



State of Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

Vehicle Inspection Program Updates Rulemaking – Draft Rules Revision Overview

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Overview

Oregon DEQ's vehicle inspection program helps to keep pollution levels below the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's allowable standards by ensuring that vehicles' emission control systems are maintained over the life of the vehicle. The Vehicle Inspection Program operates in the Portland and Medford areas. A vehicle emissions test is required, typically every two years, before motorists register their vehicles with Oregon Driver and Motor Vehicle Services (DMV). DEQ charges a fee for a certificate of compliance and has not increased that fee since 1997. DEQ is proposing to revise rules to update several VIP procedure references and definitions. DEQ is also proposing a fee increase to obtain a VIP certificate of compliance.

Summary of Proposed Rule Revisions

DEQ is proposing to remove references to procedures no longer performed, such as the enhanced vehicle emissions test and noise control testing. DEQ is proposing to include references, definitions and procedures to align rules with current vehicle fleet characteristics. DEQ is proposing a fee increase to bring revenue in line with current and projected program expenditures in the Portland and Medford areas. The table below summarizes DEQ's proposed rule revisions and associated citations.

Rule	Modification
OAR 340-200-0040	Update the Oregon Clean Air Act State Implementation Plan
OAR 340-256-0010 OAR 340-256-0300 OAR 340-256-0350 OAR 340-256-0410 OAR 340-256-0460	Remove reference to enhanced testing and dynamometers in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definitions • Emission Control System Inspection: Scope • Emission Control System Inspection: Light Duty Motor Vehicle Emission Control Test Method for Enhanced Program • Emission Control System Inspection: Light Duty Motor Vehicle Emission Control Standards for Enhanced Program • Emission Control System Inspection: Gas Analytical System Licensing Criteria for Enhanced Program
OAR 340-256-0010 OAR 340-256-0340 OAR 340-256-0360 OAR 340-256-0430	Remove references to noise control test and regulation in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definitions • Emission Control System Inspection: Light Duty Motor Vehicle and Heavy Duty Gasoline Motor Vehicle Emission Control Test Method for Basic Program • Emission Control System Inspection: Motorcycle Noise Emission Control Test Method • Emission Control System Inspection: Motor Vehicle Propulsion Exhaust Noise Standard
OAR 340-256-0320	Emission Control System Inspection: Motor Vehicle Inspection Program Fee Schedule <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portland effective July 1, 2019 = \$25 • Medford effective July 1, 2019 = \$15/July 1, 2021 = \$20/July 1, 2023 = \$25 • Onsite dealership certificate fee = \$30 effective on July 1, 2019
OAR 340-256-0010 OAR 340-256-0215 (new) OAR 340-256-0300 OAR 340-256-305 (new) OAR 340-256-0440	Revise/add/delete definitions, references, and dates to reflect current fleet characteristics and program operations: <p>Definitions: Certified configuration, engine swap, franchised, gray market, imported vehicle, on-site vehicle test.</p> <p>Engine Swap: new procedure for approval of alternative engine configuration.</p> <p>Emission Control System Inspection: Scope</p> <p>Imported Vehicles: new procedure for demonstrating compliance with federal import criteria.</p> <p>Criteria for Qualifications of Persons Eligible to Inspect Motor Vehicles and Motor Vehicle Pollution Control Systems and Execute Certificates</p>
OAR 340-256-0110 OAR 340-256-0220 OAR 340-256-0300	Typographical and numeric corrections <p>Visible Emissions – Special Requirements for excluded motor vehicles</p> <p>Compliance with Oregon Low Emission Emission Control Systems Inspection</p>

Rule	Modification
OAR 340-256-358	Include note referencing inclusion in State Implementation Plan
OAR 340-256-470	<p>Emission Control System Inspection: Agreement with independent contractor; Qualifications of Contractor; Agreement Provisions</p> <p>Delete obsolete rule.</p>
OAR 340-256-0340 OAR 340-256-0420	<p>Revise emission testing equipment operations to reflect current program operations:</p> <p>Light Duty Motor Vehicle and Heavy Duty Gasoline Motor Vehicle Emission Control Test Method for Basic Program Heavy-Duty Gasoline Motor Vehicle Emission Control Standards</p>
OAR 340-256-0340 OAR 340-256-0355 OAR 340-256-0356 OAR 340-256-0380 OAR 340-256-0390 OAR 340-256-0400	<p>Procedure clarifications and updates.</p> <p>Light Duty Motor Vehicle and Heavy Duty Gasoline Motor Vehicle Emission Control Test Method for Basic Program</p> <p>Emission Control System Inspection Requirements and Methods (Light Duty/Heavy Duty Gasoline – Basic, OBD, Dealerships)</p> <p>Emissions Control Test Method for OBD Test Program</p> <p>Emissions Control Test Method for On-Site Vehicle Testing for Automobile Dealerships</p> <p>Light Duty Motor Vehicle Emission Control Test Criteria for Basic Program</p> <p>Heavy Duty Gasoline Motor Vehicle Emission Control Test</p> <p>Light Duty Motor Vehicle Emission Control Standards for Basic Program</p>
OAR 340-256-0440	<p>Delete reference to disciplinary action.</p> <p>Criteria for Qualifications of Persons Eligible to Inspect Motor Vehicles and Motor Vehicle Pollution Control Systems and Execute Certificates</p>
OAR 340-256-0010 through 340-256-0465	Review all rules and apply plain language.