

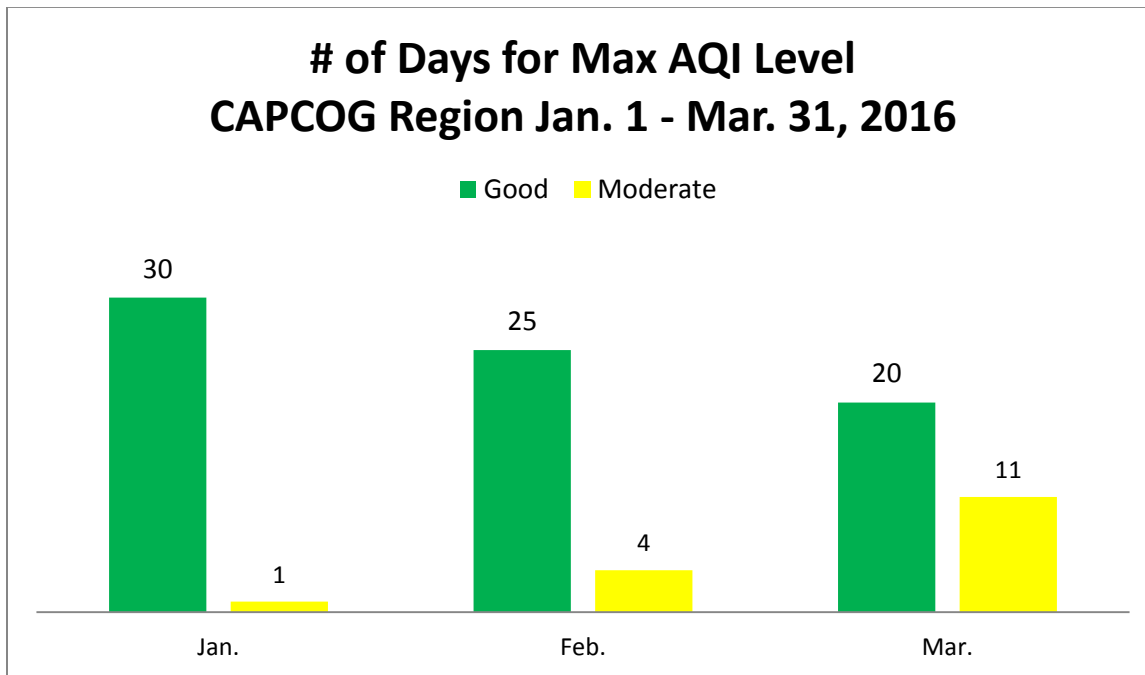
Monthly CAPCOG Air Quality Newsletter: April 2016

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Air Monitoring

Figure 1. Air Quality Index (AQI) Summary for 2016 Year to Date



- “Moderate” Days in March:
 - Ozone: 6 (3/3, 3/4, 3/5, 3/11, 3/14, and 3/25)
 - PM_{2.5}: 7 (3/8, 3/14, 3/15, 3/16, 3/18, 3/26, and 3/29)
- Feb. Max 8-hour ozone (O₃) concentration: 66 ppb (94% of NAAQS)
- Feb. Max 24-hour fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) concentration: 24.2 µg/m³ (69% of NAAQS)
- Feb. Max 1-hour nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) concentration: 43 ppb (43% of 1-hr NAAQS)
- Feb. Max 1-hour sulfur dioxide (SO₂) concentration: 1.9 ppb (2.5% of NAAQS)
- CAMS 1605 – St. Edwards University is now reporting on TCEQ’s website, has been collecting data since January

State & Federal Updates

- **TCEQ accepting comments on possible area designations for 2015 ozone NAAQS until Apr. 15**
 - Preliminary TCEQ staff recommendation for CAPCOG region: Travis County = “attainment;” Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Hays, Lee, Llano, and Williamson Counties = “unclassifiable/attainment.”
 - More info: <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/sip/eighthour.html>.
- TERP updates:
 - Natural Gas Vehicle Grant Program applications are being accepted on first-come, first-serve basis;
 - More info: <http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/airquality/terp>.

Upcoming Air Quality Outreach and Education Opportunities

- April 2-3: Zilker Garden Festival, Austin (contact Cari Buetow at City of Austin at cari.buetow@austintexas.gov for more information);
- April 17-23: Texas State University Earth Week, San Marcos;
- April 22: University of Texas – Austin Earth Day Carnival, Austin;
- April 23: Earth Day ATX, Austin (visit <http://earthdayaustin.com/> for more information);
- April (month-long event): AISD Student Earth Day Storytelling Project, Austin (for more information contact Jen Cregar – Austin ISD Sustainability Coordinator v jennifer.cregar@austinisd.org, or visit <https://goo.gl/coExGk>);
- May 2 – 6: Air Quality Awareness Week
- May 3-4: Environmental Trade Fair , Austin (for more information visit <http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/p2/events/ETFC2016>)

Other Updates

- Reporting for CAPCOG annual air quality report starts Fri., April 1, 2016, ends Fri., April 29, 2016.
- CAPCOG’s emission reduction grant applications due April 15, 2016;
- Joint CAPCOG Clean Air Coalition – AACOG Air Executive Committee Meeting April 29, 2016:
 - 10:00 am at the Embassy Suites in San Marcos
 - Agenda is being developed