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By Council Members Cornegy and Cabrera

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to reporting on air quality in subway stations

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subchapter 6 of chapter 1 of title 24 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 24-145.1 to read as follows:

§ 24-145.1 Subway air quality. a. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Regulated air contaminant. The term “regulated air contaminant” means oxides of nitrogen, volatile organic compounds, sulfur dioxide, particulate matter, carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons or any other air contaminant for which a national ambient air quality standard has been promulgated, or any air contaminant that is regulated under section 112 of the clean air act, as amended.

Subway station. The term “subway station” means an underground train station in the city under the jurisdiction of the metropolitan transportation authority, the port authority of New York and New Jersey or any of their subsidiaries.

b. The department shall test the air for regulated air contaminants in each subway station in the city on at least five days per year. The department shall also investigate the sources of such regulated air contaminants in consultation with any relevant federal, state and local agencies and authorities.

c. No later than one year after the effective date of the local law that added this section, and annually thereafter, the department shall submit to the mayor and the council a report on the air quality in subway

stations in the prior year. The department shall include in such annual report:

1. The results of the tests for regulated air contaminants in each subway station;
2. Any findings about the sources of such regulated air contaminants; and
3. Its recommendations for improving air quality in subway stations.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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