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STATUTORY AUTHORITY

The new sections are adopted under Texas Water Code, §5.102, concerning General Powers, §5.103, concerning Rules, and §5.105, concerning General Policy, which authorize the commission to adopt rules necessary to carry out its powers and duties under the Texas Water Code. In addition, the sections are adopted under Texas Health and Safety Code, §382.002, concerning Policy and Purpose, which states the policy and purpose of the State of Texas and the Texas Clean Air Act; §382.011, concerning General Powers and Duties, which provides the commission with the authority to establish the level of quality to be maintained in the state's air and the authority to control the quality of the state's air; §382.012, concerning State Air Control Plan, which requires the commission to develop plans for protection of the state's air; §382.014, concerning Emission Inventory, which authorizes the commission to require submission information relating to emissions of air contaminants; §382.016, concerning Monitoring Requirements; Examination of Records, which authorizes the commission to prescribe requirements for owners or operators of sources to make and maintain records of emissions measurements; §382.017, concerning Rules, which provides the commission the authority to adopt rules consistent with the policy and purposes of the Texas Clean Air Act; §382.021, concerning Sampling Methods and Procedures, which authorizes the commission to prescribe the sampling methods and procedures; and §382.051(d), concerning Permitting Authority of Commission Rules, which authorizes the commission to adopt rules as necessary to comply with changes in federal law or regulations applicable to permits under Chapter 382. In addition, the new sections are adopted under federal mandates contained in 42 United States Code, §§7401 *et seq.*, which require states to adopt pollution control measures in order to reach specific air quality standards in particular areas of the state.

The adopted sections implement Texas Health and Safety Code, §§382.002, 382.011, 382.012, 382.014, 382.016, 382.017, 382.021, and 382.051(d).

§117.9800. Use of Emission Credits for Compliance.

(a) An owner or operator of a unit not subject to Chapter 101, Subchapter H, Division 3 of this title (relating to Mass Emissions Cap and Trade Program) may meet emission control requirements of the sections specified in paragraphs (1) - (8) of this subsection, in whole or in part, by obtaining an emission reduction credit (ERC), mobile emission reduction credit (MERC), discrete emission reduction credit (DERC), or mobile discrete emission reduction credit (MDERC) in accordance with Chapter 101, Subchapter H, Division 1 or 4 of this title (relating to Emission Credit Banking and Trading; and Discrete Emission Credit Banking and Trading), unless there are federal or state regulations or permits under the same commission account number that contain a condition or conditions precluding such use:

(1) §§117.105, 117.205, 117.305, 117.1005, 117.1105, or 117.1205 of this title (relating to Emission Specifications for Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT));

(2) §§117.110, 117.210, 117.1010, or 117.1110 of this title (relating to Emission Specifications for Attainment Demonstration);

(3) §§117.1015, 117.1115, or 117.1215 of this title (relating to Alternative System-Wide Emission Specifications);

(4) §§117.115, 117.215, or 117.315 of this title (relating to Alternative Plant-Wide Emission Specifications);

(5) §§117.123, 117.223, 117.323, 117.423, or §117.3120 of this title (relating to Source Cap);

(6) §§117.2010, 117.3010, or 117.3110 of this title (relating to Emission Specifications);

(7) §§117.410, 117.1310, 117.2110, or 117.3310 of this title (relating to Emission Specifications for Eight-Hour Attainment Demonstration); or

(8) §117.3123 of this title (relating to Dallas-Fort Worth Eight-Hour Ozone Attainment Demonstration Control Requirements).

(b) An owner or operator of a unit subject to §§117.320, 117.1020, 117.1120, 117.1220, or 117.3020 of this title (relating to System Cap) may meet the emission control requirements of these sections in whole or in part, by complying with the requirements of Chapter 101, Subchapter H, Division 5 of this title (relating to System Cap Trading) or by obtaining an ERC, MERC, DERC, or MDERC in accordance with Chapter 101, Subchapter H, Division 1 or 4 of this title, unless there are federal or state regulations or permits under the same commission account number that contain a condition or conditions precluding such use.

(c) For the purposes of this section, the term "reduction credit (RC)" refers to an ERC, MERC, DERC, or MDERC, whichever is applicable.

(d) Any lower nitrogen oxides (NO_x) emission specification established under this chapter for the unit or units using RCs requires the user of the RCs to obtain additional RCs in accordance with Chapter 101, Subchapter H, Division 1 or 4 of this title and/or otherwise reduce emissions prior to the effective date of such rule change. For units using RCs in accordance with this section that are subject to new, more stringent rule limitations, the owner or operator using the RCs shall submit a revised final control plan to the executive director in accordance with §§117.156, 117.256, 117.356, 117.456, 117.1056, 117.1156, 117.1256, and 117.1356 of this title (relating to Revision of Final Control Plan) to revise the basis for compliance with the emission specifications of this chapter. The owner or operator using the RCs shall submit the revised final control plan as soon as practicable, but no later than 90 days prior to the effective date of the new, more stringent rule. The owner or operator of the unit(s) currently using RCs shall calculate the necessary emission reductions per unit as follows.

Figure: 30 TAC §117.9800(d)

$$\Delta E = \left[LA \times \left(ER_{old} - ER_{new} \right) \times \frac{d}{2000} \right]$$

Where:

ΔE	=	the differential of emissions;
LA	=	the maximum level of activity;
ER_{old}	=	the existing NOx emission rate for the affected unit in pounds per unit of activity;
ER_{new}	=	the new NOx emission rate for the affected unit in pounds per unit of activity; and
d	=	(A) to calculate annual emission reductions, d = 365; and (B) to calculate emission reductions for the remainder of a control period, d = the number of days remaining in the control period.

§117.9810. Use of Emission Reductions Generated from the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP).

(a) An owner or operator of a unit located in the Dallas-Fort Worth eight-hour ozone nonattainment area or in the Houston-Galveston-Brazoria ozone nonattainment area that is not subject to Chapter 101, Subchapter H, Division 3 of this title (relating to Mass Emissions Cap and Trade Program) may meet emission control requirements of the sections specified in paragraphs (1) – (6) of this subsection, by obtaining emission reductions generated from the TERP as specified in subsection (b) of this section:

(1) §§117.205, 117.305, 117.1105, or 117.1205 of this title (relating to Emission Specifications for Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT));

(2) §117.210 or §117.1110 of this title (relating to Emission Specifications for Attainment Demonstration);

(3) §117.215 or §117.315 of this title (relating to Alternative Plant-Wide Emission Specifications);

(4) §117.1120 of this title (relating to System Cap);