

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND 110(l) NONINTERFERENCE  
DEMONSTRATION SIP SUBMITTAL**

**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:**

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Environmental Protection Division (hereinafter, “EPD”) of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources proposes amendments to Georgia’s State Implementation Plan (SIP). The proposed revision is described below:

In 1996, Georgia began its Enhanced Inspection and Maintenance (I/M) Program. Metro Atlanta was required to have an “Enhanced” I/M Program due to the classification of “serious or worse ozone nonattainment.” Over the years, Atlanta’s air quality has improved. On November 16, 2022, Atlanta was redesignated to attainment for the 2015 ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS). Atlanta is no longer required to have an Enhanced I/M Program.

The proposed SIP revision contains Georgia’s request to incorporate the following amendments to the Rules for Enhanced Inspection and Maintenance, Chapter 391-3-20 into the SIP. Rules 391-3-20-.01, 391-3-20-.03, 391-3-20-.04, 391-3-20-.05, 391-3-20-.06, 391-3-20-.07, 391-3-20-.09, 391-3-20-.10, 391-3-20-.13, 391-3-20-.19, and 391-3-20-.22 will be submitted as SIP revisions to EPA. The title change to Chapter 391-3-20 will also be submitted as a SIP revision to EPA.

As part of the SIP revision, EPD is also including a demonstration, consistent with section 110(l) of the Clean Air Act (CAA), to remove the requirements of on-road testing of exhaust emissions by remote sensing technology or other means and to replace the evaporative system function check with verification of presence of a fuel cap. The 110(l) demonstration contains an analysis that demonstrates the removal of the specified Inspection and Maintenance requirements from the SIP will not interfere with Reasonable Further Progress (RFP), continued maintenance of the 1997, 2008, and 2015 8-hour ozone NAAQS, attainment of any other NAAQS, or any other Clean Air Act (CAA) requirement as prescribed in section 110(l) of the CAA.

This notice is being provided to all persons who have requested in writing that they be placed on a notification list. The proposed I/M Rule Amendments being incorporated into the SIP, a synopsis, and a statement of rationale of the rule revisions may be viewed at <https://epd.georgia.gov/chapter-391-3-20>. The proposed 110(l) demonstration may be viewed at <https://epd.georgia.gov/revisions-vehicle-emissions-inspection-maintenance-program>. The documents may also be viewed by appointment only at the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, Air Protection Branch, 4244 International Parkway, Suite 104, Atlanta, Georgia 30354. To set an appointment, email [askepd@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:askepd@dnr.ga.gov) with your name, email and phone number and an associate will reach out to you. Copies may also be requested by contacting Anna Aponte, [Anna.Aponte1@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:Anna.Aponte1@dnr.ga.gov).

To provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed SIP revision, a public hearing will be held at 1:00 p.m. on November 30, 2023. EPD will be hosting this public hearing via Zoom. Zoom is a free web conferencing platform that also allows participation by phone.

To log into the public hearing on your computer, please click this link or copy and paste it into your browser to join the meeting:

<https://gaepd.zoom.us/j/92258820025?pwd=SlBudG13KzQ4MTQzb1F1Vk9JUE4zZz09>

To ensure that you are ready to participate when the meeting begins, we recommend that you download Zoom in advance. Zoom can be found here: <https://zoom.us>

To dial in by phone, please call this number: 888-788-0099 (Toll free). When prompted, enter the Meeting ID and/or Passcode shown below.

The meeting ID is 922 5882 0025

Passcode: 283683

Please note that if you choose to participate by phone, your phone number may be visible to other meeting attendees.

During the hearing, anyone may present data, make a statement, comment, or offer a viewpoint or argument either orally or in writing. Oral statements should be concise. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature, as well as previously recorded messages, must be submitted in writing for the official record.

Written comments are welcomed. To ensure their inclusion in EPD's final submission of the SIP revision to EPA, written comments should be received by close of business on December 7, 2023. Written comments may be emailed to [EPDComments@dnr.state.ga.us](mailto:EPDComments@dnr.state.ga.us) or sent via regular mail addressed to: Branch Chief, Air Protection Branch, 4244 International Parkway, Suite 120, Atlanta, Georgia, 30354.

The proposed SIP revision is proposed pursuant to authority contained in the Georgia Motor Vehicle Emission Inspection and Maintenance Act (O.C.G.A. Section 12-9-40 et. seq.). For further information, contact Anna Aponte, (470) 251-2942 at the Air Protection Branch.