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## TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

*Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution*

March 27, 2013

Mr. Robert Tally, Division Administrator  
Federal Highway Administration, Texas Division  
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Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Mr. Tally:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the transportation conformity determination for the Houston-Galveston-Brazoria (HGB) nonattainment area. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is satisfied that all requirements have been met.

The area is designated nonattainment for ozone. In order for the area to demonstrate conformity, projected emissions from the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan Update and the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program, as amended, must be equal to or less than the applicable motor vehicle emissions budgets, as required under Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations Part 93. Transportation emissions were projected for analysis years 2011, 2014, 2017, 2018, 2025, and 2035. Regional transportation emissions were compared to the budgets in the attainment demonstration and reasonable further progress state implementation plan revision for the 1997 eight-hour ozone standard, adopted by the TCEQ March 10, 2010 for the HGB nonattainment area.

The TCEQ air quality staff reviewed the documents. All issues were discussed in a series of conference calls and e-mails with the Houston-Galveston Area Council, the Federal Highway Administration, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the Texas Department of Transportation, and the TCEQ. All issues were resolved through this interagency consultation process.

The TCEQ is satisfied that requirements have been met and transportation conformity has been demonstrated. If you have any questions about our review, please contact Holly Brightwell Ferguson of my staff at 512-239-4905 or [holly.ferguson@tceq.texas.gov](mailto:holly.ferguson@tceq.texas.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Brymer".

David Brymer, Director  
Air Quality Division

Mr. Robert Tally, Division Administrator

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