

**SYNOPSIS OF  
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION  
RELATING TO ENHANCED INSPECTION & MAINTENANCE  
CHAPTER 391-3-20**

Rule 391-3-20-.21 subparagraphs (3)(a), (3)(b) thereof, relating to "Inspection Fees" are being amended by revising subparagraphs (3)(a) and (b), changing subparagraph (b) to (c) and adding new subparagraphs (b) and (d).

Purpose: Stipulates that the fee paid by the station owner on a per E-Cert (pre-purchased electronic certificate of emission inspection) basis is reduced as of October 1, 2007.

Main Features: The administrative fee is being lowered from \$6.95 to \$4.02. The fee for fleet inspection stations with required video camera surveillance will be lowered from \$7.95 to \$5.02.

## **STATEMENT OF RATIONALE**

### **Rules for Enhanced Inspection and Maintenance**

#### **Rule 391-3-1-20 -.21(3) Program Administration Fees**

The basis of this rule is to specify the administrative fee paid by the station owner to the Department of Natural Resources. The purpose of this revision is to reduce the fee from \$6.95 to \$4.02. EPD evaluates administrative costs periodically, and makes adjustments based on the results of those analyses. The proposed change is a result of an analysis that indicated lower operating costs due in part to reduced contractual expenses.

The applicability of this revision is in no way more restrictive than the current rule and does not incur any additional costs to EPD. This change will have a positive impact on the small business owners that conduct vehicle inspections by reducing the costs to them. No costs will be imposed on local governments as they will continue to receive a portion of the fee. There is no cost increase to the general public, as the inspection fee will remain the same.