

WAC 173-422-010 Purpose. This chapter implements the Washington Clean Air Act, chapter 70.94 RCW, as supplemented by the motor vehicle emission inspection provisions codified as chapter 70.120 RCW.

Gasoline motor vehicles are the primary emitters of carbon monoxide and emit significant quantities of hydrocarbons and oxides of nitrogen. Diesel motor vehicles are emitters primarily of particulates, hydrocarbons, and oxides of nitrogen. Emission controls required by the federal government are designed to reduce motor vehicle related air pollution. However, the effectiveness of these controls is substantially reduced through deterioration, maladjustment and tampering. Motor vehicle emission inspection serves to identify high polluting vehicles and vehicles with tampered or missing emission controls and to reduce their emissions, when such reduction can be accomplished at reasonable cost. These rules establish the emission standards, testing procedures, and associated activities necessary to implement a program of air pollution prevention and control resulting from motor vehicle emission inspections.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 70.120 RCW. WSR 93-10-062 (Order 91-46), § 173-422-010, filed 5/3/93, effective 6/3/93. Statutory Authority: RCW 70.120.120, 43.21A.080, 70.94.331 and 70.94.141(1). WSR 83-23-115 (Order DE 83-31), § 173-422-010, filed 11/23/83, effective 1/2/84. Statutory Authority: RCW 70.120.120. WSR 80-03-070 (Order DE 79-35), § 173-422-010, filed 2/28/80.]