

SECTION 6: VEHICLE COVERAGE

The provisions of the low enhanced I/M program apply to MY 1980 and newer gasoline-fueled passenger cars and gasoline-fueled light and heavy-duty trucks (10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight rating [GVWR] or less) which are registered or required to be registered within the I/M program boundaries including fleets.

Subject vehicles are identified through the DPS Office of Motor Vehicles (OMV) database of registered vehicles in the five-parish ozone nonattainment area. According to the OMV data received, the number of subject vehicles registered in the program area is approximately 400,000.

Those vehicles MY 1980 and newer gasoline-fueled passenger cars and gasoline-fueled trucks (10,000 pounds or less) are subject to Gas Cap Integrity and Visual Anti-Tampering testing. Those vehicles MY 1996 and newer gasoline-fueled passenger cars and gasoline-fueled trucks (10,000 pounds or less) are also subject to OBD testing. The newest two MYs are exempt from OBD testing per LAC 55:III.Chapter 8 as amended November 2004 (Appendix F). The I/M program grants no other special exemptions.

Fleets are subject to the same test requirements using the same test procedures and test equipment and employing the same quality control (QC) measures as non-fleet vehicles. Fleet vehicles may be tested in official Fleet, Government, or Public MVI Stations.

Provisions have been made for testing reciprocity for vehicles from other states' I/M programs. This provision allows vehicles from other EPA approved I/M program areas to receive required emissions testing in the I/M program area. A Vehicle Inspection Report (VIR) is available as the official test record.

Legal authority for vehicle MY coverage is provided by LA R.S. 32:1304 (Appendix B) which currently allows for testing gasoline-fueled passenger cars and gasoline-fueled trucks 10,000 pounds GVWR or less. Legal authority for registration of motor vehicles in parish of domicile is provided by LA R.S. 47:501-503 (Appendix B).