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SIP Revision: Inspection and Maintenance (I/M) Program, Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW), El Paso (ELP), and Houston-Galveston (HGA), May 29, 1996

On May 29, 1996, the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) adopted a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision for the I/M programs in the DFW, ELP, and HGA areas.

Summary of the SIP Revision

Adoption Date: 05/29/1996

Proposal Date02/21/1996

EPA Action: As required under the National Highway Safety Designation Act, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) granted an 18-month interim approval of the Texas I/M program on July 11, 1997 (62 FR 37138). Approval beyond the interim 18-month time period was contingent upon the Texas Legislature granting TNRCC the necessary authority required to enforce the program through denial of registration and the EPA's review of the program's effectiveness.

Background and Key Changes: On September 18, 1995, the EPA finalized the I/M Flexibility Amendments (60 FR 48029). This SIP revision took advantage of these amendments by canceling the centralized programs that were going to be put in place in the HGA and ELP areas and instead relying on a decentralized network of testing centers. Since the Beaumont-Port Arthur (BPA) nonattainment area had an urbanized population of less than 200,000, it was no longer required to have a basic I/M program, so this SIP revision removed the program from the area.

This SIP revision also modified the I/M program in the DFW area in order to help the area achieve its required emissions reductions. While the DFW area only required a basic I/M program because of its classification as a moderate ozone nonattainment area, evidence suggested that a more stringent program was required to meet the rate of progress (ROP) requirement to reduce volatile organic compounds (VOC) emissions by 15%, by 1996. Therefore, this SIP revision instituted a low-enhanced I/M program for the four-county DFW nonattainment area and allowed some surrounding counties to opt into the program.

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- Appendix A: Federal Register Part VII, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 40 CFR Part 51, Inspection/Maintenance Program Requirements; Final Rule, dated November 5, 1992 and Flexibility Amendments, dated September 18, 1995. (Not Available)
- Appendix B: Texas Health and Safety Code, Subtitle C, Air Quality, Revised September 1, 1995. (Tex. Health & Safety Code) (Not Available)
- Appendix C: Senate Bill 178 by 74th Legislature amendment to the Texas Health and Safety Code §§382.037 and 382.038. Section §382.037, Health and Safety Code is amended by adding Subsection (a-1) and amending subsections (d) and (n). Section §382.038, Health and Safety Code, is amended by amending subsections (a), (b), (d), and (e). (Not Available)
- Appendix D: Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission Regulation IV, (30 TAC Chapter 114), Control of Air Pollution From Motor Vehicles, Proposed February 28, 1996, Adopted May 29, 1996. (Not Available)
- Appendix E: Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, Appropriations for Fiscal Years 1996 and 1997. Texas Department of Public Safety, Appropriations for Fiscal Years 1996 and 1997. STATE OF TEXAS, Text of Conference Committee Report, House Bill No. 1 (General Appropriations Act). Seventy-fourth Legislature, Regular Session. (Not Available)
- Appendix F: TNRCC, "Request For Offer for the Design, Construction, and Operation of the Texas Data Link Project for the State of Texas", dated December 20, 1995. (RFO) (Not Available)
- Appendix G: TNRCC, "Specifications For Preconditioned Two-Speed Idle Vehicle Gas Analyzer Systems for use in the Texas Motorist Choice Vehicle Emissions Testing Program", dated April 26, 1996. (Not Available)
- Appendix H: Texas Transportation Code §547.604, §547.605, and Chapter 548 Compulsory Inspection of Vehicles. (Not Available)
- Appendix I: Executive Order GWB 96-1 Relating to the Vehicle Emissions Inspection and Maintenance Program. Signed February 27, 1996. (Not Available)