

**SYNOPSIS OF
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
ENHANCED INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE, CHAPTER 391-3-20**

Rule 391-3-20-.01, “Definitions,” is being amended.

Purpose: The purpose of this amendment is to update the definitions by revision as necessary.

Main Features: The definition of “Emission Inspection” is being updated to reflect widespread use of on-board diagnostic systems.

Rule 391-3-20-.04, “Emission Inspection Procedures,” is being amended.

Purpose: The purpose of this amendment is to remove an outdated requirement.

Main Features: Paragraph .04(1) is being revised to remove an outdated Acceleration Simulation Mode (ASM) requirement.

Rule 391-3-20-.05, “Emission Standards,” is being amended.

Purpose: The purpose of this amendment is to revise language and reorder subparagraphs.

Main Features: Paragraph .05(2) is being revised and subparagraphs .05(2)(b) and .05(2)(d) are being reordered to reflect widespread use of on-board diagnostic systems.

Rule 391-3-20-.09, “Inspection Station Requirements,” is being amended.

Purpose: The purpose of this amendment is to remove outdated requirements, update terminology, and add description to the requirements.

Main Features: Subparagraph .09(2)(g) is being revised to remove outdated requirements. Subparagraph .09(2)(i)3. is being revised to update terminology. Subparagraph .09(2)(i)7. is being revised to remove unnecessary terminology. Subparagraph .09(2)(i)8. is being revised to add description to the requirements.

Rule 391-3-20-.10, “Certificates of Authorization,” is being amended.

Purpose: The purpose of this amendment is to clarify a requirement.

Main Features: Paragraph .10(4) is being revised to add clarity and to be consistent with subparagraph .11(5)(a).

Rule 391-3-20-.11, “Inspector Qualifications and Certification,” is being amended.

Purpose: The purpose of this amendment is to update terminology and clarify language.

Main Features: Paragraphs .11(4) and .11(6) are being revised to update terminology. Subparagraph .11(5)(a) and paragraph .11(9) are being revised to clarify language.

Rule 391-3-20-.13, “Certificate of Emission Inspection,” is being amended.

Purpose: The purpose of this amendment is to update requirements.

Main Features: Subparagraph .13(1)(i) is being revised to reflect widespread use of on-board diagnostic systems. Subparagraph .13(2)(c) is being revised to add description to the requirements.

Rule 391-3-20-.15, “Repairs and Retests,” is being amended.

Purpose: The purpose of this amendment is to remove outdated requirements.

Main Features: Paragraph .15(4) is being revised to remove outdated requirements.

Rule 391-3-20-.17, “Waivers,” is being amended.

Purpose: The purpose of this amendment is to update terminology.

Main Features: Subparagraphs .17(2)(c) and .17(2)(f) are being revised to update terminology.

Rule 391-3-20-.22, “Enforcement,” is being amended.

Purpose: The purpose of this amendment is to update terminology.

Main Features: Subparagraph .22(2)(b) is being revised to update terminology.

STATEMENT OF RATIONALE
Rules for Enhanced Inspection and Maintenance

Rule 391-3-20-.01 – Definitions

The basis of this rule is to provide definitions for terms used in the Georgia Rules for Enhanced Inspection and Maintenance, Chapter 391-3-20. The purpose of this revision is to update the definitions by revision as necessary.

Rule 391-3-20-.04 – Emission Inspection Procedures

The basis of this rule is to establish requirements for the process of inspecting vehicles. The purpose of this revision is to remove an outdated requirement.

Rule 391-3-20-.05 – Emission Standards

The basis of this rule is to establish standards with which vehicles are to be tested. The purpose of this revision is to revise language and reorder subparagraphs.

Rule 391-3-20-.09 – Inspection Station Requirements

The basis of this rule is to set forth the requirements that a station must follow to maintain a certification to perform emission inspections. The purpose of this revision is to remove outdated requirements, update terminology, and add description to the requirements.

Rule 391-3-20-.10 – Certificates of Authorization

The basis of this rule is to establish the Director's authority to certify station owners to operate emissions inspection stations. The purpose of this revision is to clarify a requirement.

Rule 391-3-20-.11 – Inspector Qualifications and Certification

The basis of this rule is to set forth the guidelines and qualifications to become a certified emissions inspector and the proper protocol for conducting emissions tests as authorized by the Director. The purpose of this revision is to update terminology and clarify language.

Rule 391-3-20-.13 – Certificate of Emission Inspection

The basis of this rule is to set forth the guidelines for the issuance of Certificates of Emission Inspection by stations. The purpose of this revision is to update requirements.

Rule 391-3-20-.15 – Repairs and Retests

The basis of this rule is to set forth the guidelines for vehicle owners whose vehicle fails any portion of the emission inspection. The purpose of this revision is to remove outdated requirements.

Rule 391-3-20-.17 – Waivers

The basis of this rule is to set forth the guidelines and qualifications for a motorist to obtain a waiver from complying with the emission inspection requirements. The purpose of this revision is to update terminology.

Rule 391-3-20-.22 – Enforcement

The basis of this rule is to establish the administration and enforcement of the Rules. The purpose of this revision is to update terminology.

These revisions are administrative in nature and do not incur any additional costs to the regulated industry or public.