

Emissions Test Requirements for Government Fleet Vehicles

Vehicle emissions laws regarding government fleets came into effect January 2000 and have been updated for the Gateway Vehicle Inspection Program. The Missouri Department of Revenue does not maintain a motor vehicle database of information for government fleet vehicles. Therefore, local, state and federal government fleet managers in St. Louis City and St. Louis, St. Charles, and Jefferson counties must provide the Missouri Department of Natural Resources' contractor, Worldwide Environmental Products (WEP), with an annual list of the vehicles operated by government agencies that are required to be emissions tested.

Missouri Code of State Regulations 10 CSR 10-5.381 explains the test requirements for all vehicles, including fleet vehicles. Government fleet vehicles are subject to the same testing requirements as privately owned vehicles. The department recommends that government agencies develop a strategy to keep their fleet vehicles in compliance with this state rule. The following information should help government agencies as they design a fleet testing schedule.

Requirements

Even model year vehicles must be tested in even calendar years. Odd model year vehicles must be tested in odd calendar years. Government vehicle fleet managers must document their fleet complies with emissions regulations by doing the following:

- Reporting to WEP all vehicles that are not exempt from emissions testing on an annual basis. Submittals are due by Feb. 1 of each calendar year or by the following business day if the first is not a business day. The list should be submitted to WEP and include emissions testing activity for the preceding year and any changes or additions to the fleet.
- Inspecting each even model year vehicle subject to the emissions inspection requirement on or before Dec. 31 of each even calendar year, and inspecting each odd model year vehicle subject to the emissions inspection requirement on or before Dec. 31 of each odd calendar year.

Annual Reports

Government fleet vehicle managers are required to submit an annual report. The annual report is due Feb. 1 of each year. The annual report should include information about vehicles that were added or deleted from the fleet and testing activity during the year. Fleets that have no change in testing status must still file an annual report stating "No vehicles emissions tested, added or removed this year."

Annual reports may be sent to WEP by mail to the address listed below or by email to GVIP@wep-inc.com. WEP prefers to receive electronic reports as a Microsoft® Excel® spreadsheet containing the Vehicle Identification Number, make, model, year, state plate, test date, new vehicle & vehicle deleted columns listed. WEP will provide fleet managers with an Excel® template upon request.

Exemptions

The following vehicles do not require an emissions test nor do they need to be included in the annual report:

- 1995 and older model year gasoline-powered vehicles.
- 1996 and older model year diesel-powered vehicles.
- Vehicles bought as new (fewer than 6,000 miles on the odometer) within the past year.
- Vehicles with a manufacturer's Gross Vehicle Weight Rating more than 8,500 lbs.
- Alternative-fueled vehicles (not including dual-fueled vehicles).
- Motorcycles or motortricycles.
- Motor vehicles with odd model years in even calendar years and vice versa.
- Tactical military vehicles.
- Visitor, employee or military personnel vehicles on federal installations provided appointments do not exceed 60 calendar days per calendar year.
- New motor vehicles, not previously titled and registered, for the four-year period following their model year of manufacture, with fewer than 40,000 miles at the first required biennial safety inspection (307.350 to 307.390, RSMo).
- Motor vehicles that are driven fewer than 12,000 miles between biennial safety inspections.

Motor vehicles registered in St. Louis City or St. Louis, St. Charles, or Jefferson counties but operated exclusively outside of these areas for the next 24 consecutive months are eligible to receive an out-of-area waiver. To apply for an out-of-area waiver, visit the Gateway Vehicle Inspection Program website at <https://dnr.mo.gov/document-search/out-area-waiver-request-mo-780-2202>. Contact the Missouri Department of Natural Resources at 573-751-4817 for questions about out-of-area waivers.

Emissions Tests

Government fleet vehicles can be emissions tested at any licensed Gateway Vehicle Inspection Program station. For a list of licensed inspection stations, please visit <http://www.missourigvip.com/Stations>.

For more information contact:**Missouri Department of Natural Resources Gateway Vehicle Inspection Program**

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