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To: Judge Self and Commissioners

From: Jeff B. Durham, Special Projects Manager

Re: Withdrawal from AirCheck Texas Drive a Clean Machine (DACM) Program

On April 21, 2014 Commissioner's Court elected to withdraw from participation in the AirCheck Texas Drive a Clean Machine Program. (See Commissioners Court Order No. 2014-221-04-21 attached)

Judge Self subsequently directed a letter to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) advising them of Collin County's decision to withdraw from the program, further requesting that the vehicle inspection fee for County residents be reduced accordingly.

The TCEQ acknowledged Judge Self's request by letter dated May 28, 2014. In doing so, they have advised us that the process required to reduce vehicle inspection fees will take approximately 12 months to complete. During this time inspection fees would still be collected from vehicle owners in Collin County, regardless of whether or not we are participating in the DACM program. Given this circumstance, there are two options for the County as it relates to the withdrawal process:

1. Withdraw from the DACM and LIP immediately, although program fees will be collected until TCEQ's fee-reduction rulemaking is complete; or
2. Participate in the DACM and LIP programs until TCEQ's fee-reduction rulemaking is complete and the withdrawal becomes effective shortly after the rulemaking takes effect.

Given that inspection fees will be collected either way, the second option seems to be most beneficial for the short term. Commissioners Court's direction in this matter is requested and we will be available to answer any questions you might have.

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