



## State of New Jersey

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

Mail Code 401-07

P.O. BOX 402

Trenton, NJ 08625-0402

TEL # (609) 292-2885

FAX # (609) 292-7695

CHRIS CHRISTIE  
*Governor*

KIM GUADAGNO  
*Lt. Governor*

BOB MARTIN  
*Commissioner*

September 16, 2016

Honorable Judith A. Enck  
Regional Administrator  
USEPA, Region 2  
290 Broadway, 26<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10007-1866

RE: New Jersey Adopted Rules and State Implementation Plan Revision – Changes to  
New Jersey's Inspection and Maintenance Program

Dear Regional Administrator Enck:

Enclosed for your review and approval are adopted rule changes and a revision to the New Jersey State Implementation Plan (SIP) to implement changes to New Jersey's Inspection and Maintenance (I/M) program. The proposed rule changes and SIP revision were submitted to you on May 16, 2016. Only non-substantial changes were made to the proposed rules and SIP revision based on the comments received.

The State of New Jersey has adopted numerous changes to its enhanced I/M program. The Department of Environmental Protection (Department) has adopted repeals, new rules and amendments to its rules at N.J.A.C. 7:27-14, 7:27-15, N.J.A.C. 7:27A-3.10, 7:27B-4, and 7:27B-5 that would implement, in part, these changes to the I/M program. Additional complementary rulemaking by the Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) would also implement the changes to the I/M program. The MVC's adopted rulemaking amends the following rules: N.J.A.C. 13:20-7.1 through 7.6, N.J.A.C. 13:20-26.12 and 26.16, N.J.A.C. 13:20-32.1 through 32.49, N.J.A.C. 13:20-33.1 through 33.50, Appendix C, N.J.A.C. 13:20-43.1, 43.2 and 43.2A, 43.4 through 43.8, 43.14, 43.16, and N.J.A.C. 13:20-44.2, 44.3, and 44.10. The SIP revision consists of the Department rule changes, the MVC rule changes, and an analysis showing that the minimal emissions impact from the changes to the program are completely offset.

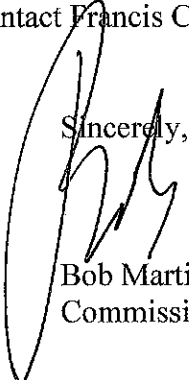
The Department adopted the repeals, new rules and rule amendments on September 9, 2016. The adoption will be published (effective) in the New Jersey Register on October 3, 2016. The Department held a hearing on the proposed repeals, new rules, rule amendments and SIP revision

on June 24, 2016 and accepted written comments until July 15, 2016. A summary of the comments received on the proposed repeals, new rules, rule amendments and SIP revision, as well as the Department's responses to those comments, is included in Appendix IV as part of the enclosed adoption document.

The changes to the I/M program include the discontinuation of: 1) two-speed idle tests on model year 1981-1995 light duty gasoline vehicles; 2) idle tests on pre-1981 model year light duty gasoline vehicles; 3) idle tests on heavy duty gasoline vehicles; and 4) gas cap leak testing. To replace the minimal emission benefit losses from these I/M program changes, New Jersey will allocate a portion of the emission benefits from the New Jersey Low Emission Vehicle Program (NJLEV). The NJLEV consists of the adoption of the California Low Emission Vehicle Program including the Zero Emission Vehicle Mandate. The attached SIP revision demonstrates that the changes to the I/M program do not compromise the State's efforts to meet and/or maintain National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQSs) for ozone or carbon monoxide.

We appreciate the assistance your staff provided New Jersey in preparing this SIP revision. If you or your staff has any questions, please contact Francis C. Steitz at (609) 633-8220.

Sincerely,



Bob Martin  
Commissioner

Enclosures

cc (Letter only):

Paul Baldauf, Acting Assistant Commissioner, NJDEP  
Francis C. Steitz, Director, Division of Air Quality, NJDEP  
John R. Renella, New Jersey DAG  
John Filippelli, USEPA  
Rick Ruvo, USEPA