Shreveport-Bossier City Metropolitan Statistical Area

Early Action Compact Progress Report

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1. Introduction

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires signatories of Early Action Compacts (EAC) to prepare a progress report every six months that describes the progress made to date against the EAC milestones. This progress report will summarize activities related to the Shreveport – Bossier City Metropolitan Statistical Area's EAC during the period from January 1 through June 30, 2005.

2. Progress of Proposed SIP Revision

The proposed State implementation Plan (SIP) revision, incorporating the provisions of the Air Quality Improvement Plan (AQIP) previously prepared and submitted by the Shreveport-Bossier City Metropolitan Area MSA) to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), was submitted by the DEQ to EPA on December 30, 2004. During the first quarter of 2005, the MSA and its consultants worked with EPA to provide answers to any questions pertaining to the submission and provide additional data and information as requested. On May 12, 2005, the proposed rule approving the SIP was published in the Federal Register.

3. Progress Toward Implementation of Local Measures

Local control measure implementation remains on schedule, and all are expected to be fully implemented by the end of 2005.

(a) Centerpoint Energy Plant Modification. Startup of the plant began on November 18, 2004. All of the higher-emission point sources which were in service under the old permit have been taken out of service as planned.

(b) General Motors Plant Modification. This project has been fully implemented.

(c) Landfill Gas Recovery Project. This project has been fully implemented.

(d) Energy Conservation Program. All work is proceeding on schedule, and the project is substantially completed, with only various punch list items remaining.

(e) Intelligent Transportation Systems. The system has been installed at 24 intersections.

(f) Hybrid Bus. The bus was delivered to the City in May. A press conference was held on June 8 announcing the arrival of the bus, which was covered by the local media. The bus is now in service.

As the control measures continue toward full implementation, steps will be taken to quantify the emissions reductions being achieved and air quality improvements being made.

4. Obstacles

We are aware o no obstacles at this time which would prevent all milestones from being met, including the implementation of the proposed local control measures by December 31, 2005.