

State of Ohio

Environmental Protection Agency

Notice of Adoption of Rules

Notice is hereby given that the Director of Environmental Protection, under the authority of Ohio Revised Code Section 3704.03 has adopted amended rules contained in Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Chapter 3745-26, "Motor Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance (I/M) Program."

The purpose of this rule making was to make changes regarding the testing and operating requirements of the emissions testing contractor. There were also changes to language used to describe the issuance of testing requirement extensions as well as several minor changes to existing language for clarification. The changes were made after a review to fulfill the requirements of ORC 119.032 (5-year review).

Pursuant to Section 121.39 of the Ohio Revised Code, Ohio EPA was required to consult with interested parties affected by the rules before the division formally adopts them. On September 23, 2014, these rules and the draft business impact analysis document went out for a 30 day review by interested parties. The rules were also released for a 30-day proposal comment period ending January 7, 2015 and a public hearing was held on January 7, 2015.

The Director's order of adoption was issued on February 2, 2015. **The effective date of the adoption is February 12, 2015.**

To request a copy of these rules, obtain further information, or inspect or request copies of agency files and records pertaining to the proceeding contact Paul Braun, Ohio EPA, Division of Air Pollution Control, Lazarus Government Center, PO Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049 or call Paul Braun at 614-644-3734.

This action of the Director is final and may be appealed to the Environmental Review Appeals Commission pursuant to Section 3745.04 of the Ohio Revised Code. The appeal must be in writing and set forth the action complained of and the grounds upon which the appeal is based. The appeal must be filed with the Commission within thirty (30) days after notice of the Director's action. The appeal must be accompanied by a filing fee of \$70.00, made payable to "Treasurer, State of Ohio," which the Commission, in its discretion, may reduce if by affidavit you demonstrate that payment of the full amount of the fee would cause extreme hardship. Notice of the filing of the appeal shall be filed with the Director within three (3) days of filing with the Commission. Ohio EPA requests that a copy of the appeal be served upon the Ohio Attorney General's Office, Environmental Enforcement Section. An appeal may be filed with the Environmental Review Appeals Commission at the following address:

Environmental Review Appeals Commission
77 South High Street, 17th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215