

Vehicle Inspection Advisory Committee (VIAC)

Meeting Notes

June 8, 2022

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Vehicle Inspection Advisory Committee (VIAC) was called to order at 1:02 p.m. on June 8, 2022, via WebEx Teleconference.

2. Roll Call

Anthony Moffa	Chairman	Co-Chair, TCEQ appointee
David Campbell	VIAC Member	Safety-Only Inspection Station Owner
David Lewis	VIAC Member	Emission Testing Equipment Manufacturer
Pablo Luna	RSD Service Director	Texas Department of Public Safety
Lawrence Cortez	RSD Supervisor	Texas Department of Public Safety
Robert Hawkins	RSD Manager	Texas Department of Public Safety
Steve Moninger	RSD Sr. Policy Analyst	Texas Department of Public Safety
Chris Hanson	RSD Captain	Texas Department of Public Safety
Chris Sims	RSD Service Director	Texas Department of Public Safety
Sherrie Zgabay	RSD Service Director	Texas Department of Public Safety
Leslie Stevens	RSD Personnel Ad Spec	Texas Department of Public Safety
David Serrins	Agency Liaison	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

3. Minutes from March 9, 2022

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

4. Remarks from DPS and TCEQ

a. DPS

Pablo Luna addressed the committee stating that bulletins have successfully been sent out via TIMS and VIC units to 12,000 plus inspection stations regarding the inspector license renewal deadline. He stated that reminder bulletins would go out July 1st and twice in August to ensure everyone receives the information regarding the renewal deadline. This information is also listed on the website. He stated that everyone should use this time to review their current information in the system, especially their email address as it is used as the primary contact. Pablo added that using only one email address for multiple inspectors is strongly discouraged.

Pablo Luna informed the committee that Kevin Pishkar would no longer be serving on the committee. This leaves another opening on the committee. The current available spots are for an inspection station owner and a safety station owner.

Pablo Luna announced a new project being developed called Bring Your Own Device. This project will impact approximately 65,000 stations in safety only counties and should rollout in about a year. This project will allow inspectors to perform inspections with a device of their choosing. One benefit of this project is that any compatible printer can be used with the chosen device, which has been a difficulty in using VIC units. Notice of this project will be posted to the website.

b. TCEQ

David Serrins addressed the committee stating that several TCEQ representatives were absent from the meeting due to providing fraud training in the Dallas area to DPS personnel. He also stated similar trainings would take place in the Houston and Austin areas as well.

David Serrins also stated that on April 13th the EPA proposed moderate non-attainment status for Bexar County. The State implementation plan will be due to the EPA January 1, 2023. Bexar County's inspection stations will be doing emissions testing by 2026, perhaps earlier. Anthony Moffa asked how long it had been since a county had been required to implement emissions testing. David replied that it had been 20-30 years since a county was required to make this change. However, Travis and Williamson Counties volunteered and opted to move to emissions testing in 2005.

Pablo Luna asked if 2026 was the deadline to enforce emissions testing. David Serrins replied that was correct and added that in the proposal by the EPA there was discussion in the comments of implementing the change sooner. Reclassification is expected to happen in October of 2022, then Bexar County will have four years to implement emissions testing.

Steve Moninger asked if this might be a good opportunity to update the SIP. David Serrins replied that Bexar County will have a new SIP, as they do not have an INM SIP currently. He also suggested Steve send any changes to TCEQ for their review to ensure nothing is overlooked.

5. Old Business

No discussion of old business

6. New Business

a. Legislative Items

Anthony Moffa addressed the committee stating that a new Legislative session will begin in a few months, and he would like to begin discussing items that may be proposed. He stated that he wanted the committee to discuss what its goal might be for this session along with items that may need improvement in the program. He asked that committee members put down on paper items they wish to discuss.

David Campbell stated he would like to also discuss any updates to mudflaps and safety guards under 80 inches.

7. Public Comments

No public comments.

8. Future Agenda Items

No future agenda items were presented at this time. Please provide any future agenda items to Anthony Moffa or Robert Ferre.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, September 14, 2022.

10. Adjourn

Anthony Moffa adjourned the meeting at 1:56 p.m.