NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES
PUBLIC NOTICE

PURPOSE:
The North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Division of Air Quality (NCDAQ), hereby gives notice regarding its Pre-hearing Draft State Implementation Plan (SIP) Supplement Emissions Inspection and Maintenance (I/M) Program and Maintenance Demonstration for North Carolina. In this SIP, the NCDAQ is aligning the vehicles emissions testing requirement with Session Law 2012-199 which exempts three newest model year vehicles with less than 70,000 miles from an emissions inspection requirement. Prior to the law being enacted, only the newest model year vehicles were exempted from the state I/M program. The new exemption will increase emissions of certain air pollutants in counties where the I/M program is in place. The accompanying Maintenance Demonstration shows the state’s approach for complying with the section 110(l) of the Clean Air Act as amended. Persons wishing to submit comments or request a public hearing are invited to do so.

COMMENT PROCEDURES:
Any person wishing to comment may submit a written statement for inclusion in the record of proceedings regarding the Pre-hearing Draft SIP Supplement. Written comments should be received by no later than September 27, 2013.

REQUESTS FOR A PUBLIC HEARING:
Requests for a public hearing must be in writing and include a statement supporting the need for such a hearing, an indication of your interest in the subject, and a brief summary of the information intended to be offered at such hearing. A public hearing will be scheduled if requested. A separate notice will be announced for the hearing including the date, time and location. Written requests for a public hearing should be received no later than September 27, 2013, and addressed to Sushma Masemore, Division of Air Quality, 1641 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1641.

INFORMATION:
Copies of the Pre-hearing Draft SIP Supplement may be downloaded from the NCDAQ website at http://www.ncair.org/planning/nc_sip.shtml.

Comments can be submitted electronically to: daq.publiccomments@ncdenr.gov
(Please type “Emissions Inspection Draft Supplement” in the subject line)

Comments can be mailed or faxed to:
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NC Division of Air Quality
1641 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-1641
Fax: (919) 707-8715

The Pre-hearing Draft SIP Supplement may be reviewed in person during normal business hours at the following NCDAQ offices:

Raleigh Central Office, Planning Section (919) 707-8403
Asheville Regional Office (828) 296-4500
Fayetteville Regional Office (910) 433-3300
Mooresville Regional Office (704) 663-1699
Raleigh Regional Office (919) 791-4200
Washington Regional Office (252) 946-6481
Wilmington Regional Office (910) 796-7215
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