

## **Board Adopts Amendments to the Enhanced Vehicle Emission Inspection and Maintenance (I/M) Regulations**

On January 5, 2012, the Board adopted amendments that sunset the steady-state idle and evaporative system integrity test standards used in the Illinois enhanced vehicle inspection and maintenance program for the Chicago and Metro-East St. Louis nonattainment areas. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA), on October 3, 2011, filed the proposed rulemaking which was docketed as In the Matter of: Revision of Enhanced Vehicle Emission Inspection and Maintenance (I/M) Regulations: Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code Part 240 (R12-12).

These amendments implement P.A. 97-0106 which repeals the steady-state idle and evaporative system integrity emissions tests, exempts pre-2007 heavy-duty vehicles with gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) between 8,501 and 14,000 pounds and any heavy-duty vehicles with a GVWR greater than 14,000 pounds, and adds a new visual inspection test. The IEPA states that, as a result of sunsetting the steady-state idle and evaporative integrity test standards used in the Illinois program as of February 1, 2012, the Illinois program “will continue to be an [on-board diagnostic (OBD)] program – testing subject vehicles using the OBD test, with the exception of a minuscule subset of vehicles that cannot receive the OBD test. These vehicles would receive the new visual inspection test.”

The amendments are effective February 1, 2012.

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