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SIP Revision: Inspection and Maintenance (I/M) Program, El Paso and Houston-Galveston (HGA), February 16, 1994

On February 16, 1994, the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) adopted a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision for the I/M program in the El Paso and HGA areas.

Summary of the SIP Revision

Adoption Date: 02/16/1994

EPA Approval Date: 08/22/1994 (59 FR 430464)

Background and Key Changes: This SIP revision incorporated stricter performance standards and other I/M program requirements issued by the EPA on November 5, 1992 (57 FR 52950) and addressed concerns raised by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) following the TNRCC's adoption of the 15% Rate of Progress (ROP) SIP revision in November 1993. This SIP revision included a new technical supplement that contained new emissions standards, a new carbon monoxide (CO) threshold cutpoint, new purge testing inclusion years, new stringency levels for pre-1981 model years, and new compliance levels. This SIP revision specified that the decentralized system in place in El Paso would be phased out by December 31, 1995, and would be replaced with a centralized system. It also extended high-tech testing to 1988 model-year vehicles and newer in El Paso and to 1984 model-year vehicles and newer in the HGA area to meet the requirements for an enhanced I/M program.

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