

1.11 FLEET INSPECTION STATION (FIS) LICENSE

Why do I need this approval?

The Department issues this license as a service in order to allow vehicle fleet operators to perform official emissions inspections of their vehicles under the Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program (VEIP).

What laws or regulations give MDE the legal authority to issue this approval?

STATE: Transportation Article, Title 23, Subtitle 2, Sec. 23.201- 23.209; COMAR 11.14.08.

What is the process to get this approval?

- 1) After receiving a complete application, the Department schedules a new facility inspection.
- 2) Upon successful inspection, the facility license is issued and the facility can begin work in the program.

Are there any other requirements?

PRE-APPROVAL: The prospective FIS must own or operate a fleet of at least 25 vehicles, maintain a vehicle repair facility, employ a Master Certified Emissions Technician (MCET; see 1.13), and purchase FIS testing equipment and maintenance agreement from the State VEIP management and operations contractor.

POST-APPROVAL: The facility agrees to maintain the testing equipment, provide access for a monthly quality assurance equipment audit, and provide access for an annual performance audit of each MCET.

How long should I expect it to take to get this approval once I submit a complete application?

30 days.

Once I get this approval, how long will it last?

Existing licenses remain in effect as long as conditions are met.

How much will this approval cost?

No fee. However, for each VEIP test performed, the FIS must pay a \$14.00 test fee to the Maryland Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Administration (State, county, and local governments are exempt from the test fee) and a \$5 transaction fee to the VEIP management and operations contractor.

Who do I contact with additional questions?

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