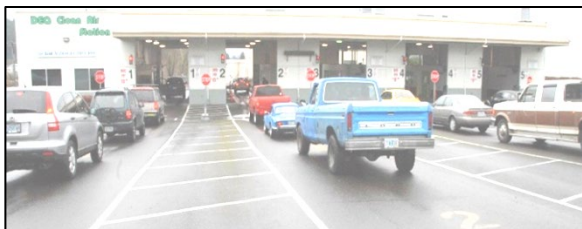


Vehicle Inspection Program Updates and Fee Increase

DEQ Vehicle Inspection Program

DEQ's Vehicle Inspection Program reduces air pollution by requiring that motorists in the Portland metropolitan and Medford areas maintain their vehicles' pollution control systems. Once a car is four years old, a motorist must obtain a certificate of compliance from VIP before they can renew their vehicle registration. VIP inspects light and heavy duty gasoline vehicles, 1975 and newer in Portland, and 20 years old and newer vehicles in Medford. VIP inspects diesel vehicles up to a gross vehicle weight rating of 8,500 pounds.

The Portland vehicle inspection area has six testing stations, which in total inspect about a half million vehicles annually. The Medford VIP station tests about 50,000 vehicles each year. For more than 10 years, motorists have been able to renew their vehicles' registrations at a VIP station, as well as have their vehicles inspected. VIP has continued to offer conveniences, such as self-service testing lanes and remote testing, to improve customer service. In 2018, DEQ launched DEQ Too, which allows motorists to have their 2005 and newer model year cars tested at dozens of business in the Portland and Medford areas. DEQ Too uses devices that transmit data from a vehicle's on-board computer to VIP without the motorist visiting a Clean Air Station. Motorists can renew their registration on line, but VIP still issues the certification. In 2018, DEQ issued only about 4% of certifications from DEQ Too tests, so inspection service at the VIP stations will continue to be essential for several more years. Learn more about DEQ Too here: www.deqtoo.org.



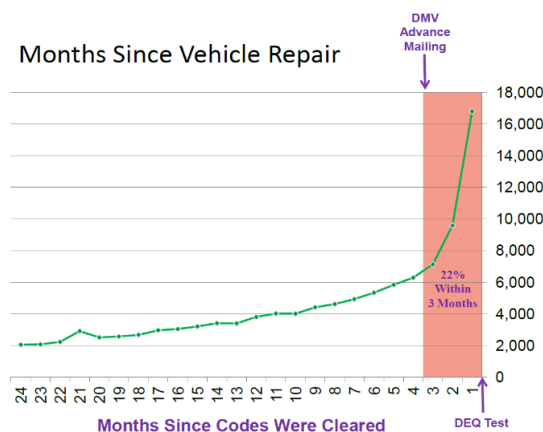
Vehicles awaiting inspection at DEQ's Hillsboro VIP station.

VIP and Air Quality Benefits

VIP is one of several strategies that help Oregon maintain air pollution below nationally set standards. While control of pollution from industrial sources is important for air quality, pollutants such as ozone (smog), nitrogen oxides, and carbon monoxide come predominantly from motor vehicles. Motor vehicle emissions also contain air toxic pollutants like benzene, ethylbenzene, and acetaldehyde.

In the 1970s and 1980, air quality in the Portland and Medford areas used to violate national standards. Since that time, motor vehicle pollution control systems have improved and pollutants emitted from vehicles have decreased substantially. Air quality in the Portland and Medford areas has complied with national standards for two decades.

As motor vehicles acquire more miles, their pollution control systems are more likely to fail. If a vehicle's pollution control system is not functioning properly, the vehicle may be emitting up to four times the pollutants of a maintained vehicle. By reading vehicles' on-board computers, VIP has found that about 20% of vehicles tested in the Portland area are having their pollution control systems repaired within three months of their inspection. That's good news and shows that passing a required inspection before registration renewal is incentive for motorists to keep their vehicles maintained.



Repairs to vehicle pollution control systems increase sharply when DMV notifies motorists of registration expiration.

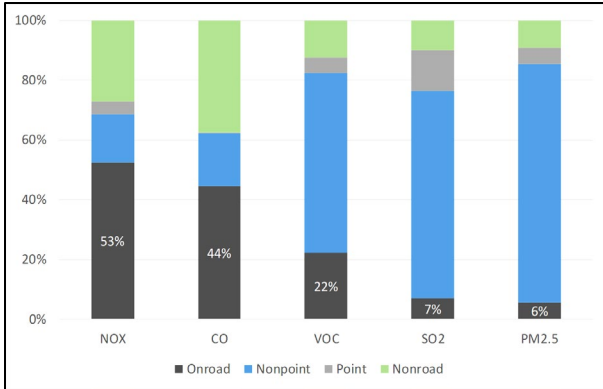
DEQ recently completed a report that calculated how much air pollution VIP prevents in a year. For example, DEQ's analysis showed that in one year without VIP, volatile organic compound emissions from on road sources would increase 19% (about 1,480 tons) in the Portland area and 5% (about 130 tons) in the Medford area.



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Relative air pollution contributions to the Portland area from four source categories: on road vehicles, off road vehicles, point sources and nonpoint sources. NOx = nitrogen oxides, CO = carbon monoxide, VOC = volatile organic compounds, SO2 = sulfur dioxide, PM2.5 = particulate matter smaller than 2.5 micrometers.

Rulemaking and Fee Increase

DEQ is proposing to revise several sections of the Motor Vehicles rules in Division 256 of Oregon Administrative Rules Chapter 340. DEQ is proposing to:

- remove references to procedures no longer performed - enhanced dynamometer and noise control tests;
- update references, definitions and procedures to align with current operations;
- edit for plain language; and
- raise the fee for a certificate of compliance to the following amounts:

Portland Vehicle Inspection Area

\$25 effective July 1, 2019

Medford Vehicle Inspection Area

\$15 effective July 1, 2019

\$20 effective July 1, 2021

\$25 effective July 1, 2023

On-site Testing Auto Dealerships

\$30 effective July 1, 2019.

DEQ has not raised the VIP fee for a certificate of compliance since 1997. The fee increase will allow VIP to maintain current staffing and customer service levels. An alternative to raising the fee is cutting 8 full time positions.

Affected fee payers are motorists, businesses that own vehicles, and auto dealerships participating on-site testing. DEQ appointed an advisory committee to review the fiscal effects of the VIP fee increase and rule revisions. The advisory committee met on October 4, 2018, and DEQ posted the summary of that meeting on the [VIP Updates 2019 rulemaking webpage](#).

2019 Rulemaking Scope

The scope of this rulemaking includes a fee increase and vehicle emission testing procedure updates. In the upcoming years, DEQ may consider additional rule revisions such as expanding or retracting the current Portland and Medford vehicle inspection boundaries, exempting more or fewer model years from testing requirements, or expanding diesel vehicle inspection.

Public Comment Opportunities

DEQ is asking for public comment on the proposed rule revisions and fee increase. A person can submit comments through an online web page, by regular mail or at a public hearing. DEQ will only consider comments on the proposed rules that DEQ receives by 4 p.m., on Monday, February 4, 2019.

Submit comment online:

[Vehicle Inspection Program Updates 2019 Rulemaking Comment Page](#)

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