



# Air Improvement Resources Committee

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## Resolution of Priorities for the 81st State Legislature

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**WHEREAS**, the Air Improvement Resources (AIR) Committee of the Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG) gathers together leadership in the San Antonio metropolitan region and local governments located in south central Texas to develop air quality planning for the region; and

**WHEREAS**, the AIR Committee of AACOG is proactively working to improve regional air quality and reduce ozone-forming pollution and is the body charged with development of finding solutions to the region's ozone challenge; and

**WHEREAS**, emissions from vehicles on our roadways are a major contributing factor to ozone in our cities, which threatens the health of our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP) program has been a cost-effective, successful program in reducing on-road and off-road mobile source emissions in the San Antonio area; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to achieve attainment, federally preempted sources must be reduced, and TERP has been a successful incentive program in addressing emissions reductions from those preempted sources; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Legislature must assist the State to assure that air quality actions taken by local areas should not be nullified due to transported pollution;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the AIR Committee of AACOG that the 81<sup>st</sup> Texas State Legislature is hereby urged to adopt the following strategies to preserve Texas air quality, enhance public health, and promote economic prosperity:

**1. Support for Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP)**

Support legislation that extends funding of the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP) through 2019 that allows for air quality improvements activities to reduce pollution from on-road vehicles in the non-attainment and near non-attainment areas of the state. Such legislation should also activate and fund the Light-Duty Motor Vehicle Purchase or Lease Incentive Program.

**2. Support for Rider 8 funding in the TCEQ's LAR**

Support the proposed TCEQ's Legislative Appropriations Request (LAR) that maintains current funding levels for air quality planning activities to reduce ozone in the Austin, Corpus Christi, San Antonio, Tyler-Longview-Marshall, and Victoria areas of the state.

**3. Evaluate downwind air quality impacts in the state air permitting process**

Support legislation that requires photochemical modeling analysis of air quality impacts relevant to downwind areas as part of the TCEQ's air permit application evaluation. Such analysis and evaluation would include an assessment of cumulative impacts from all permitted facilities, and would require balancing mitigation measures to ensure no adverse air quality impacts to downwind air quality attainment goals in the state.

**4. Support for Section 105 funding to the City of San Antonio**

Support legislation that includes the City of San Antonio in Section 105 funding to create a local air monitoring and consultation program through existing legislation.

***PASSED and APPROVED*** this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December 2008.

Signed,



Chair, AIR Executive Committee



Vice-Chair, AIR Executive Committee