designations by EPA, Wise County Added to Nonattainment Region
- **2013 = Conformity Determination**
- 2015 = State Submits State Implementation Plan (SIP) to EPA
- 2018 = "Moderate" Attainment Deadline (2016-2018 Ozone Data)

2015 SIP TIMELINE

- April 20, 2014 = Deadline for Submitting Control Measure Ideas for RACM 8-Hour Ozone Standard Revised to 75 ppb
- May August 2014 = TCEQ Technical Work Finalized
- **December 2014** = **Public Comment Period Begins**
- January 2015 = Public Hearings
- June 2015 = TCEQ Commissioners Adopt the SIP
- July 20, 2015 = Deadline for State to Submit SIP to EPA
 - Quarterly Public Air Quality Technical
 Committee Meetings Hosted by NCTCOG
 (Next Meeting August 2014)

RACM – Reasonably Available Control Measures

Various

AIR QUALITY PROGRAMS



AIR NORTH TEXAS



CLEAN AIR STRATEGIES

Organizations/Businesses/Governments

Move construction activities to evening hours Postpone mowing to a day with healthy air Conserve electricity Coordinate on-site employee lunches Purchase clean vehicles/DFW Clean Cities

Individuals

Bicycle or walk

Use mass transit or rideshare

Telecommute



8-HOUR OZONE STANDARD Looking Towards the Future

CAA last revised in 1990

Ozone standards reviewed and/or updated every 5 years CAA needs to be updated to account for new rules and regulations

EPA is finalizing a 5 year review of the 8-hour ozone standard Proposed standard must be released by December 1, 2014 New standard must be finalized by October 1, 2015 60 – 70 ppb recommended by the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee

Challenges for DFW Region

Population increasing Vehicle Miles of Travel increasing Background ozone levels ~45-55 ppb during ozone season

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

TERP REVENUE & FUND BALANCE Fiscal Years 2008 – 2015



Source: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality; House Select Committee on Transportation Funding, Expenditures & Finance; August 5, 2014

TERP – Texas Emissions Reduction Plan

ACCOUNT 0151 REVENUE & FUND BALANCE Fiscal Years 2008 – 2015*



*Includes Funding for LIRAP (<u>Low-Income Vehicle Repair &</u> <u>Replacement Assistance Program</u>) and LIP (Local Initiative Projects) Source: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality; House Select Committee on Transportation Funding, Expenditures & Finance; August 5, 2014

MOVING FORWARD Proposed Regional Transportation Council Program Positions

POSITION 1: Seek Full Funding of LIRAP/LIP Funds

Reach Out to State Legislators to Encourage Full Appropriation

POSITION 2: Expand Eligibility for Broader Reach

40% Funds: LIRAP 60% Funds: Transportation System Improvements and Traditional LIP-Type Projects

POSITION 3: Allow County Oversight of Project Selection

Counties Determine Fund Distribution

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