

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
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Plain Language Summary of the Proposed State Implementation Plan Revision and Rulemaking to Implement Senate Bills 2102 and 1729 Chapter 114 Initial Rental Vehicle Registration Fee Provisions

Introduction

The state implementation plan (SIP) revision and associated rules in 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 114 require that vehicle emissions testing be done in eighteen counties. The vehicle inspection and maintenance (I/M) program is currently in place in seventeen counties: Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Johnson, Kaufman, Parker, Rockwall, and Tarrant Counties in the Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW) program area; Brazoria, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, and Montgomery Counties in the Houston-Galveston-Brazoria (HGB) program area; Travis and Williamson Counties in the Austin-Round Rock (ARR) program area; and El Paso County. The eighteenth county, Bexar County, must start the program by November 1, 2026.

Summary

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is proposing revisions to the SIP and the associated rules in Chapter 114 to implement recent changes to Texas law made by Senate Bill (SB) 2102, 88th Texas Legislature, 2023, Regular Session, and SB 1729 of the 89th Texas Legislature, 2025, Regular Session (Project Nos. 2026-004-SIP-NR and 2026-003-114-AI). These changes extend the initial registration and emissions inspection period for new rental vehicles from two years to three years and require that an emissions inspection fee that is paid when a rental vehicle becomes two years old will be paid up front, at the time of the initial rental vehicle registration. The SIP and rule revisions will neither increase nor decrease the emissions inspection fee amounts rental vehicle owners will pay.

Public Comment and Hearing Information

TCEQ will offer a virtual public hearing for the proposed projects. The hearing will be held on May 14, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. Central Daylight Time (CDT). This virtual hearing is offered to receive spoken comments only on the proposed projects (Project Nos. 2026-004-SIP-NR and 2026-003-114-AI).

The hearing will be conducted remotely using an internet meeting service. Persons who wish to attend and/or make spoken comments at 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, the name of the group you represent or that you represent yourself, your email address, and whether or not you plan to provide spoken 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 comment period opens for these projects on April 3, 2026, and closes at 11:59 p.m. CDT on May 19, 2026. Submit written comments through the *TCEQ Public Comments* system at <https://tceq.commentinput.com/>. Comments for the proposed SIP revision must reference **Non-Rule Project Number 2026-004-SIP-NR**. Comments for the associated proposed rule revision must reference **Rule Project Number 2026-003-114-AI**.

The proposed SIP revision documents can be found at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/sip/siplans.html>. The proposed rulemaking documents can be found on TCEQ's website at https://www.tceq.texas.gov/rules/propose_adopt.html.

For more information about the proposed SIP revision or to get help with submitting written comments, contact Christopher Moreno, Project Manager, (512) 239-4993 or christopher.moreno@tceq.texas.gov. For more information about the proposed rulemaking or to get help with submitting written comments, contact Stephen Cruz, Project Manager, (512) 239-1922 or stephen.cruz@tceq.texas.gov.