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SIP Revision: Inspection and Maintenance (I/M) Program Revision, July 23, 1992

A brief (1 to 2 sentence) summary of the SIP revision is required here.

Summary of the SIP Revision

Adoption Date: 07/23/1992

EPA Approval Date: 08/22/1994 ([59 FR 43046](#))

Background: The 1990 Federal Clean Air Act (FCAA) Amendments required states to adopt SIP revisions to implement basic I/M programs in carbon monoxide (CO) nonattainment areas and ozone nonattainment areas classified as moderate or higher. Texas had already established I/M programs in Harris, El Paso, Dallas, and Tarrant Counties, but the 1990 amendments required that states expand these programs to any new counties included in a nonattainment area and required that the programs conform to a new set of requirements.

Key Changes:

As a result of the 1990 FCAA Amendments, this SIP revision:

- Expanded the I/M program to Brazoria, Chambers, Collin, Denton, Fort Bend, Galveston, Liberty, Montgomery, and Waller Counties;
- Required "high-tech" transient emissions testing for 1990 model-year vehicles and newer in El Paso and the Houston-Galveston (HGA) area;
- Required two-speed idle testing for 1968-1989 model year vehicles in the HGA area;
- Required vehicle gas exhaust analyzer testing for 1968-1989 model year vehicles in El Paso;
- Required two-speed idle testing for Jefferson and Orange Counties;
- Required visual inspections to ensure no one had tampered with the vehicle's pollution control equipment; and
- Included provisions for enforcement actions against contractors and motorists (including denial of registration, computer-based program tracking, and certification and training programs for technicians).

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