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# SIP Revision: El Paso County, Carbon Monoxide (CO) Control Strategy (Inspection and Maintenance [I/M] Program), August 1986

**In August 1986, the Texas Air Control Board (TACB) adopted a CO Control Strategy State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision for El Paso to update the area's I/M Program.**

## Summary of the SIP Revision

**Adoption Date:** 08/1986

**Background:** In 1985, the Texas Legislature passed a bill authorizing the Texas Public Safety Commission to establish any motor vehicle inspection program required by federal law. Therefore, the SIP established an idle testing component to the I/M program that would test tailpipe emissions from vehicles. The program would include visual inspection of all 1968 and newer model-year vehicles, enhanced parameter inspection of all 1980 or newer model-year vehicles, and exhaust emissions of all 1975 and newer model-year vehicles in El Paso County.

**Key Changes:** This SIP revision modified the CO control strategy to incorporate an improved I/M program passed by the Texas legislature the previous year and updated the projected emission reductions as a result of the new control strategy. Emission reductions from the improved program were sufficient to enable the plan to demonstrate attainment of the CO National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) by the end of 1987. The I/M program initially adopted for the El Paso area was a parameter I/M program, but it did not produce enough emission reductions to constitute reasonably available control technology (RACT), as required by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

- The SIP revision included:
- Emissions testing procedures;
- Pass/fail criteria;
- Inspection station and inspector licensing requirements;
- Equipment specifications;
- Recordkeeping and record submittal requirements;
- Quality control, audit, and surveillance procedures;
- Provisions for waivers and required repairs;
- Enforcement provisions;
- A public awareness plan; and
- A training program for mechanics.

With the emission reductions from the stricter I/M program scheduled to begin in 1987, the plan was able to demonstrate attainment by 1987 without having to consider changes in Juarez' emissions.



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