

**RHODE ISLAND GOVERNMENT REGISTER  
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**

**Title of Rule:** Rhode Island Motor Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program

**Rule Identifier:** 250-RICR-120-05-34

**Rulemaking Action:** Proposed Amendment

**Important Dates:**

Date of Public Notice: 10/05/2018

End of Public Comment: 11/05/2018

**Authority for this Rulemaking:**

R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-17.1-2(19)

R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 23-23

R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 42-35

**Summary of Rulemaking Action:**

The purpose of this regulation is to specify requirements for Rhode Islands' Motor Vehicle Inspection Program. The Department of Environmental Management, Office of Air Resources is proposing to eliminate testing requirements using the RI2000 test analyzer and replace this with an evaporative emissions inspection, an on-board diagnostic (OBD) inspection, and a visual emissions control component inspection. Portions of the regulation that no longer apply have been eliminated. Additionally, the regulation has been updated to current RI Code of Regulations (RICR) format which required the addition of an incorporated materials section.

**Additional Information and Comments:**

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed amendment until November 5, 2018 by contacting the appropriate party at the address listed below:

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In accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.8, an oral hearing will be granted if requested by twenty-five (25) persons, by an agency or by an association having at least twenty-five (25) members. A request for an oral hearing must be made within thirty (30) days of this notice.

**Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:**

Currently, vehicles are subject to emissions testing at a service station every two years using the RI2000 test analyzer. As the fleet of vehicles in RI has turned over, the need for emissions testing at a service station using the RI2000 has decreased as the majority of motor vehicles in the state are equipped with OBD which monitors the vehicle exhaust stream. If there is a problem detected with an emissions control system the malfunction indicator lamp will be illuminated on the vehicles' information center. Vehicles subject to the Rhode Island I/M Program will continue to be inspected for compliance with the vehicle emissions standards using an evaporative emissions inspection, an on-board diagnostic inspection, and a visual emissions control component inspection.

The proposed revisions are necessary to update the regulation to current RI Code of Regulations format and do not impose any new requirements on regulated entities including any small businesses or any city or town, therefore there is no adverse economic impact.

A fact sheet that more fully describes the proposed revision to the regulation as well as copies of the proposed, revised regulation is available under Proposed Regulations on the Department's website.

For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation see agency contact person above.