

HGB 2008 Ozone NAAQS Severe AD SIP Revision - Rule Project Number-2023-110-SIP-NR

Public Comment

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How is it that the agency charged with ensuring our health and safety does not have platforms to more easily UNDERSTAND and comment about environmental laws, ozone, chemicals or processes they approve and oversee? TXDOT's Environmental group's posted article is easier to read - "Texas Air Quality Nonattainment or Attainment – Maintenance Areas and Counties".

How is it that there has been no update posted on the HBG ozone issues since the HBG January 4th meeting?

How is it that the State Ozone Designation Recommendation webpage does not have anything posted for the HBG area since June 4, 2018?

How is it that there is a posted TCEQ Interoffice Memo dated November 13, 2023 that acknowledges, per EPA's 1997 eight-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS), HBG was already deemed 'severe'; but nothing posted about any remedies?

How is it that there is 771 pages of proposed amendments to the Texas Administrative Code posted on the TCEQ site; but a spreadsheet that outlines the Federal Clean Air Act and the 1997 eight-hour ozone NAAQS; the 2008 eight-hour ozone NAAQS; and 2015 eight-hour ozone requirements COMPARED TO THE APPROVED HBG REQUIREMENTS could not be found?

How is it that information and processes with strict response timelines are published in newspapers, but not publicized in forums the public accesses – including the TCEQ website? **The public should not DISCOVER their voice is welcomed; however, THE PROCESS OF MAKING PUBLIC COMMENTS TO LAWS, APPLICATIONS, PERMITS, ETC. SHOULD BE OVERLY PUBLICIZED & PROMOTED!**

While TCEQ is to grant and enforce permits for responsible companies and industries; they are CHARGED WITH PROTECTING THE HEALTH & SAFETY OF TEXAS' CITIZENS **FIRST!** With this said, it seems logical that TCEQ could maintain a user-friendly interface for the public to review and understand applied for, secured and denied permits; current and proposed environmental laws; and confirm SIGNIFICANT FINES ARE ENFORCED WHEN COMPANIES VIOLATE PERMITTED ACTIVITIES.