

3.3 Maintenance for Growth Offset Measures

Implementation of one or more of these measures, intended to address expected emissions growth, will be implemented no later than December 31, 2010. The MOA signatories will evaluate the most recent emissions estimates and other relevant factors to determine the appropriate measure(s) to implement no later than January 1, 2010.

TERP

Local governments and businesses will continue to apply for TERP funding when available and as appropriate. TCEQ will notify the MOA signatories when TERP grant funding is available. Emission reductions from projects funded during the term of the MOA will be reported in the applicable 8-hour O₃ Flex program progress reports.

Maintenance for Growth TERMS

Various governments and agencies in the MSA commit to implement TERMS in the 2010 to 2013 timeframe. The specific 2010 to 2013 TERMS selected as growth offset measures will be determined no later than January 1, 2010. The status and emission reductions from these TERMS will be reported in the 8-hour O₃ Flex program progress report.

Further Expand the Clean Air Coalition

The CAC will invite all cities in the MSA with populations $\geq 10K$ to join the Clean Air Coalition and implement emission reduction measures appropriate to their circumstances. The invitation will include information on regional ozone and offer support and technical assistance in determining appropriate emission reduction measures. At a minimum, potential members will be encouraged to implement an Ozone Action Day (OZAD) Education and Response Program. The CLEAN AIR Force of Central Texas provides regional support for OZAD program implementation.

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Programs

Measures to reduce energy use through efficiency and conservation programs also reduce NO_x and other pollutants generated as a by-product of energy

production. These measures will also reduce greenhouse gases and petroleum fuel use, providing an implementation co-benefit. Local governments, working through the Clean Air Coalition, CAPCOG and the EAC Task Force, will develop an inventory of energy efficiency and conservation programs implemented in the MSA by electric generation and/or distribution companies, state and local government agencies and other entities with available information. At a minimum, the inventory will be evaluated for adequacy, geographic coverage and effectiveness, and the emissions reductions quantified to the extent possible. Local governments may request assistance from TCEQ, the State Energy Conservation Office and the Texas A&M Energy Systems Lab in developing and evaluating the inventory. As part of the evaluation, local governments, working with implementing agencies, stakeholders and other interested parties, will determine whether the implemented measures are sufficient or improvements are needed.

Local governments will share the evaluation findings with implementing agencies, signatory parties, stakeholders and the public and recommend improvements if needed. Local governments will also provide citizens with information on applicable energy efficiency and conservation programs and encourage citizens to reduce energy use. The status of implemented measures will be included in the 8-hour O₃ Flex program progress report beginning with the next applicable report.

Other Measures

Other emission reduction measure not specifically listed may be implemented as emissions growth offset measures if the signatory parties agree to do so. The MOA signatories will identify and evaluate specific measures for consideration by July 1, 2010. Implementation dates and quantification possibilities will vary depending on measure specifics. The status of measures implemented will be included in the 8-hour O₃ Flex program progress report beginning with the first report after the measures are selected.