

# TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (TCEQ) UPDATE

July 28, 2022, RAQPAC Meeting

## State Implementation Plan (SIP) Update

- The **TCEQ Houston-Galveston-Brazoria Air Quality Technical Information Meeting** (HGB AQ TIM) will be held virtually on **July 28 from 1:00-5:00 pm**. The purpose of the meeting is to inform stakeholders of air quality modeling and other technical information relevant to the HGB ozone nonattainment area. TCEQ staff will give technical presentations and updates about SIP requirements, air quality modeling, and other related topics. Additional updates and technical presentations may also be provided by other stakeholders. Information is available on TCEQ's SIP Hot Topics webpage: <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/sip/Hottop.html>. The meeting agenda and details on how to participate are provided on the HGB AQ TIM page at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/airmod/meetings/aqtim-hgb.html>. Details on how to sign up for meeting notifications are also available at the webpage.

## North Wayside PM<sub>2.5</sub> Monitor Update

- TCEQ is working to acquire speciated PM data for the monitor to better understand the source of the high values.
- The speciated sampling at the North Wayside monitor began the first week of July (2022), but results are not available yet. Desert Research Institute (DRI) is the lab that will analyze the samples and provide the speciation data for TCEQ. The usual practice is for DRI to analyze about three months of samples at a time. They are currently planning to collect a years' worth of samples for speciation analysis.
- We will continue to provide updates as this matter develops.

## 2023 Texas Environmental Excellence Awards (TEEA)

- The TCEQ is now accepting applications for the 2023 Texas Environmental Excellence Awards. The TEEA is an annual awards program that honors achievements in environmental preservation and protection.
- The categories for nomination include Agriculture, Civic/Community, Education, Environmental Educator of the Year, Individual, Innovative Operations/Management, Pollution Prevention, Technical/Technology, Water Conservation, and Youth.
- Instructions for how to apply, or nominate, are available at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/p2/events/teea>.

## Online Stakeholder Meeting – TCEQ Disability Non-Discrimination, Public Participation, and Language Access Plans

- The TCEQ will hold an online stakeholder meeting on August 2, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. to solicit input from all stakeholders on implementation of the recently finalized Disability Non-Discrimination Plan, Public Participation Plan, and Language Access Plan. Simultaneous professional language interpretation in Spanish will be provided during the meeting.
- For more info about this event visit <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/downloads/agency/decisions/participation/2022-08-02-notice-for-ira-plans-meeting-combined-notice.pdf> and/or contact Amy Browning at [amy.browning@tceq.texas.gov](mailto:amy.browning@tceq.texas.gov) of TCEQ's Environmental Law Division.