

## **SECTION 20: ON-ROAD TESTING**

### **20.1 COVERAGE**

On-road testing is a part of the emissions testing system and complements testing otherwise required. On-road testing is not required in every season or on every vehicle, but evaluates the emission performance of 0.5% of the subject fleet or 20,000 vehicles, whichever is less.

### **20.2 PERFORMANCE INFORMATION**

The on-road testing program provides information about the performance of in-use vehicles, by assessing vehicle emission performance through roadside pullovers including Anti-Tampering test, a Gas Cap Integrity test and a check of the OBD system for vehicles so equipped. The LDEQ and the DPS personnel determine the location of the "roadside detail". The DPS personnel directs traffic to the testing venue, performs the visual and gas cap inspection, and reports the results to the LDEQ personnel who enters the data into the inspection software via laptop computer. The inspection software provides the order of the various phases of the OBD test. If a vehicle fails the inspection, a Vehicle Inspection Report (VIR) is printed and issued to the motorist. The on-road test data is uploaded to the Vehicle Inspection Database (VID) upon returning to the LDEQ headquarters. The program analyzes and reports data collected from on-road testing.

### **20.3 ENFORCEMENT**

If a vehicle is pulled over and a violation is found, LA R.S. 32:1302 (Appendix B) authorizes the DPS officers to "give written notice to the driver and send a copy to the department." This notice directs the driver to obtain a certificate of inspection within 5 days. If a person fails to submit the vehicle for re-inspection within the 5 days, a criminal citation may be issued. In addition, the department "may suspend the registration of any vehicle...which after notice and demand is not equipped as required in this chapter or for which a required certificate has not been obtained" (LA R.S. 32:1304, Appendix B).