

REVIEW DRAFT – Agenda Item #2

May 28, 2008

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)  
Buddy Garcia, Chairman  
Larry R. Soward and Bryan W. Shaw, Ph.D., Commissioners  
Executive Director Glenn Shankle  
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Re: Austin-Round Rock MSA 8-Hour Ozone Flex Program

Dear TCEQ Commissioners and Executive Director:

On behalf of my colleagues in the Central Texas Clean Air Coalition (CAC), I am writing to thank you for your ongoing support of our region's air quality improvement initiatives, and to encourage you to approve our Austin-Round Rock 8-Hour Ozone Flex Program.

Central Texas has a history of proactive air quality initiatives. The 8-Hour Ozone Flex Program is the latest in this series and builds on previous plans: the 1-Hour Ozone Flex Program and the Early Action Compact. These voluntary initiatives have allowed Central Texas to maintain compliance with the federal ozone standard despite a population growth rate that far exceeds the state and national average.

The 8-Hour Ozone Flex Program provides the framework to continue the groundbreaking work of the Early Action Compact and to add to the portfolio of emission reduction measures to which the region is committed.

The CAC deeply appreciates TCEQ's leadership and long-standing support for local air quality initiatives. We highly recommend adoption of the Austin-Round Rock MSA 8-Hour Ozone Flex Program and look forward to its successful completion.

Sincerely,

Mayor Will Wynn  
Chairman, Central Texas Clean Air Coalition