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# SIP Revision: Harris County Inspection & Maintenance (I/M) Program, November 9, 1984

**On November 9, 1984, the Texas Air Control Board (TACB) adopted changes to the Harris County I/M program.**

## Summary of the SIP Revision

**Adoption Date:** 11/09/1984

**EPA Approval Date:** 06/26/1985 ([50 FR 26359](#))

**Background:** On November 9, 1984, the TACB adopted additional changes to the Harris County I/M program. The first set of changes were made on March 16, 1984, when the TACB adopted changes to the Harris County I/M program to address deficiencies identified by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and avoid the sanctions the EPA had proposed for the state's failure to adopt an approvable I/M program. These changes included additional inspection procedures. However, the EPA later stipulated that it would require additional provisions for enforceability of the program, clarification on several aspects of the program, and documentation of the Texas Department of Public Safety's (DPS) inspection procedures before giving final approval.

**Key Changes:** This SIP revision addressed the EPA's requirements for additional provisions for the original program which included:

- Requiring tailpipe emissions testing for vehicles starting with the 1980 model-year;
- Adding enforcement requirements;
- Changing pass/fail criteria for vehicles based on catalytic converter installation;
- Changing pass/fail criteria for vehicles 1968 model-year and newer;
- Providing for prosecution of violators;
- Providing letters of commitment from local law enforcement agencies to enforce the program; and
- Providing procedures and documentation for quality assurance, data reporting, mechanic training, and estimates of emissions reductions.

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