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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED REVISIONS TO 30 TEXAS ADMINISTRATIVE CODE CHAPTER 114 AND TO THE STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR THE TEXAS VEHICLE INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (commission) will offer a public hearing to receive testimony regarding proposed air quality rules and a state implementation plan (SIP) revision resulting from the passage of Senate Bill (SB) 2102 by the 88th Texas Legislature, 2023, Regular Session, that impacted the Texas vehicle inspection and maintenance (I/M) program and amended Texas Health and Safety Code (THSC), §382.202. Senate Bill 1729, 89th Texas Legislature, 2025, Regular Session, further revised THSC, §382.202 by consolidating amendments made by SB 2102. The rental vehicle provisions were added to THSC, §382.202(d-2)(1) and (2) with SB 2102 amendments and relocated to THSC, §382.202(d-2) with SB 1729 amendments but were otherwise unaffected. The hearing is required by THSC, §382.017; Texas Government Code, Chapter 2001, Subchapter B; and 40 Code of Federal Regulations §51.102 of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency concerning SIPs.

The proposed rulemaking would revise 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 114, Subchapters A and C to implement the changes made in THSC, §382.202(d-2) by SB 2102 and SB 1729. The rulemaking would require new rental vehicle owners to remit, at the time of initial vehicle registration, the portion of the vehicle emissions inspection fees specified by THSC, §382.202(e) that would otherwise have been assessed for a vehicle's first emissions inspection when the vehicle becomes two years old. The rulemaking would not change any fee amounts in 30 TAC Chapter 114 (**Project No. 2026-003-114-AI**). The proposed SIP revision would incorporate I/M program amendments from the associated proposed rulemaking (**Project No. 2026-004-SIP-NR**).

The commission will offer a virtual public hearing on these proposals on May 14, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. Central Daylight Time (CDT). The virtual hearing is structured for the receipt of oral comments only. Individuals may present oral statements when called upon in order of registration. Open discussion will not be permitted during the hearing; however, commission staff members will be available to discuss the proposals 30 minutes prior to the hearing. The hearing will be conducted remotely using an internet meeting service. Individuals who plan to attend the hearing must register by May 7, 2026. To register for the hearing, please email SIPRules@tceq.texas.gov and provide the following information: your name, your affiliation, your email address, and whether or not you plan to provide oral comments during the hearing. Instructions for participating in the hearing will be sent on May 12, 2026, to those who registered for the hearing.

The hearing will be conducted in English, and instructions for participating in the hearing will also be provided in Spanish. Persons who do not have internet access or who have special communication or other accommodation needs who plan to attend the hearing should contact Sandy Wong, General Law Division at (512) 239-1802 or 1-800-RELAY-TX (TDD). Requests should be made as far in advance as possible.

Information concerning the proposed rules, including proposal documents and instructions for providing public comment, is available at https://www.tceq.texas.gov/rules/propose_adopt.html. Information concerning the proposed SIP revision, including proposal documents and

instructions for providing public comment, is available at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/sip/siplans.html#prosips>.

The comment period closes at 11:59 p.m. CDT on May 19, 2026. Written comments will be accepted through the TCEQ's *Public Comment* system at: <https://tceq.commentinput.com/>. File size restrictions may apply. All comments should reference the respective project number. For additional submission methods, contact the project manager for the proposed project. For **Project No. 2026-003-114-AI**, contact Stephen Cruz at (512) 239-1922. For **Project No. 2026-004-SIP-NR**, contact Christopher Moreno at (512) 239-4993.