



A Newsletter for Fleet Emissions Inspection Facilities and Inspectors

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Editorial Desk:

Welcome to the Winter 2009 issue of "Fleets in Review." In this issue we continue the ongoing review of the rules governing the Vehicle Emissions Program.

Remember there are some annual updates you need to be aware of as the new year approaches. In 2010 you must inspect all 2005 and older vehicles and all 2007 and older alternative-fuel vehicles. Vehicles newer than 2007 are exempt from mandatory testing. Any vehicle can be tested for warranty purposes.

A reminder from last issue: With the threat of the H1N1 virus, training staff would very much appreciate if anyone is feeling sick to not come to class, but reschedule. The surest way to deal with the threat is to stay alert and proactive. Thanks for your cooperation.

Walk-in testing (normally on Friday) will be on Thursday December, 24 and 31, 2009, because Christmas and New Year's Day fall on Friday. This will affect those of you whose license expires in December or January, and don't wish to take the certification class.

Previous issues of "Fleets in Review" are available online at www.vei.azdeq.gov. Scroll down to "Vehicle Fleets/Newsletters."

*The staff at the
Vehicle Emissions Inspection office
would like to wish everyone a
happy and safe New Year.*

The Rules Corner:

A continuing discussion of the rules governing vehicle emissions inspections. How do we get these rules in the first place? Who enforces them? Who must follow them? We hope to answer these and other questions about the Arizona Administrative Code (AAC) in this column. Readers may look at the rules online or purchase a copy of them by going to the Secretary of State Web site: www.azsos.gov.

In this issue we will continue our study, beginning with R18-2-1011.

R18-2-1011. Vehicle Inspection Report

- A. This rule details the information that must be included in the VIR. Information includes: necessary description of the vehicle, type of test, and results of each part of the test. Additionally, if there is a re-test previous test information and cost of repairs performed are to be included.
- B. A vehicle that fails the initial inspection must receive the following additional information: diagnostic and tampering information, and applicable repair cost limits.
- C. The VIR shall contain a section that is removable that can be used as compliance certificate or waiver certificate. It must include the following information: license plate, VIN, test result, serial number. of the test report, date of this and initial inspection, vehicle make and model, and test fee.
- D. The certificate portion may be submitted to MVD for registration (or MVD may obtain the information electronically from the inspection contractor).

R18-2-1012. Inspection Procedures and Fee

- A. A vehicle to be inspected must be accompanied by a document such as a registration renewal notice, certificate of title, etc. which appropriately identifies the vehicle.
- B. If the vehicle is identified by a previous VIR, it shall be retained by the inspector.

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- C. Test fees shall be specified in the contract between the State of Arizona and the inspection contractor, according to ARS § 49-543.
- D. Each subsequent inspection shall be provided as per the initial or re-test; fees shall be paid for each initial or alternate re-test following a free re-test as provided in R18-2-1013.
- E. Inspection inspectors shall not recommend repairs or repair facilities.

R18-2-1013. Reinspections

- A. A vehicle that fails an initial or a paid re-inspection shall be entitled to one re-inspection at no additional charge, if:
 - 1. The vehicle is submitted for re-inspection within 60 days of the previous inspection, with the VIR from the previous inspection.
 - 2. Appropriate repairs have been made.
 - 3. The VIR from the previous test includes the following information: repairs made, cost of emissions related repairs, identification of the repair facility, signature of the person certifying the repairs, date and certification number of technician, if applicable.
- B. Retest must include any portion of the test that was failed previously, and portions that might be made to fail by inaccurate repair. Evaporative system failures shall trigger a full emissions test.
- C. Vehicle failing a re-inspection shall be provided a new VIR and re-inspection failure supplement.

R18-2-1014. Repealed

(this rule has been repealed by legislation)

R18-2-1015. Repealed

(this rule has been repealed by legislation)

R18-2-1016. Licensing of Inspectors

- A. The requirements for certifying a vehicle emissions inspector include passing a written exam with a score of 80 percent or more, in the following areas.
 - 1. For non-diesel fleet inspectors: inspection equipment, types of emission failures, corrective procedures for HC, CO, (and NOx in area A), fuel system adjustment, computer control systems, and fleet station regulations.
 - 2. For diesel fleet inspectors: inspection equipment, corrective procedures for excessive opacity, fuel injection system adjustment, tools and procedures for proper (manufacturer's

specification) adjustment of fuel delivery systems, computer control systems, and fleet station regulations.

- 3. For state station inspectors: air pollution causes and effects, program goals, state regulations, test procedures, emission control devices, test equipment, driving proficiency (for transient testing), quality control, public relations, and safety.
- 4. All inspectors shall demonstrate the ability to conduct a proper inspection. (This is normally demonstrated during audit visits, rather than in classroom). Failing an audit shall result in suspension of license. A suspended licensee shall demonstrate proper ability within 30 days or be subject to license revocation.
- B. An applicant who fails the written exam shall be required to take the State training class.
- C. Details the information required on a license application.
- D. Completed applications shall be submitted to ADEQ.
- E. Licenses are renewed annually. An expired license shall prohibit the inspector from performing inspections.
- F. Renewal applications shall be submitted within 30 days prior to expiration.
- G. The department may suspend, revoke or refuse to renew a license for cause (Arizona Revised Statutes, Title 49, Chapter 3, Article 5).
- H. Inspectors must notify the department of any change in employment within seven days. Include license number, name, declaration of the change and the effective date.
- I. License numbers shall be unique and non-transferable.

R18-2-1017. Inspection of Government Vehicles

- A. Inspection of government vehicles shall be conducted: at a government fleet facility, or, at a state inspection station.
- B. Government vehicles (with certain federal exceptions) shall be inspected according to this Article and carry a Government Vehicle Certificate of Inspection.
 - 1. The inspector shall follow the specified procedure for completing the VIR, certificate sticker and use stickers serially.

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Apache Motorcycles is located at 36th Avenue and Camelback in Phoenix. Randall Hyde (left) is the inspector and next to him is Apache owner Robert Hunsaker. Congratulations for excellent compliance with Vehicle Emissions Inspection regulations.

2. With specified exceptions, the sticker shall be affixed to the lower left side of the rear window.
 3. Motorcycles shall have sticker affixed to lower left corner of the windscreen, or to the front fork (if necessary).
- C. Certificates (stickers) shall be available only from ADEQ and sold to government fleet entities in lots of 25 stickers.
- D. Certificates (stickers) shall be designed, issued, and administered by ADEQ to ensure compliance with this Article.
- E. Government fleets shall inspect vehicles in accordance with R18-2-1019, except that only government certificates (stickers) shall be used.
- F. Government entity fleets are required to submit to ADEQ a statement of compliance quarterly.

Questions & Answers:

In this column staff will deal with recurring questions about emissions related problems and their solutions. We encourage you to submit your queries to VEI at (602) 771-3950 and ask for a technician. Questions of a common nature will also be addressed here.

Question: Why must I renew my inspector license each year?

Answer: By law, inspector licenses must be renewed annually. As a matter of practicality, renewals allow us to better track people who have

moved, retired, or otherwise become lost to us. And, it allows you to be updated on changes in rules and procedures.

Question: Is it necessary to take the certification class every year?

Answer: Not necessarily. You may attend open testing, and only if you should fail the test for your license are you required to re-take the certification class.

Question: Our dealership has just taken on a line of diesel vehicles. Can I inspect them, as well as the gas powered vehicles?

Answer: Only those inspectors who are certified for diesel may inspect diesel vehicles. You may attend the diesel certification class, or challenge the diesel certification test in order to qualify for a diesel inspector license.

Question: I have been a licensed inspector for years, why do I have to be audited?

Answer: By law, licensed inspector performance audits are to be conducted at least twice annually. The overt audits are to determine the inspectors' ability to correctly perform the inspection and functions related to the inspections.

Question: When can I renew my license?

Answer: A licensed inspector can renew his/her license within 30 calendar days of expiration date.

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2010 Emissions Class Schedule

JANUARY 2010	
Fleet	Dates
Gov/Fleet Shop "CFD" Licensing	5 - 7
Gov/Fleet Shop "CF" Licensing	5 - 6
Gov/Fleet Shop "FD" Licensing	*6 - 7
Dealer "CF" Licensing	12 - 13

MARCH 2010	
Fleet	Dates
Gov/Fleet Shop "CFD" Licensing	2 - 4
Gov/Fleet Shop "CF" Licensing	2 - 3
Gov/Fleet Shop "FD" Licensing	*3 - 4
Dealer "CF" Licensing	9 - 10

FEBRUARY 2010	
Fleet	Dates
Gov/Fleet Shop "CFD" Licensing	2 - 4
Gov/Fleet Shop "CF" Licensing	2 - 3
Gov/Fleet Shop "FD" Licensing	*3 - 4
Dealer "CF" Licensing	9 - 10

APRIL 2010	
Fleet	Dates
Gov/Fleet Shop "CFD" Licensing	6 - 8
Gov/Fleet Shop "CF" Licensing	6 - 7
Gov/Fleet Shop "FD" Licensing	*7 - 8
Dealer "CF" Licensing	13 - 14

* - Strongly Recommended/Optional attendance for "FD" Licensing

* Note: If attending the Wednesday Thursday class for "FD" start time for Wednesday class is 10 AM