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TCEQ Adopts SIP Revisions for Houston and Dallas Eight-Hour Ozone Non-attainment Areas

On May 23, 2007, the TCEQ Commission adopted amendments to the Texas State Implementation Plan (SIP) and clean air rules for the Houston-Galveston-Brazoria (HGB) and Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW) areas eight-hour ozone nonattainment areas.

TCEQ Legislature Adjourns

The Texas Legislature has now adjourned following unsuccessful eleventh-hour attempts to unseat House Speaker Tom Craddick and tense debate relating to, among other things, the budget and water issues. In the end, the Legislature succeeded in passing various environmental bills of note addressing water resources issues and air quality issues.

EPA Issues Guidance on its Audit Policy

On April 30, 2007 EPA issued a clarification of its Audit Policy through a list of ten "Frequently Asked Questions" ("FAQs"). The FAQs are intended to confirm the Agency's interpretations of the Policy and respond to issues frequently raised by industry since the Policy's inception in 1995.

White House Announces Plans to Initiate Regulations in Response to *Mass v. EPA*

On May 14, President Bush announced that he has directed federal agencies to initiate a regulatory process to cut gasoline consumption and greenhouse gas ("GHG") emissions from motor vehicles, to be completed by the end of 2008.

Supreme Court Decision Alters Solid Waste Flow Control Jurisprudence

The U.S. Supreme Court has upheld the right of local governments to direct the flow of solid waste to publicly owned waste facilities without running afoul of the Commerce Clause.

Recent Texas Rules Updates

Click on the above link for highlights of significant proposed and adopted Texas rule changes.

Firm News and Events

- ◆ **Maddie Kadas** is speaking on Latin American e-waste initiatives at the Global RoHS Compliance Conference hosted by the American Conference Institute on June 13, 2007 in San Francisco, CA.
- ◆ **Laura LaValle** was recently appointed as the EPA Region VI regular contributor for the ABA Air Quality Newsletter. She will provide updates on key federal and state developments in air quality law in Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Louisiana and Arkansas.
- ◆ **Climate Change Seminar:** Beveridge & Diamond will host an invite only seminar, entitled "Climate Change: Strategic Business and Environmental Planning" on October 30, 2007. To view a copy of the Save-the-Date, please [click here](#).

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