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Bly Hall, Assistant Revisor of Statutes  
North Carolina General Assembly  
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Subject: Certification of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (USEPA) Final Approval to Remove 26 Counties from North Carolina's Motor Vehicle Emissions Inspection and Maintenance (I&M) Program

Dear Ms. Hall:

During the 2017 session, the North Carolina General Assembly enacted Session Law 2017-10, Senate Bill 131 (An Act to Provide Further Regulatory Relief to the Citizens of North Carolina). Section 3.5.(a) of the Act amended *North Carolina General Statute §143-215.107A(c)* to remove 26 counties from North Carolina's motor vehicle emissions inspections and maintenance (I&M) program. Per Section 3.5.(d)(2) of the Act, the change to the county coverage of the I&M program is effective the first day of a month that is 60 days after the Secretary of the Department of Environmental Quality certifies to the Revisor of Statutes that the USEPA has approved an amendment to the North Carolina State Implementation Plan requesting removal of the 26 counties from the program.

In accordance with Section 3.5.(d)(2) of the Act, I hereby certify to the Revisor of Statutes that the USEPA published in the *Federal Register* on Tuesday, September 25, 2018, its final approval (effective immediately) of an amendment to the North Carolina State Implementation Plan to remove the following 26 counties from the motor vehicle emissions I&M program as specified in Section 3.5.(a) of the Act: Brunswick, Burke, Caldwell, Carteret, Catawba, Chatham, Cleveland, Craven, Edgecombe, Granville, Harnett, Haywood, Henderson, Lenoir, Moore, Nash, Orange, Pitt, Robeson, Rutherford, Stanly, Stokes, Surry, Wayne, Wilkes, and Wilson. The effective date of the removal of the 26 counties listed above is December 1, 2018.



If you should have any questions, please contact Michael A. Abraczinskas at (919) 707-8447 or [Michael.Abraczinskas@ncdenr.gov](mailto:Michael.Abraczinskas@ncdenr.gov).

Sincerely,  


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