

TERP – Light-Duty Motor Vehicle Purchase or Lease Incentive Program
Vehicle Manufacturer's Annual Report
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The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) announces the availability of revised guidelines and reporting forms for use by manufacturers of light-duty motor vehicles intended to be sold or leased in Texas to submit required reports on vehicles eligible for an incentive under the Light-Duty Motor Vehicle Purchase or Lease Incentive Program (program) established under Texas Health and Safety Code (THSC), Chapter 386, Subchapter D. This notice is not announcing that rebate applications are being accepted.

The manufacturer reporting requirements are established under THSC, §386.155. Motor vehicle manufacturers are required to provide to the TCEQ a list of the new vehicle models that the manufacturer intends to sell in Texas that meet the incentive criteria. The reports are to be submitted by July 1 of each year. The TCEQ is to publish a list of the eligible vehicles.

The program was revised in 2013 by Senate Bill (SB) 1727 enacted by the 83rd Texas Legislature, Regular Session. Under the revised program criteria, the TCEQ may provide rebate incentives of up to \$2,500 for the purchase or lease in Texas of an eligible new light-duty motor vehicle. Eligible vehicles must be powered by natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), or electricity (including plug-in hybrids). In general, vehicles powered by natural gas or LPG must be a light-duty motor vehicle with a rated unloaded vehicle weight of not more than 9,600 pounds and have a range on the natural gas or LPG system of at least 125 miles. Electric motor vehicles must have a rated unloaded vehicle weight of not more than 8,500 pounds and a battery system with a capacity of not less than four kilowatt hours and capable of being recharged from an external source of electricity.

The TCEQ anticipates completion of the rulemaking process for the changes to the program by April 2014. The TCEQ may begin accepting rebate applications soon after the adoption of the rule revisions. In order to compile a list of eligible vehicles in time to begin the rebate application process, the TCEQ is encouraging vehicle manufacturers to submit their required reports by March 21, 2014, rather than waiting until the July 1, 2014, deadline. Manufacturers may provide updates to the vehicle list as needed.

Information on the revised program and copies of the vehicle manufacturer reporting guidelines and reporting forms are available at the program website <www.terpgrants.org> under the link for the light-duty incentive program. Vehicle manufacturers may direct questions to program staff at (800) 919-8377.