

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Notice of Public Comment Period and Public Hearing on Proposed Amendments to the Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program Rules

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA), Division of Mobile Source Programs, will hold public hearings on November 17, 2011 at 1:30pm in Room 2-025 at the James R. Thompson Center, 100 W. Randolph Street, Chicago Illinois and November 30, 2011 at 1:30 pm in the Regional Room at the Illinois Department of Transportation, District 8, 1102 Eastport Plaza Drive, Collinsville, Illinois to accept comments on proposed changes to the Procedures To Be Followed In The Performance Of Inspections Of Motor Vehicle Emissions, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 276.

The proposal would amend the State of Illinois regulation 35 Ill. Adm. Code Part 276 to reflect an amendment to the Vehicle Emissions Inspection Law of 2005 (VEIL of 2005) (625 ILCS 5/13C) (P.A. 97-0106). The amendments propose a sunset of the steady-state idle exhaust and evaporative system integrity inspection test procedures, test equipment specifications, and equipment maintenance and calibration requirements as of February 1, 2012. Also, the proposed amendments add visual inspection test procedures beginning February 1, 2012, and a definition of "visual inspection test." In addition, the proposed amendments reflect the correction made by P.A. 97-0106 to the VEIL of 2005 regarding vehicles located and primarily used outside of the affected counties and in other jurisdictions where vehicle emissions tests are not required.

Copies of this proposal may be viewed by the public prior to the hearing on the Illinois EPA's website at <http://www.epa.state.il.us/public-notices/> or at the Illinois EPA's offices at 1021 North Grand Avenue East, Springfield, Illinois, during regular business hours (Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., except for State holidays). Requests and public inquiries should be directed to Kent Mohr at the Illinois EPA, 1021 North Grand Ave East, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276, telephone number (217)782-5544 or TDD (217) 782-9143.

The hearings will be held under the provisions of the Illinois EPA's "Procedures for Information and Quasi-Legislative Public Hearings" (35 Ill. Adm. Code 164). Any questions about the hearing procedures, requests for copies of the hearing rules, or requests for special need interpreters should be directed to Dean Studer, Agency Hearing Officer at the address below. Requests for special needs interpreters must be made by October 28, 2011.

The Hearing Record will close on December 15, 2011. In addition to oral comments made at the hearings, written comments will also be accepted. Written comments need not be notarized and must be postmarked by midnight December 15, 2011. Written comments should be mailed to Dean Studer, Hearing Officer, Illinois EPA, 1021 North Grand Ave East, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276, telephone number (217) 558-8280 or TDD (217) 782-9143.