

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 2003

TO: All Professionals in Texas Transportation/Air Quality Planning

FROM: Texas Department of Transportation
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Federal Highway Administration
Federal Transit Administration
Environmental Protection Agency

SUBJECT: Transmittal of "The Texas Guide to Accepted Mobile Source Emission Reduction Strategies"

This guidebook was produced to fill specific needs identified by the Texas Air Quality Technical Working Group (TWG). The handbook is directed toward an audience of staff and consultants of both nonattainment and early action compact areas charged with developing and implementing programs to meet requirements of the Federal Clean Air Act and the National Ambient Air Quality Standards. It is provided for your use in developing the State Implementation Plan and conformity analyses or for evaluating projects and programs for their air quality benefits.

By using this guidebook within your area, you will be supporting uniformity in analysis methods for traditionally varied analyses between the many nonattainment areas within the state. The interagency consultation partner's review of these technical documents will be streamlined and result in more expeditious comments, approvals, and determinations. This guidebook is intended to be a dynamic, living document that rapidly transfers technical knowledge reflecting both the state-of-the-art and state-of-the-practice for analyzing mobile source emission reduction measures.

Professionals are encouraged to submit improved or alternative analysis methods for review and adoption in subsequent releases of this guidebook. Submissions should be sent electronically in MS Word format to Ms. Mary Ann Elekes, TPP(S), 15 to 30 days prior to regularly scheduled quarterly TWG meetings. Ms. Elekes' email address is melekes@dot.state.tx.us. The submissions will be immediately forwarded to each of the five interagency consultation partners for approval to proceed with a peer review. Pending approval, the submission will be either placed on the next quarterly TWG agenda for peer review or scheduled for a special peer review meeting immediately preceding or following the next quarterly TWG meeting. Upon adoption or modification at the peer review and concurrence from the interagency consultation partners, the guidebook will incorporate the improved or alternative analysis method. E-mail notice of the approved revision will be provided to each nonattainment area, early action compact area and reviewing agency. The revision will be placed on the MOSER homepage (<http://moser.tamu.edu>).