



Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program

Is vehicle emissions testing ending?

In 2022, legislation was passed to repeal the state requirement for a vehicle inspection and maintenance (I/M) program in the Treasure Valley, effective July 1, 2023. This action will end Canyon County and City of Kuna testing on this date. Ada County has additional federal and local requirements currently in place. The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) anticipates submitting the request to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to remove the federal requirements by fall 2022 and will request EPA issue a final action on our submittal by June 2023.

Does vehicle emissions testing end immediately?

No, the vehicle emissions testing requirement will remain in effect until the repeal date. Vehicles receiving an emissions testing notification will still need to be tested before the deadline posted on the notification card.

What does this mean for air quality and public health?

Data indicates that the benefits of the I/M program have declined in recent years because newer vehicles on the roads meet tougher emissions standards. DEQ does not believe any negative impacts will occur to air quality and public health because of removal of the emissions testing requirement.

Does this mean we will have more air pollution?

Based on recent data, DEQ does not believe substantial negative impact to air quality will occur with the repeal of the emissions testing programs. Idaho and the Treasure Valley will still have periods of deteriorated air quality from time to time, and vehicles will remain a contributing factor to the pollution. DEQ reminds motorists that routinely maintained vehicles will have less of an impact on our air quality.

Why will vehicle emissions testing continue until July 1, 2023?

This is the date specified in law which repeals the state requirement of a vehicle I/M program, and when the requirement for Canyon County and the City of Kuna testing required under Idaho Code § 39-116B. For Ada County, DEQ is conducting a technical analysis to demonstrate that the area will remain in compliance with federal health standards after removal of vehicle emissions testing. DEQ anticipates submitting the request to EPA to remove the federal requirements by fall 2022 and will request EPA issue a final action on our submittal by June 2023.

Will I still receive a notice to test my car?

Yes, emissions testing will continue normally until June 30, 2023, which means you can expect to receive an emissions testing notification if you have a newly registered vehicle or if it has been 2 years or more since you were last required to test. The last emissions testing due date will be June 30, 2023.

If I choose not to test will my registration be revoked?

Yes, emissions testing will continue normally until June 30, 2023, and those who do not comply with the requirement within the allotted time will be subject to having their registrations revoked.

What if my vehicle fails the emissions test?

If your vehicle fails, you will receive an inspection report explaining the reasons why. To get the vehicle repaired, take it to a qualified technician who is experienced in diagnosing and repairing vehicle emissions systems.

After appropriate repairs are made to the vehicle, you are entitled to one free retest within 30 days of the initial inspection at the station that conducted the initial test.

Do I need to test my vehicle if my registration is good beyond June 30, 2023?

If you receive a notice to test between now and June 30, 2023, then your vehicle needs to be tested, regardless of the effective date of your registration. Vehicles not compliant with the emissions testing deadlines will be subjected to having the registrations revoked.