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## **Implementation Plan for Chapter 173 - 422 WAC, Motor Vehicle Emission Inspection**

- 1. Please describe how the Agency intends to implement and enforce the rule. Please include a description of the resources the Agency intends to use.**

Existing staff will:

(1) Ensure that the upgraded testing procedures and opacity standards are in effect for diesel cars and light trucks at the start of the upgraded emission testing contract on July 1, 2002.

(2) Ensure that automotive repair businesses that wish to be on the list of shops given to owners of failed vehicles are able to check the on-board diagnostic system of 1996 and newer vehicles.

(3) Clarify that all emission tests are valid for at least twelve months.

- 2. Please describe how the Agency intends to inform and educate affected persons about the rule.**

(1) The new contractor that operates the vehicle emission inspection stations as of July 1, 2002 is planning to use the revised testing procedures and opacity standards for diesel cars and light trucks.

(2) Automotive repair businesses that wish to be on the list of shops given to owners of failed vehicles have been and will continue to be reminded that they must be able to check the on-board diagnostic system of 1996 and newer vehicles.

(3) The Department of Licensing has requested the clarification that all emission tests are valid for at least twelve months.

- 3. Please describe how the Agency intends to promote and assist voluntary compliance for this rule.**

Not Applicable

- 4. Please describe how the Agency intends to evaluate whether the rule achieves the purpose for which it was adopted, including to the maximum extent practicable, the use of interim milestones to assess progress and the use of objectively measurable outcome.**

Air Quality Program staff will monitor the number of and nature of complaints regarding the Emission Check Program for any changes.

- 5. Please describe how the Agency intends to train and inform Ecology staff regarding new rule or rule amendment.**

Air Quality Program staff have been involved in the development of the rule revisions.

- 6. Please identify supporting documents that may need to be revised because of the rule amendment. Or identify new supporting documents that need to be developed because of a new rule.**

The contract for the operation of vehicle emission inspection stations provides for the revised test procedures for light-duty diesel vehicles. The agreement regarding the automotive repair businesses that will be listed by Ecology has been revised to include the need for an OBD II scan tool. The Department of Licensing will be responsible for reprogramming their computers and informing the staff that provide vehicle licensing services.