

A Newsletter for Fleet Emissions Inspection Facilities and Inspectors

Welcome to the spring 2014 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.

For Your Information as of July 1st ...

In the Maricopa County emissions area all waiver and referee actions will be conducted at two state stations in Phoenix; M03 located at 10210 North 23rd Ave. and M06 located at 4949 E. Madison Street. 600 N. 40th Street will no longer be conducting any inspections for waiver or referee action.

In the Pima County emissions area all waiver and referee actions will be conducted at State Station P02, located at 3931 N. Business Center Drive in Tucson. The 4040 East 29th Street location will no longer be conducting inspections for waiver or referee action.

All other services such as purchases of certificates of inspection will remain at the usual locations until further notice

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) and Government Entity Certificates of Inspection (GVCOI) may only be purchased from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Did You Know?

Everyone's e-mail address will be subscribed to the newsletter, as part of our effort to keep you informed. You can also subscribe to this newsletter simply by following the link on our website: https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/AZDEQ/subscriber/new?topic_id=AZDEQ_70

You can also forward the above newsletter link to your co-workers.

Rumor has it ...

Many of you have heard that we will be moving from the 600 N. 40th Street location. It's true. This is a work in progress. There is nothing new to report at this time. Please check the next issue of the "Fleets in Review."

MEET THE STAFF



Compliance Officer Johnny Doetzer

We would like to introduce Compliance Officer Johnny Doetzer, a valued member of the Inspection and Compliance Unit fleet audit team. He comes to ADEQ with 30 years of automotive technician experience. Johnny spent 25 of those years as a licensed emissions inspector working for various fleets in the Valley. Johnny received an Associate's Degree in Applied Science from Glendale Community College as well as his Associates Degree from Universal Technical Institute. Johnny served in the Navy for six years. He has been in Arizona since the age of seven so he almost qualifies as a native! Johnny enjoys life to the fullest, riding his motorcycle and boating in our local rivers and lakes.

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 at at2@azdeq.gov or ICU Manager Adrion Osborne at alo@azdeq.gov. Questions of a common nature may also be addressed here.

Q: *Our facility has recently begun electronic storage of all paper documents. I know that we are required to keep the Original (white copy) of the Fleet Vehicle Inspection Report/ Monthly Summary (FVIR/MS) and the pink copy of the Certificate of Inspection (COI) on file at our facility for two years from the date of the inspection. Can we make an electronic copy of all documents and make those available during and audit?*

A: Unfortunately, no. Arizona Administrative Code specifically states that the "originals" must be saved for two years from the date of the inspection.

Q: *Our dealership recently accepted a trade-in vehicle that had received a Waiver a couple years before. Isn't the vehicle owner required to notify the buyer that the vehicle has received its' "Once in a Lifetime Vehicle Waiver"?*

A: Yes, a vehicle owner is required to notify a buyer that the vehicle has received a waiver. However many people believe that only applies to private sales and not as part of a trade-in deal.

A dealership, as well as the general public, has access online to the vehicle emissions history at myazcar.com. Click on the following web address for the direct link: <http://65.82.88.75/myazcar/histinq.exe/muinput>. If there are any questions as to the status of the vehicle, please contact us.

Q: *We recently sold a vehicle which had been inspected at our facility under our permit, therefore it received an Idle/2500 Unloaded Test. Five months after the sale when the customer tried to have the vehicle emissions inspected at a state station for re-registration they received a document stating "OBD EXCESSIVE UNREADINESS." The customer returned to our dealership extremely upset thinking that we had sold them a failing vehicle. Why did this happen?*

A: All 1996 and newer, light-duty vehicles (GVWR 8500 and less) inspected at a state station receive an OBD test. The test consists of the following steps:

1. A visual check of the Malfunction Indicator Light (MIL). The light must go "ON" in the Key "On" Engine "Off" position.
2. A visual check that the MIL is operating correctly. The light must go "OFF" in the Key "On" engine running position.
3. A scanner is connected to the Data Link Connector "DLC" (Generic Mode Only) and the vehicle is checked



From left, Adrion Osborne-ICU Manager, Alex Studham-Training Specialist/Retiree, and Jim Gass-Waiver Lane Manager.

Farewell, Alex!



On Jan. 28, 2013, Alex Studham was presented with the Governor's plaque for years of service, and a framed letter of thanks from ADEQ Director Henry Darwin. Alex worked for 23 years instructing fleet inspector's and repair facility technicians in the cause and repair of vehicle emissions on computerized vehicles.

He was certified in digital electronics

by DeVry Institute of Technology. Alex thoroughly enjoyed his days in the classroom with so many of you through the years. He will be missed by his co-workers and friends. Happy Retirement!

A Special Thanks to the General Motors GM Service Managers Association

In February, Inspection and Compliance Unit (ICU) Manager, Adrion Osborne and Training Specialist, Angelina Tautimer Koval were invited to speak at The GM Service Managers Association monthly meeting. We would like to thank you for allowing the time to answer your questions and address your concerns on the emissions inspection program.

Keep in mind that we are willing and available to speak at meetings, rallies, and gatherings with advance planning. Please contact Adrion at (602) 771-3959 or alo@azdeq.gov or Angie at (602) 771-3965 or at2@azdeq.gov.

to see if the MIL is commanded "On" in the data stream. The MIL must display as commanded "Off".

4. The vehicle is then checked for the appropriate number of readiness monitors to be set to ready/complete. 1996 through 2000 model year vehicles are allowed two unset readiness monitors. 2001 and newer model year vehicles are allowed one or less unset readiness monitors.

The readiness monitors are very confusing to the average customer. Many people do not understand the "Drive Cycle(s)" that must be performed in order to set the readiness monitors to ready. Many more customers do not understand that for every time they disconnect the battery to clear the check engine light, they are starting all over again at trying to set the readiness monitors to ready/complete. Some vehicle owners become discouraged or run out of permits to continue driving the vehicle.

This is where the dealership comes into the picture. The customer now trades the vehicle in to the dealership after making two or three and sometimes more attempts at passing the emissions test; to no avail.

The State Station will "Lock Out"/"Reject" a vehicle after two attempts with readiness monitors not completed. Once the record is "Locked Out," the customer must have the status of the readiness verified by a shop or by our facility (Waiver Office), in order to "Unlock" the record.

If the customer returns the vehicle a third time to a state station before the above mentioned process, the document stating "OBD EXCESSIVE UNREADINESS" will be presented to him or her, and the vehicle will NOT be tested.

The dealership now gets the vehicle as a trade-in, but the record remains locked. The dealership (Fleet Station) does its test on the vehicle and sells it to the next customer, but the record is still "Locked."

How to avoid "OBD EXCESSIVE UNREADINESS"

Check the emissions history of the vehicle at <http://65.82.88.75/myazcar/histinq.exe/muinput>; if it shows two REJECTs in the history, call our office to unlock the vehicle. Now when your new customer takes that vehicle to have an emissions inspection, there should be no panic.

CONGRATULATIONS!

300/400/500 Club Members

July 2013

Lawrence C. Boltz
(second time)

December 2013

Eugene Mueller

September 2013

Benjamin M. Woodworth

February 2014

Matthew Million

CONGRATULATIONS!

Area "A"



Hani J. Shatila

Hani J. Shatila, Fleet Agent and Inspector for JD Byrider-Chandler. On behalf of his fleet he has shown excellence in continued compliance with fleet emissions inspection requirements.

Area "B"



Ron Olson-Jim Click Ford/Lincoln/Mercury of Green Valley-not pictured
Tim Strong, Brian Woodworth

Ron Olson, Tim Strong, and Brian Woodworth, Fleet Agent and Inspectors for Jim Click Ford Lincoln Mercury of Green Valley; Fleet #074B. On behalf of their fleet; they have shown excellence in continued compliance with fleet emissions inspection requirements.

2014 EMISSIONS CLASS SCHEDULE

APRIL

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

MAY

FLEET	DATES
Gov/Fleet "CFD/CF" Licensing	6-8
Dealer	20-21
Tucson-All Licensing Class	None
WALK-IN TESTING	2,9,16,23,30
HOLIDAY CLOSURE	26

JUNE

FLEET	DATES
Gov/Fleet "CFD/CF" Licensing	3-5
Dealer	10-11
Tucson-All Licensing Class	24-25
WALK-IN TESTING	6,13,20,27

JULY

FLEET	DATES
Gov/Fleet "CFD/CF" Licensing	8-10
Dealer	22-23
Tucson-All Licensing Class	None
WALK-IN TESTING	3,11,18,25
HOLIDAY CLOSURE	4

NOTE:

If attending the Wednesday-Thursday class for "FD" the start time for Wednesday class has now changed to 8 a.m.



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