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Ms. Sheila C. Holman, Director
North Carolina Department of Environment
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Dear Ms. Holman:

Thank you for your letter dated August 23, 2013, transmitting a prehearing package regarding the supplement to the Inspection and Maintenance (I/M) Program in North Carolina. These revisions were the subject of a public comment period beginning August 23, 2013, with written comments due by the close of business on September 27, 2013. We have completed our review of the prehearing submittal and offer one comment in the enclosure.

We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Lynorae Benjamin, Chief, Regulatory Development Section at (404) 562-9040, or have your staff contact Nacosta C. Ward at (404) 562-9140.

Sincerely,

R. Scott Davis
Chief
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Enclosure



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Page 13 (pg. 17 of document): K. WAIVERS AND COMPLIANCE VIA DIAGNOSTIC INSPECTION (40 CFR §51.360)

- Section 1 discusses waiver rates and potential corrective action if the waiver rate goes above 5%. One possibility noted is to increase the exemptions as noted in, “Corrective strategies considered may include: not issuing waivers on vehicles under 6 years of age increased education for issuing personnel, raising minimum expenditure limits, utilizing a sliding scale (exempting vehicles older than the last 10 to 15 years of age)...”
 1. North Carolina states that a “sliding scale” will be utilized, however, this reference is unclear. Please explain if this scale is based upon vehicle age and repair cost.