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Last year, thanks to the over 200 community members and allies that sent in comments, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) stepped in and downgraded the Houston region to 'severe nonattainment' of the federal health-based ozone standards in the Clean Air Act forcing a response from the state.

Thank you for your consideration.

Now the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is required to create a State Implementation Plan (SIP) detailing how it will improve ozone air quality in our region and bring the Houston area back into attainment with the Clean Air Act.