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Honorable Judith A. Enck  
Regional Administrator  
USEPA, Region 2  
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RE: New Jersey Proposed Rules and State Implementation Plan Revision -- Changes to New Jersey's Inspection and Maintenance Program

Dear Regional Administrator Enck:

Enclosed for your review and comment are proposed rule changes and a proposed revision to the New Jersey State Implementation Plan (SIP) to implement changes to New Jersey's Inspection and Maintenance (I/M) program.

The State is requesting that the USEPA process this proposed State Implementation Plan revision concurrent with the Department's process so that the revisions can be incorporated into the SIP expeditiously.

The State of New Jersey is proposing numerous changes to its enhanced I/M program. The Department of Environmental Protection (Department) is proposing 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 rulemaking proposal 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.

This proposed SIP revision consists of the Department rule changes, the MVC rule changes, and an analysis showing the emissions impact of the proposed changes to the program. The changes to the I/M program include the discontinuation of: two-speed idle tests on model year 1981-1995

light duty gasoline vehicles, idle tests on pre-1981 model year light duty gasoline vehicles, idle tests on heavy duty gasoline vehicles, and gas cap leak testing.

To replace the minimal emission benefit losses from these I/M program changes, New Jersey is proposing to 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 proposed 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 proposed SIP revision. Additional information regarding public notification and participation will be forwarded to Mr. Rick Ruvo, USEPA Region 2, under separate cover.

If you or your staff has any questions, please contact Francis C. Steitz at (609) 633-8220.

Sincerely,



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Commissioner

Enclosures

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