NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AIR QUALITY PROGRAMS

Transportation Policy, Programs, and History

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WHO IS NCTCOG?

WHAT IS THE NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (NCTCOG)?

A voluntary association of, by, and for local governments.

NCTCOG serves a 16-county region of North Texas, which includes over 230 member governments including counties, numerous cities, school districts, and special districts.

Established to assist local governments in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit, and coordinating for sound regional development.

NCTCOG's purpose is to help local governments recognize regional opportunities, eliminate unnecessary duplication, and make joint decisions.

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Activities Overseen by Regional Transportation Council (RTC)

Metropolitan Transportation Plan - Mobility 2035

Transportation Improvement Program Surface Transportation Program-Metropolitan Mobility Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program Section 5307 (Urbanized Area) Section 5310 (Elderly and Disabled)

Air Quality Conformity Determinations

Unified Planning Work Program Metropolitan Transportation Planning Funds: Federal Transit Administration (Section 5303) Federal Highway Administration (PL) Texas Department of Transportation

AIR QUALITY BACKGROUND







2008 8-HOUR OZONE NONATTAINMENT REGION



1990 CLEAN AIR ACT AMENDMENTS

National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS)

Six Criteria Pollutants

Carbon Monoxide (CO)

Lead (Pb)

Nitrogen Oxides (NO_X)

Ozone (O₃)

Particulate Matter (PM_{2.5} & PM₁₀)

Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂)

OZONE FORMATION



Optimum conditions for the formation of ozone include high temperatures and low winds.

2012 EMISSION INVENTORIES



Source: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)

2012 EMISSION INVENTORIES

Estimated NO_X Emissions by Source



Timeline



EPA - Environmental Protection Agency

Exceedance Days



Exceedance Level indicates daily maximum 8-hour average ozone concentration. Exceedance Levels are based on Air Quality Index (AQI) thresholds established by the EPA for the for the revised ozone standard of 75 ppb.

= Additional level orange exceedance days under the revised standard that were not exceedances under the previous 84 ppb standard. (AQI level orange = 76-95 ppb)

Historical Trends



¹Attainment Goal - According to the US EPA National Ambient Air Quality Standards, attainment is reached when, at each monitor, the Design Value (three-year average of the annual fourth-highest daily maximum 8-hour average ozone concentration) is equal to or less than 75 parts per billion (ppb).

*2014 data not certified by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

^Not a full year of data, current as of 4/10/2015.

2008 8-Hour Ozone Standard Design Values for 2014



*Data not certified by the TCEQ.

Colors represent Air Quality Index breakpoints.

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AIR QUALITY PROGRAMS







FEDERAL AIR QUALITY FUNDING

Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program

The CMAQ program was implemented to support surface transportation projects and other related efforts that contribute air quality improvements and provide congestion relief to help meet the requirements of the Clean Air Act.

Funding is available to reduce congestion and improve air quality for areas that do not meet the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone, carbon monoxide, or particulate matter (nonattainment areas) and for former nonattainment areas that are now in compliance (maintenance areas).

CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY PROGRAM

Examples of Eligible Activities Advanced Truck-stop Electrification Systems Traffic Signalization High-Occupancy Vehicle Lanes Intersection Improvements Transit Projects Implementation of Intelligent Transportation Systems Improvements to Incident and Emergency Response

Performance-Based

Establish measures for States to use to assess traffic congestion and onroad mobile source emissions. [§1203; 23 USC 150(c)]

Establish targets for these measures within one year of the final rule on national performance measures. [§1203; 23 USC 150(d)]

Develop and update biennially a performance plan to achieve air quality and congestion reduction targets. [§1113; 23 USC 149(I)]

TRANSPORTATION AIR QUALITY PROGRAMS

Examples of Current Efforts



AIR NORTH TEXAS

Ozone Season Messaging



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NCTCOG OZONE ACTIVITY WEBSITE

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TCEQ Map of

Current

Monitor Levels

2015

2015 Ozone

Season Calendar

Days Par Monitor

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Ozone Monitor

Scorecard

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Current Ozone Activity

No Air Pollution Action Day for Saturday, April 11, 2015 Current Design Value is: 71 ppb*

Current Air Quality Index (AQI) for Friday, April 10, 2015 2:00:00 PM These are not monitor values. These are AQI values. See table below.



Show Ozone Monitors Show Shaded AQI Estimate Show Current Traffic Use Boxes Above to Increase Visibility

Current AQI Animation

Animation Courtesy of AirNow These are not monitor values. These are AQI values. See table above.



Note : The AQI values above are updated hourly

Current Outdoor Conditions							
Time	Conditions	Temperature	Dew Point	Humidity	Wind	Air Pressure	Current Air Quality
1:53:00 PM	Mostly Cloudy	64.0	44.1	48.0%	East 5.8 mph	30.16 inches	Good

Air Quality Forecast Courtesy of AirNow					
Stats	Fri 4/10/2015	Sat 4/11/2015	Sun 4/12/2015	Mon 4/13/2015	Tue 4/14/2015
Category	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good
Primary Pollutant					

Air Quality Index Values and Ozone Concentration

Air Quality Index(AQI) Values	8-Hour Ozone Levels (ppb)	Levels of Health Concern	Colors
0-50	0-59	Good	Green
51-100	60-75	Moderate	Yellow
101-150	76-95	Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups	Orange
151 to 200	96-115	Unhealthy	Red
201 to 300	116-374	Very Unhealthy	Purple
301 to 500	Not Defined	Hazardous	Maroon

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http://www.nctcog.org/trans/air/ozone/current.asp

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