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## TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

*Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution*

October 26, 2012

Honorable Keith Self  
Collin County Commissioners Court  
Collin County Administrative Building  
2300 Bloomdale Road, Suite 4192  
McKinney, TX 75071

**Subject: Renewing Memorandum of Agreement for Vehicle Idling Limitations**

Dear Judge Self:

Collin County entered into a memorandum of agreement (MOA) with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) that delegated enforcement of Title 30 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 114, Subchapter J, Division 2, Locally Enforced Motor Vehicle Idling Limitations to the Collin County. This MOA expires January 2013. Please find enclosed for your signature an amended MOA which upon authorized signature from the Collin County followed by TCEQ authorized signature will replace the original MOA when it expires.

The Vehicle Idling Limitations rule was originally adopted by the TCEQ on November 17, 2004, for use as a control strategy to improve ambient air quality. The TCEQ's idling limitations rule provides any local government in Texas the option of applying the rules in their jurisdiction to achieve or maintain attainment of the ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS). Minimizing emissions from mobile sources is necessary to achieve attainment of the federal eight-hour ozone NAAQS. Since its inception, 30 cities, two towns, and nine counties have signed MOAs enforcing the idling restriction in their jurisdictions. The Vehicle Idling Limitations rule limits idling for gasoline and diesel-powered engines of heavy-duty motor vehicles within those jurisdictions. Local enforcement is crucial to implementing the rules and to be able to realize the associated air quality benefits. Reduced idling results in the decline of nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) and volatile organic compounds (VOC) emissions. Because NO<sub>x</sub> and VOCs are precursors to ground-level ozone formation, reduced emissions will result in ground-level ozone reductions. The majority of NO<sub>x</sub> emissions in the Dallas-Fort Worth area are caused by mobile sources, so reducing idling emissions is an important step towards ozone attainment.

We thank you for your dedication in continuing to improve ambient air quality in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, and we look forward to working with you in the upcoming months. Please contact Holly Brightwell, Air Quality Planning Section, at 512-239-4905 or [holly.brightwell@tceq.texas.gov](mailto:holly.brightwell@tceq.texas.gov) with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

David Brymer  
Division Director  
Air Quality Division

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**Enclosure: Memorandum of Agreement for Vehicle Idling Limitations**

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