

OPENING REMARKS
PUBLIC HEARING ON
Proposed
Amendments under COMAR 11.14.08 Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program
held on October 11, 2022

If the court reporter would turn on the equipment, we will begin. On behalf of the Department of the Environment Air and Radiation Administration, I would like to welcome you to this public hearing.

My name is Carolyn Jones and I am a Senior Engineer in the Air and Radiation Administration. I will serve as hearing officer for today's hearing. This hearing is being recorded as well as transcribed.

This hearing concerns proposed amendments to **Proposed Amendments under COMAR 11.14.08 Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program**

I will now check to see if we have any participants for this hearing.

Please state and spell your name and indicate if you would like to make a statement.

Please note that MDE is not using the webinar chat feature during this hearing.

(May need to ask phone numbers to state their name and if they wish to make a statement)

Note we will wait a few more minutes to see if additional persons join this virtual hearing.

****Wait for a few minutes****

Hello again. This is Carolyn Jones with MDE. Are there any members of the public on the line

who have not previously announced themselves?

Repeat periodically until 10 minutes has passed or when a new participant appears in the side bar. Begin hearing script if a member of the public announces that they are present.

(*If no one has shown up for this hearing, wait at least 15 minutes before reading this script and follow the instructions in the text below for the case where no one has joined the virtual hearing !!!)

Let the record show that the time is _____ a.m. on October 11, 2022. This hearing was scheduled for a 10:00 a.m. start time. We will now proceed with the public hearing.

My name is Carolyn Jones and I am a Senior Engineer in the Air and Radiation Administration. I will serve as hearing officer for today's hearing.

The purpose of this hearing is to give you, the public, the opportunity to comment on the regulatory proposal to amend existing **COMAR 11.14.08 Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program**.

Notice of the virtual public hearing for this action appeared as follows:

- (1) In the *Maryland Register*, Volume 49, Issue 19, page 878 – 885 on Friday September 9, 2022, corrections were printed in Volume 49, Issue 19, page 918 – 919 on Friday September 23, 2022.
- (2) On the Maryland Department of the Environment Air and Radiation Administration webpage titled “Air & Radiation Regulations Public Hearings, Meetings and Request for Comments”,
- (3) On the Maryland Department of the Environment's webpage title “Calendar of Events”

The public comment period began on September 9, 2022 for receipt of all comments to the proposal. Oral comments are being recorded today. Written comments for this proposal must be received by 5:00 p.m. this evening, October 11th. Comments may be sent to Marcia Ways, Maryland Department of the Environment, Air and Radiation Administration Mobil Sources Control Program at email marcia.ways@maryland.gov.

The hearing will proceed in the following order. First, I will introduce Mr. Daniel Newell, the representative of the Air and Radiation Administration, who will make a statement. After Mr. Newell is finished, I will call on members of the public who would like to make a statement.

I now call on Daniel Newell to make his statement.

(!!!From here, skip to “VVV” near the end of this script if no one has shown up to testify. Otherwise, continue with the next paragraph.)

(After XX finishes, say:)

Thank you. For the public, When giving your statement, please identify yourself, spell your name for the record, give your affiliation, and deliver your statement loudly and clearly. You will have three minutes for your statement. Are there any questions?

I will now call on the persons who indicated they would like to speak.

_____ *please begin.*

Would anyone like to comment on this action?

(allow officials and then anyone else to present his/her statement.)

(After each person speaks, say:)

“Thank you Mr./Ms. _____. Are there any other comments?”

(After all statements have been presented, say:)

Let the record reflect that a statement has been taken from all who wish to make one. This will conclude the public hearing for the amendments to COMAR 11.14.08.

Let the record reflect that it is now _____. And this will conclude the public hearing.

(*∇∇∇ In the case that no one has shown up to testify, continue & finish here*)

There are no persons in the audience wishing to make any statements on the record, so we request that the court reporter please enter the hearing statement into the record at this time.

This will conclude the public hearing for the amendments to COMAR 11.14.08.