

## **Georgia: Removal of Douglas County Transportation Control Measures (TCM)**

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**Background:** A transportation control measures (TCM) is any measure that is specifically identified and committed to in the applicable state implementation plan (SIP), that is either one of the types listed in section 108 of the Clean Air Act (CAA), or any other measure for the purposes of reducing emissions or concentrations of air pollutants from transportation sources by reducing vehicle use or changing traffic flow or congestion conditions. TCMs are included in the SIP to help reduce emissions from on-road mobile sources. On August 29, 1997, the State of Georgia's Department of Natural Resources (DNR), through the Georgia Environmental Protection Divisions (GAEPD), submitted a SIP revision to include the TCM related to compressed natural gas (CNG) refueling station/park and ride transportation center project in Douglas County, Georgia. This station would have provided a centralized fueling site for CNG-powered county fleet vehicles. EPA evaluated this SIP revision and determined that it met the criteria for a TCM and all other SIP requirements. EPA approved the TCM into the Atlanta portion of the Georgia SIP on June 24, 1998. However, the project experienced delays in implementation and was never implemented. On September 19, 2006, the State of Georgia's DNR, through the GAEPD, submitted a final SIP revision to remove the TCM related to the aforementioned CNG refueling station/park and ride transportation center in Douglas County, Georgia. No SIP credit was claimed for this program, nor were emissions benefits ever realized for this TCM, because it was never implemented. As a result, EPA removed this TCM from the Georgia SIP on November 28, 2006.

**Summary of Plan:** Due to the set backs the project suffered, which prevented its implementation, emission reductions were never achieved for this TCM. Since no emission reductions were credited in the Georgia SIP, removal of this TCM caused no degradation to air quality in Douglas County, Georgia. After a full analysis of the State's submittal, EPA approved the SIP revision, and removed the TCM from the Georgia SIP through a Direct Final notice in the Federal Register on November 28, 2006.

**Federal Register:** (71 FR 68742, 11/28/06), Georgia: Removal of Douglas County Transportation Control Measure – Direct Final Rule; (71 FR 68776, 11/28/06), Georgia: Removal of Douglas County Transportation Control Measure – Proposed Rule.

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