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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 two bills by the 88th Texas Legislature that impact the Texas vehicle inspection and maintenance (I/M) program: House Bill (HB) 3297, which eliminates the mandatory annual vehicle safety inspection program for noncommercial vehicles and Senate Bill (SB) 2102, which extends the initial registration and inspection period for rental vehicles from two years to three years. The hearing is required by Texas Health and Safety Code, §382.017; Texas Government Code, Chapter 2001, Subchapter B; and 40 Code of Federal Regulations §51.102 of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) concerning SIPs.

The proposed rulemaking concerns amendments to 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 114, Control of Air Pollution from Motor Vehicles, to implement provisions of HB 3297 and SB 2102 and clean-up amendments to remove outdated program-related definitions, references, and requirements (**Project No. 2024-013-114-AI**). The proposed SIP revision would incorporate I/M program amendments from the associated proposed rulemaking (**Project No. 2024-014-SIP-NR**).

The commission will offer a virtual public hearing on these proposals on July 24, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. 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 July 17, 2024. To register for the hearing, please email SIPRules@tceq.texas.gov and provide the following information: your name, your affiliation, your e-mail address, and whether or not you plan to provide oral comments during the hearing. Instructions for participating in the hearing will be sent on July 22, 2024, to those who registered for the hearing.

The hearing will be conducted in English, and Spanish language interpretation services will be made available. 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.

Written comments may be submitted to Stephanie Frederick, MC 206, Office of Air, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, or faxed to either (512) 239-4804 or fax4808@tceq.texas.gov. Electronic comments may be submitted via the *TCEQ Public Comment* system at: <https://tceq.commentinput.com/>. File size restrictions may apply. All comments should reference the respective project number.

The comment period closes at 11:59 p.m. CDT on July 29, 2024. 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

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proposed SIP revisions, including proposal documents and instructions for providing public comment, is available at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/sip/san/san-latest-ozone>. For further information, contact the project manager for the proposed project. For **Project No. 2024-013-114-AI** contact David Serrins at (512) 239-1954. For **Project No. 2024-014-SIP-NR**, contact Stephanie Frederick at (512) 239-1001.