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David Unwin, Revisor of Statutes
North Carolina General Assembly
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Subject: Certification of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (USEPA) Final Approval to Remove Three Counties from North Carolina's Motor Vehicle Emissions Inspection and Maintenance (I&M) Program

Dear Mr. Unwin:

During the 2019 session, the North Carolina General Assembly enacted Session Law 2020-5 (House Bill 85). Section 1 of the Act amended North Carolina General Statute §143- 215.107A(c) to remove Lee, Onslow, and Rockingham Counties from North Carolina's motor vehicle emissions I&M program. Per Section 3(2) of the Act, the change to the county coverage of the I&M program is effective the first day of a month that is 60 days after the Secretary of the Department of Environmental Quality certifies to the Revisor of Statutes that the USEPA has approved an amendment to the North Carolina State Implementation Plan requesting removal of the three counties from the program.

In accordance with Section 3(2) of the Act, I hereby certify to the Revisor of Statutes that the USEPA published in the Federal Register on Thursday, August 11, 2022, its final approval (effective September 12, 2022) of an amendment to the North Carolina State Implementation Plan to remove Lee, Onslow, and Rockingham Counties from the motor vehicle emissions I&M program. The effective date of the removal of the three counties listed above is November 1, 2022.

If you should have any questions, please contact Michael A. Abraczinskas at (919) 707-8447 or Michael.Abraczinskas@ncdenr.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth Biser".

Elizabeth S. Biser, Secretary
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cc: J. Eric Boyette, Secretary of Transportation
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