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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
Permanent Rule Change

Rule Project No. 2016-031-114-AI
Low-Income Vehicle Repair Assistance, Retrofit, and Accelerated Vehicle Retirement Program (LIRAP) Revisions

Chapter 114
Control of Air Pollution from Motor Vehicles
Subchapters A and C

1. Purpose. This change transmittal provides the pages that reflect changes and additions to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (commission) Volume of Permanent Rules.

2. Explanation of Change. On February 15, 2017, the commission adopted amendments to §114.7 and §114.64 without changes to the proposed text as published in the September 23, 2016, issue of the Texas Register (41 TexReg 7430) and, therefore, were not republished.

3. Effect of Change. The adopted rulemaking amends Chapter 114 to incorporate the federal Tier 3 emission standards, established under 40 Code of Federal Regulations §86.1811-17, as an eligibility component for replacement vehicles and as a determinant for the replacement compensation amount. The adopted rulemaking also specifies that no more than $600 in assistance may be granted annually per vehicle for emissions-related repairs to pass the required annual emissions inspection. Finally, the adopted rulemaking provides more detail to the definition of "Engine" and makes other non-substantive clarifying changes as needed for accuracy and consistency.