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Chapters 173-422 and 173-422A WAC  
Motor Vehicle Emission Inspection**

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## Purpose

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) provides the information in this implementation plan to meet agency and Administrative Procedure Act (RCW 34.05.328) requirements related to rule adoptions.

## Introduction

On June 2, 2021, Ecology repealed Chapters 173-422 and 173-422A WAC, both named Motor Vehicle Emission Inspection (AO # 20-06). The purpose of this rule implementation plan is to inform those who must comply with Chapters 173-422 and 173-422A WAC about how Ecology intends to:

- Implement and enforce the rule.
- Inform and educate persons affected by the rule.
- Promote and assist voluntary compliance for the rule.
- Evaluate the rule.
- Train and inform Ecology staff about the new or amended rule.

Also included in this plan is information about:

- Supporting documents that may need to be written or revised because of the new rule or amended rule.
- Other resources where more information about the rule is available.
- Contact information for Ecology employees who can answer questions about the rule implementation.

## Implementation and Enforcement

Implementation and enforcement does not apply because Ecology repealed rather than adopted the rules.

## Informing and Educating Persons Affected by the Rule

Notification of the repeal of these rules and the reasons why included:

- Rule Adoption Notice (CR-103P form) published in the *Washington State Register* (WSR 21-12-108)
- Letter to tribal governments in Washington
- Notice to the Air Quality Program email notification list (Air Quality Rule and State Implementation Plan Updates)
- Notice to the Ecology email notification list on rule information (WAC Track)

## **Promoting and Assisting Voluntary Compliance**

Promoting and assisting voluntary compliance does not apply because emission check stations closed December 31, 2019.

## **Evaluating the Rule**

There is no reason to evaluate the rules because Ecology repealed rather than adopted them.

## **Training and Informing Ecology Staff**

Training Ecology staff does not apply because Ecology repealed rather than adopted the rules. The Air Quality Program already has apprised Ecology staff on the closure of the emission check program.

## **List of Supporting Documents that May Need to be Written or Revised**

Ecology does not need to write new documents or revise existing ones.

## **More Information**

- Webpage: [Emission check program ended](#)<sup>1</sup>

## **Contact Information**

[Washington Department of Licensing](#)<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/Air-Climate/Air-quality/Vehicle-emissions/Emissions-check-ends>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.dol.wa.gov/vehicleregistration/renewyourtabs.html>