

**Air Quality
State Implementation Plan Revisions Report**

**Submitted to the
Colorado Legislative Council
pursuant to the provisions of C.R.S. 25-7-133**

**Colorado Air Quality Control Commission
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INTRODUCTION

Under the Colorado Air Pollution Prevention and Control Act, the Colorado Air Quality Control Commission (AQCC or Commission) is charged with the development of a comprehensive State Implementation Plan (SIP), which will assure attainment and maintenance of National Ambient Air Quality Standards and which must meet all other requirements of the federal Clean Air Act (CAA). This SIP shall be revised when necessary and appropriate and any revisions must be submitted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for review and approval. Under state law, prior to submitting any SIP revisions to EPA, the Commission must submit a report to the legislature each year summarizing any changes or additions to the SIP made in the previous calendar year. See § 25-7-133, C.R.S. Pursuant to this statutory directive the Commission submits the following report describing its revisions to Colorado's SIP.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENT

Section 25-7-133(1), C.R.S. sets forth the requirements governing the AQCC's annual SIP Revisions Report to the legislature as follows:

Notwithstanding any other provision of law but subject to subsection (7) of this section, by January 15 of each year the commission shall certify in a report to the chairperson of the legislative council in summary form any additions or changes to elements of the state implementation plan adopted during the prior year that are to be submitted to the administrator for purposes of federal enforceability. Such report shall be written in plain, nontechnical language using words with common and everyday meaning that are understandable to the average reader. Copies of such report shall be available to the public and shall be made available to each member of the general assembly. The provisions of this section shall not apply to control measures and strategies that have been adopted and implemented by the enacting jurisdiction of a local unit of government if such measures and strategies do not result in mandatory direct costs upon any entity other than the enacting jurisdiction.

STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN REVISIONS

The Commission adopted the following revision/addition to Colorado's State Implementation Plan, which is being submitted for legislative review pursuant to Section 25-7-133(1), C.R.S.:

Minor Revisions to the Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program

On November 21, 2013 the Commission adopted minor revisions to AQCC Regulation Number 11. There has been some ambiguity about the meaning of certain requirements contained in Regulation No.11 and the adopted changes clarified these issues. First, the \$715 repair waiver had been authorized by the Commission but was not stated in the regulation. The \$450 minimum waiver amount mentioned in the regulation was replaced with the actual \$715. Second, revisions were made to the hardship waiver provisions. In the past hardship waivers had been limited to families owning one vehicle. The waivers were extended to families owning up to two vehicles. Third, a new test analyzer specification for on-board diagnostics was incorporated into the rule. Finally, provisions contained in the existing

regulation concerning model year exemptions and program implementation dates were clarified and made more understandable.

Sources affected by these revisions include all gasoline-powered passenger vehicles and light-, medium- and heavy duty trucks registered in the AIR program area within Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, Jefferson, Larimer and Weld Counties. There was no opposition from the general public to these rule revisions, which took effect on January 1, 2014.