

CORPUS CHRISTI METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
SUPPORT OF THE CORPUS CHRISTI AIR QUALITY GROUP
OZONE ADVANCE AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Transportation Policy Committee is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) serving as the policy and decision making forum for the Corpus Christi Urbanized Area; and

WHEREAS, the "Air Shed" stakeholders and entities represented in the Corpus Christi Air Quality Group, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have worked together to plan and implement voluntary actions appropriate to community needs to improve air quality through common sense strategies that reflect the weather, driving habits, and economy of the region; and

WHEREAS, the Corpus Christi Air Quality Group proposed a voluntary response to the federal policy authorizing an 8 Hour O3FLEX program; and

WHEREAS, An 8 Hour O3FLEX Agreement for Nueces and San Patricio Counties was developed by the Corpus Christi Air Quality Group, and was approved by all parties on October 23, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the 8 Hour O3FLEX Agreement expires at the end of 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency is replacing the 8 Hour O3FLEX Agreement with a new voluntary program call Ozone Advance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED:

That the **Corpus Christi Transportation Policy Committee**, supports the Corpus Christi Air Quality Group's continuing successful efforts through collaboration with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). These efforts have identified local initiatives that reduce air emissions and maintain the Corpus Christi attainment status of air quality standards set forth by the US EPA. We will further those efforts by developing a voluntary program that meets the parameters of the Ozone Advance program.


Judge Terry Simpson, Chairperson
Transportation Policy Committee

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