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**TCEQ Proposes Air Rules for Dallas & Houston
Nonattainment Areas**

On December 13, 2006, the TCEQ commissioners approved publication of proposed rules to reduce ozone levels in the Dallas/Fort Worth ("DFW") and Houston/Galveston/Brazoria ("HGB") "moderate" ozone nonattainment areas.

80th Texas Legislature To Convene

The Texas Legislature will convene for its 80th Regular Session at noon on Tuesday, January 9, 2007. Air quality and water issues are expected to be at the forefront of this Session's environmental agenda. In addition, proposals related to the state's growing energy needs are likely to be debated.

**TCEQ Issues New Guidance Relating to Requirements for
Emissions Events Reporting**

TCEQ recently posted its new emissions event reporting guidance on its website.

TCEQ Publishes Protocol on Infrared Imaging Cameras

TCEQ recently posted on its website the GasFind IR Use Protocol ("Protocol") on the use of infrared-gas imaging cameras which can help detect volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions. TCEQ has used this new remote-sensing technology in several major studies, including ones focusing on the Houston Ship Channel and the Beaumont-Port Arthur area.

**Texas District Courts Remain Divided on CERCLA 107(a)
Actions**

On November 6, 2006, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas confirmed its earlier ruling that a company may maintain an action for contribution under Section 107(a) of CERCLA after a voluntary cleanup.

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