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TCEQ Updates

Comments to Houston-Galveston-Brazoria (HGB) Eight-Hour Ozone State Implementation Plan (SIP)

The TCEQ is accepting comments until April 30, 2008 on control strategies as part of the development of the HGB eight-hour ozone SIP. Send comments to: Ashley Forbes – Stationary Sources, aforbes@tceq.state.tx.us; Donna Huff – Mobile Sources, dhuff@tceq.state.tx.us; Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, 12100 Park 35 Circle, Mail Code MC-206, Austin, Texas 78753. http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/implementation/air/sip/hgb_stakeholder.html

Eight-Hour Ozone and Fine Particulate Matter (PM_{2.5}) Transport SIP

The TCEQ adopted revisions to the SIP to address ozone and PM_{2.5} transport. The purpose of this SIP revision is to document that any emissions from Texas sources which may have contributed to nonattainment in another state have been mitigated through existing control strategies. <http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/implementation/air/sip/transport/transportip.html>

El Paso Carbon Monoxide (CO) SIP - The TCEQ adopted revisions to the existing CO maintenance plan for El Paso in the Texas SIP. The elements of the revision include monitoring networks, demonstration of attainment for 10-years, and a contingency plan to quickly respond to any NAAQS violation. <http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/implementation/air/sip/jan2007ep.html>

Chapter 117 Changes for Engines and Turbines in the HGB Area – The TCEQ plans to propose changes to Chapter 117 to allow for an output-based alternative for monitoring and reporting requirements

on stationary engines and gas turbines in the HGB area. The proposal was expected in the April Commissioner's meeting but was delayed.

http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/assets/public/legal/rules/rule_lib/proposals/08008117_pro.pdf

PST Financial Assurance – The changes to the regulation were adopted April 16, 2008 and address financial assurance measures for underground storage tank (UST) owners or operators. The change is effective May 8, 2008.

http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/assets/public/legal/rules/rule_lib/adoptions/07038037_ado_clean.pdf

Compliance History – The proposal has been delayed. The proposal would revise the current compliance history rule as a result of the TCEQ's enforcement review process.

http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/assets/public/legal/rules/rule_lib/proposals/06001060_pro.pdf

Construction Storm Water General Permit

Renewed – The TCEQ approved the Construction Storm Water General Permit February 13, 2008 which took effect March 5, 2008.

http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/permitting/water_quality/stormwater/TXR15wh_attodo.html

Rock Crushers, Asphalt Concrete Plants and Sawmills

– On January 30, 2008 the TCEQ proposed to repeal the Permits by Rule (PBRs) for Rock Crushers, Asphalt Concrete Plants and Sawmills because Standard Permits are intended to replace PBRs §§106.142, 106.147, and 106.223.

http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/assets/public/legal/rules/rule_lib/proposals/07011106_pro.pdf

EPA Updates

National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS)

– EPA adopted revisions to the primary and secondary NAAQS for ozone March 27, 2008. The primary eight-hour standard is revised to 0.075 ppm and the secondary eight-hour standard is the same as the primary (0.075 ppm).

<http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/EPA-AIR/2008/March/Day-27/a5645.pdf>

Beaumont/Port Arthur (BPA) Area Ozone NAAQS

Classification – EPA finalized the finding that the BPA area failed to attain the eight-hour ozone NAAQS by June 15, 2007 and therefore EPA classified the area as moderate nonattainment. The new attainment date is June 15, 2010. The state of Texas has until January 2009 to submit a revision to the SIP. <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/EPA-AIR/2008/March/Day-18/a5403.pdf>

Title V Permits Streamlining – EPA plans to propose rule changes and issue a guidance document by the summer of 2008 to streamline the monitoring requirements under Title V.

Texas Low-Emission Diesel Fuel Program - EPA proposed approval of the TCEQ's SIP with respect to the Low-Emission Diesel Fuel program, part of which brings marine diesels into the program. <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/EPA-AIR/2008/February/Day-12/a2556.pdf>

San Antonio and Early Action Compact Areas – EPA designated 13 early action compact areas (EAC) attainment for the eight-hour ozone NAAQS including San Antonio. The EACs were required to demonstrate attainment to the eight-hour ozone NAAQS by December 31, 2007. <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/EPA-AIR/2008/April/Day-02/a6825.pdf>

NSPS for Nonmetallic Mineral Processing Plants and Amendment (Subpart UUU) – EPA proposed April 22, 2008 changes to the regulation. Some of the changes are clarifications and corrections, although some are more substantial such as not regulating wet material process operations which do not have crushing or grinding, and changing the building visible emissions limit from no visible emissions to 7% fugitive opacity. <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/EPA-AIR/2008/April/Day-22/a8677.pdf>

MACT Updates

Area Sources MACTS – EPA adopted corrections to the regulations applying to acrylic and modacrylic fibers production, carbon black production, chemical manufacturing: chromium compounds, flexible polyurethane foam production and fabrication, lead

acid battery manufacturing, and wood preserving area sources. <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/EPA-AIR/2008/March/Day-26/a6184.pdf>

Semiconductor Manufacturing MACT (MACT BBBB) - On April 2, 2008 EPA proposed changes to the process vent requirements. The requirements for new and reconstructed process vents are revised. No control is required for existing process vents, <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/EPA-AIR/2008/April/Day-02/a6816.pdf>

Gasoline Distribution Bulk Terminals, Bulk Plants, and Pipeline Facilities; and Gasoline Dispensing Facilities MACT (MACT BBBB and CCCCC) – EPA corrected paragraph numbers and references in the regulation. <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/EPA-AIR/2008/March/Day-07/a4554.pdf>

Hazardous Waste Combustors MACT (MACT CCCC) – On April 8, 2008 EPA adopted the proposed changes which addressed calculating rolling averages and made corrections to the notice of intent and to the startup, shutdown, malfunction plan provisions. The changes are effective April 8, 2008 and the compliance date for the final rule is unchanged (October 14, 2008). <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/EPA-AIR/2008/April/Day-08/a6667.pdf>

Organic Liquids Distribution MACT (MACT EEEE)

- EPA adopted the following changes:
- 1) Prior approval to use total organic compounds as a surrogate for HAP is not required.
 - 2) The compliance date for storage tanks using vapor balancing or routing emissions to a fuel gas system or routing back to a process for control is the earlier of the first degassing or April 25, 2011 (not February 3, 2014).
 - 3) Monitoring process components at transfer racks using vapor balancing is for all points in the system but monitoring is not required in any quarter when there is no loading.
 - 4) Correct typographical errors
- <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/EPA-AIR/2008/April/Day-23/a8810.pdf>

Iron and Steel Foundries MACT (MACT EEEEE) – EPA amended the regulation to provide alternative compliance options for cupolas at existing facilities as well as increasing operational flexibility. EPA included clarification wording and changes to work practices for scrap management. <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/EPA-AIR/2008/February/Day-07/a1979.pdf>

Paint Stripping and Miscellaneous Surface

Coating MACT (MACT HHHHHH) – EPA made corrections to §63.11173. <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/EPA-AIR/2008/February/Day-13/a24718.pdf>

Plating and Polishing Operations MACT (MACT

WWWWW) – On March 14, 2008 EPA proposed Generally Achievable Control Technology (GACT) standards for plating and polishing operations. The management practices are for storage tanks, spraying equipment, polishing and plating operations. <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/EPA-AIR/2008/March/Day-14/a4974.pdf>

Area Source Standards for Nine Metal Fabrication and Finishing MACT (MACT XXXXXX)

- On April 3, 2008 EPA proposed management practices and equipment standards for facilities primarily engaged in: 1) Electrical and Electronic Equipment Finishing Operations; 2) Fabricated Metal Products; 3) Fabricated Plate Work (Boiler Shops); 4) Fabricated Structural Metal Manufacturing; 5) Heating Equipment, except Electric; 6) Industrial Machinery and Equipment: Finishing Operations; 7) Iron and Steel Forging; 8) Primary Metal Products Manufacturing; and 9) Valves and Pipe Fittings. Facilities affected by this proposed rule are not subject to the miscellaneous coating requirements (MACT HHHHHH). <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/EPA-AIR/2008/April/Day-03/a6411.pdf>

Reminders

Initial notification for the Gasoline Distribution Bulk Terminals, Bulk Plants, and Pipeline Facilities MACT (MACT BBBB) is due **5/9/2008**.

The compliance due date for facilities subject to the Miscellaneous Organic Chemical Manufacturing NESHAP MACT (MACT FFFF) is **5/10/2008**.

Notice of Compliance Status for Plastic Parts (Surface Coating) MACT (MACT PPPP) is due **5/30/2008** for existing facilities.

Semiannual MACT compliance reports are due **7/31/2008** unless an alternative date is established by the Title V permit.