SIP Revision: Vehicle Inspection/Maintenance (I/M), September 15, 2004

On September 15, 2004, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) adopted a revision to the Vehicle I/M Program of the Texas State Implementation Plan (SIP) for the Houston-Galveston-Brazoria ozone nonattainment area.

Summary of the SIP Revision

Adoption Date: 09/15/2004
Proposal Date: 06/11/2004
EPA Action: Pending

Background and Key Changes: On September 15, 2004, the TCEQ adopted revisions to 30 TAC Chapter 114, Control of Air Pollution from Motor Vehicles, and to the SIP narrative. In a prior I/M rulemaking that was effective October 30, 2003, the commission delayed the implementation of the I/M program in Chambers, Liberty, and Waller Counties from May 1, 2004 to May 1, 2005 in order to have sufficient time for additional assessment. Photochemical modeling for the HGB area (formerly referred to as the HGA area) indicated that the I/M program scheduled to begin in those three counties on May 1, 2005 would have little effect on ozone concentration in the HGB area, and that the one-hour ozone standard could be attained without an I/M measure. Hence, on September 15, 2004, the commission adopted amendments to the I/M rules to remove the vehicle emissions testing requirements from Chambers, Liberty, and Waller Counties.

SIP Narrative

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Associated Rulemaking

The commission adopted the following rule revisions for incorporation into the Texas SIP.

- Adopted Rule Project No. 2004-035-114-AI