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## FROM THE FLEETS DESK

**Welcome to the fall and winter 2013 issue of "Fleets in Review."**

The purpose of this newsletter is to keep you informed of programs, training and changes taking place within Vehicle Emissions that may affect you.

### Did you know...?

You can also subscribe to this newsletter simply by following the link on our website: [https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/AZ-DEQ/subscriber/new?topic\\_id=AZDEQ\\_70](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/AZ-DEQ/subscriber/new?topic_id=AZDEQ_70)  
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The following forms can also be located on our website at:

<http://azdeq.gov/enviro/air/vei/index.html>

Scroll to the bottom of the page to "Fleets/Dealers Only".

[Analyzer Registration Application](#), [COI Order Form](#), [Fleet Agent Designation](#), [Fleet Application](#), [Government COI Order Form](#), [Inspector Employment Notification](#)

**Phoenix fleets:** It is worth another mention, since we have not reached everyone on this. Our hours for Friday walk-in certification and/or re-certification testing have changed and are now 8 a.m. through 1:30 p.m. Also Certificates of Inspection (COI's) and Government Entity Certificates of Inspection (GVCIOs) may only be purchased from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**Rumor has it...** Many of you have heard that we will be moving from the 600 North 40th Street location. Yes, eventually. This is a work in progress. There are many things that need to be worked out before that happens. We will continue to keep you posted on the progress. Please understand that we will make all possible provisions to alert you to changes for classes, buying Certificates of Inspection/Government Vehicle Certificates of Inspection or Director Certificates.

## MEET THE STAFF



Mark Yaple

We continue with the introductions of staff associated with this newsletter and the vehicle emissions fleet program.

In this edition of Fleets in Review, we would like to introduce Compliance Officer Mark Yaple. He is a member of the Inspection and Compliance Unit fleet

audit team. Mark joined the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality in July 2012. Mark received an Associates Degree in Automotive Technology from Universal Technical Institute in 2001 after four years of service to our country in the Air Force as a Military Policeman. He spent 12 years in the public sector as a Ford technician. His first automotive experience was in Fairbanks, Ak. Born at Luke Air Force Base, he chose to return to Arizona. He enjoys camping, hunting and fishing, and like most of us enjoys relaxing with his video games.

## The importance of having a copy of the fleet handbook at the inspection site:

*Please Read!*

The fleet handbook is the guideline of Arizona law and rule that pertains to the emissions inspection procedures, inspection standards, and proper procedures for completion of documents. As changes in law or rule occur, the handbook is updated to include those changes. It is important to check for the most updated revision so that the fleet is continually on the cutting edge when it comes to vehicle emission inspections at the facility. This will also prevent errors that might occur.

The most current handbook can be found on our website at the following link: <http://azdeq.gov/function/forms/docs.html#other>

## Q & A

*In this column, training and waiver staff will deal with recurring questions about emissions related problems and their solutions.*

*We encourage you to submit your queries to VEI, and we will respond directly (602-771-3950, ask for a technician). Or you may submit your questions by email to training staff. Angelina Tautimer Koval [at2@azdeq.gov](mailto:at2@azdeq.gov), Alex Studham [acs@azdeq.gov](mailto:acs@azdeq.gov) and Adrion Osborne [alo@azdeq.gov](mailto:alo@azdeq.gov). Questions of a common nature may also be addressed here.*

**Q: We are a dealer fleet performing an idle and 2500 rpm test on used vehicles offered for resale before delivery. However lately we are experiencing problems/complaints from customers several months after the purchase of their vehicle when they submit the vehicle for a state station emission inspection. The complaint is normally that the vehicle record is locked and they are rejected from the inspection. Why is this happening?**

**A:** While all vehicles receive an idle/2500

rpm inspection at a dealer fleet station prior to delivery, all 1996 and newer vehicles are required to undergo the On-Board Diagnostic (OBD) test at the state inspection station.

We are currently working on a solution for rejected, not-ready vehicles. We will publish the solution in our next fleets in review.

We thank you and appreciate your patience during the creation and implementation phases for the solution.

**Q: Some of our new diesels have a screened cover on the exhaust stack. How do we perform the J1667 Snap test on these trucks?**

**A:** We have seen several configurations of screened exhaust stacks on the newer diesel trucks. Some are removable (attached with a screw) and some are actually welded on.

On the "bolt on" style exhaust covers, it is advisable to remove the screen so that you may insert your opacity meter into the stack as you would on open stack systems.

On the "weld on" style exhaust covers, you do not have that option. These may require a person actually holding and maintaining the opacity meter in front of the screened area and a second person in the driver's seat performing the snaps, in order to perform the emission test.

On the following page are examples of each type of exhaust stack covers.

**Q: When filling out the Fleet Vehicle Inspection Report/Monthly Summary (FVIR/MS), is it really necessary to put "N/A" in the boxes that DO NOT pertain to the inspection that I am performing or can I just put a dash or checkmark?**

**A:** Yes, it is absolutely necessary to complete the Fleet Vehicle Inspection Report/Monthly Summary (FVIR/MS) according to the instructions in your handbook. A compliance officer reviews the FVIR/MS for proper completion and accuracy. It is important for the fleet

inspector to identify the vehicle properly on the FVIR/MS in order to determine what emissions control equipment is required for that specific vehicle. When a component or inspection process is non-applicable to a vehicle it can be easily identified on the FVIR/MS as N/A. The compliance officer is required to audit all inspectors where incorrect or missing information is found. Please note that there are box by box instructions in your handbook to assist you.

**Q: When performing an emissions inspection on a heavy-duty diesel vehicle with dual stacks, which stack do I check, or do I have to check both?**

**A:** The answer to this question can be found in the Government/Fleet Shop Handbook on page 15 (2) (c) which reads:

If the vehicle is equipped with **multiple exhaust pipes**, visually compare the smoke levels and determine which **has the highest visual opacity**. Once determined, **perform the test on only that pipe**.



*This cover is bolted on and removable.*



*This cover is welded on and not removable.*

## CONGRATULATIONS!



*Jerrold S. Switter*

### **Area "A"**

Jerrold S. Switter, Fleet Agent and Inspector for Kyrene Unified School District # 28. On behalf of his fleet he has shown excellence in continued compliance with fleet emissions inspection requirements.

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# 2013 & 2014 EMISSIONS CLASS SCHEDULE

## NOVEMBER 2013

FLEET	DATES
Gov/Fleet "CFD/CF" Licensing	5-7
Tucson-All Licensing Class	None
WALK-IN TESTING	1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Holiday Closure	11 & 28

## DECEMBER 2013

FLEET	DATES
Gov/Fleet "CFD/CF" Licensing	3-5
Tucson-All Licensing Class	10-11
WALK-IN TESTING	6, 13, 20, 27
Holiday Closure	25

## JANUARY

FLEET	DATES
Gov/Fleet "CFD/CF" Licensing	7-9
Dealer	14-15
Tucson-All Licensing Class	None
WALK-IN TESTING	3, 10, 27, 24, 31
Holiday Closure	1

## FEBRUARY

FLEET	DATES
Gov/Fleet "CFD/CF" Licensing	4-6
Dealer	11-12
Tucson-All Licensing Class	None
WALK-IN TESTING	7, 14, 21, 28
Holiday Closure	17

## MARCH

FLEET	DATES
Gov/Fleet "CFD/CF" Licensing	4-6
Dealer	11-12
Tucson-All Licensing Class	18-19
WALK-IN TESTING	7, 14, 21, 28
Holiday Closure	17

## APRIL

FLEET	DATES
Gov/Fleet "CFD/CF" Licensing	8-10
Dealer	22-23
Tucson-All Licensing Class	None
WALK-IN TESTING	4, 11, 18, 25

### NOTE:

If attending the Wednesday-Thursday class for "FD" the start time for Wednesday class is approximately 9 a.m.