

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT
AIR AND RADIATION ADMINISTRATION**

Response to Comments

On the Proposed Amendments to Regulations .02 under COMAR 26.11.20
Public Hearing Held in Baltimore, MD on January 28, 2026

Purpose of the Hearing: The purpose of the public hearing was to allow for public comment on the Maryland Department of the Environment’s (the Department or MDE) proposal regarding amendments to **Regulation .02 under COMAR 26.11.20 Motor Vehicle Emission Control Devices.**

The purpose of this action is to propose amendments to Regulation .02 under COMAR 26.11.20 Motor Vehicle Emission Control Devices to repeal record-keeping requirements for vehicle dealers or other businesses regarding vehicle emissions inspections.

Date and Location: The public hearing was held virtually by the Maryland Department of the Environment on January 28, 2026 at 1 p.m.

Google Meets webinar at <https://meet.google.com/xda-knna-cwg>
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Attendance: Carolyn Jones, Division Chief of the Air Quality Regulations Division, MDE, served as the hearing officer. Other MDE attendees were Kelsey Sisko, Kathryn Seaman, Justin Smith, and John Artes. The court recorder was George Quade. There were no members of the public in attendance.

Statement: The Department's statement was read by Kathryn Seaman, Natural Resources Planner in the Air Quality Planning Program at the Maryland Department of the Environment, Air and Radiation Administration.

A transcript of the meeting has been prepared by For the Record, Inc., White Plains, MD.

Comments and Responses:

During the hearing, no comments were received.

Written comments were received from:
Maryland State Police – Christopher Pickett

A summary of the comment received and the Department’s responses to the comment is below.

Comment: The Maryland State Police commented to provide a clarification to the Notice of Proposed Action noting that their State vehicle inspection program primarily checks to determine if the emissions components needed for the vehicle are in place and have not been removed or tampered with.

Response: The Department appreciates the comment and confirms that a Maryland Safety Inspection Certificate issued by the Maryland State Police certifies that vehicles emissions control equipment is in place and that vehicles meet Maryland safety standards. All safety inspection records for Maryland vehicles are submitted to the Maryland Vehicle Administration. Under this action, the repeal of the recordkeeping requirements under section F of COMAR 26.11.20.02 does not impact the overall regulation requirements or the records kept by other agencies.