

## A Newsletter for Fleet Emissions Inspection Facilities and Inspectors

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### Editorial Desk

Welcome to the winter 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 Inspections that affect you.

Tucson fleets: Classes are held quarterly. See the calendar in this issue.

Motorcycles: As reported below, in May of 2013 testing of motorcycles in the Phoenix program area will cease. After much waiting and correspondence with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, approval to terminate the testing of motorcycles in either Arizona program area has been granted.

### Meet the Staff: John Wise

We continue with the introductions of staff associated with this newsletter and the vehicle emissions fleet program. This time we introduce Contract Officer John Wise. John has worked for the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality Vehicle Emissions Inspection Section since 2004. John has 30 years experience in the automotive repair field and is an ASE Master technician. He started here as a compliance officer and a relied upon member of the Inspection and Compliance fleet audit team. John was responsible for auditing permitted fleets for compliance with emissions inspection requirements.

With eight years as compliance officer John recently was promoted to contract officer. His new duties are to oversee the emissions testing contract, to ensure that emission testing at state stations is being conducted in accordance with the laws and contract governing the state emissions testing program. John is also a prior military service member who served in the U. S. Air Force for eight years. Thank you, John, for your service to our country.

### Motorcycle Testing Ends

Many of you have been asking if we would stop requiring motorcycle testing in the metro Phoenix program area. As recently as this past summer, we were not anticipating that the EPA would approve Arizona's request to terminate motorcycle testing. Arizona submitted documentation demonstrating to EPA that the testing of Phoenix area motorcycles was not necessary on Nov. 10, 2010. We were informed that EPA would approve this change in spring of 2013. That time is here.

On Feb. 4, 2013, EPA approved Arizona's plan, which will result in the termination of motorcycle testing in Arizona. Testing in the Tucson metro area ended several years ago (April 2007). The exact date that motorcycles will become exempt from testing has not been determined. Once posted in the Federal Register, the legislation becomes effective 60 days later, which will likely be early May.

## Proper Completion of Monthly Summary

The Fleet Vehicle Inspection Report/Monthly Summary (FVIR/MS) form must be completed with the inspection of each vehicle tested at the time of testing. The procedure is well documented in the Fleet Inspector's Handbook. Nevertheless, more and more summaries are submitted with incomplete or inaccurate information. While the Certificate of Inspection is the document that shows an inspection has been done, the FVIR/MS is the actual inspection history and verification of compliance. It must be completed accurately and at the time of actual inspection.

Each Summary sheet has space for 10 vehicle inspections and each inspection must include all required information in order to be valid. The first line of each vehicle inspection record identifies the vehicle and includes the inspector signature. The second line of the vehicle record identifies the instrument used for the inspection (by assigned equipment number) as well as the readings, presence of applicable equipment and the license number of the inspector. Each box must contain an appropriate entry.

It may appear that certain boxes (like the OBD sequence boxes) may be left open if the vehicle is not receiving an OBD inspection. This is not the case. If the box is not applicable to the vehicle being inspected, it must be marked "N/A" (not applicable). When an inspection is completed and signed, the record must be complete, or the inspection is not complete.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

**Earnhardt Honda for excellence in continued compliance with fleet emissions inspection requirements.**



*Pictured are fleet inspector Mitchell Howitt, (left) and fleet agent/inspector Brian McCutcheon.*

## Questions & Answers

*In this column, staff will answer 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 or e-mail Adrion Osborne at osborne.adrion@azdeq.gov. Questions of a common nature will also be addressed here.*

**Question:** Where is the liquid fuel leak test supposed to be recorded on the FVIR/MS?

**Answer:** Current non-diesel monthly summary sheets (which should be in use by all fleets) include a box for the liquid leak test. It is the last box before the inspector license number. The box is marked "L.L."

**Question:** If a vehicle has no license plate, what should be recorded in the "Lic.Plates" box on the FVIR/MS?

**Answer:** It is appropriate to mark this box with "None" or with "N/A". However, using "N/A" it is less likely to confuse a vehicle with no plate with one having a specialty plate.

**Question:** When motorcycles are finally exempt from emissions testing, will there be any special requirements to register the bike?

**Answer:** We have been informed by MVD that it will take some time for them to revamp their software so that registration renewal forms will no longer show "Emissions Required" on motorcycle renewals. However, the renewal process should not be affected. MVD staff is on-board with the change and as soon as it is authorized, registrations will be permitted without proof of inspection. Likewise, motorcycles will not be required to be tested at emissions inspection stations.

**Question:** I was told that if a vehicle has a license plate it is not necessary to record the entire VIN on the FVIR/MS form. Is this correct?

**Answer:** No! As stated in the article above, all boxes of the vehicle inspection must be completed accurately. This includes the VIN. One very important reason for this is that the VIN defines the vehicle as manufactured which the license plate does not. If there were a question about the applicability of certain emissions equipment, the VIN would help to determine the correct equipment.

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# 2013 Emissions Class Schedule

FEBRUARY 2013	
Fleet	Dates
Gov/Fleet "CFD/CF" Licensing	5 - 7
Dealer	12 - 13
Tucson - All Licensing Class	None
WALK-IN TESTING	1, 8, 15, 22
Holiday Office Closed	18

MARCH 2013	
Fleet	Dates
Gov/Fleet "CFD/CF" Licensing	5 - 7
Dealer	12 - 13
Tucson-All Licensing Class	18 - 20
WALK-IN TESTING	1, 6, 15, 22, 29

APRIL 2013	
Fleet	Dates
Gov/Fleet "CFD/CF" Licensing	9 - 11
Dealer	23 - 24
Tucson-All Licensing Class	None
WALK-IN TESTING	5, 12, 19, 26

MAY 2013	
Fleet	Dates
Gov/Fleet "CFD/CF" Licensing	7 - 9
Dealer	21 - 22
Tucson - All Licensing Class	None
WALK-IN TESTING	3, 10, 17, 24, 31
Holiday Office Closed	27

JUNE 2013	
Fleet	Dates
Gov/Fleet "CFD/CF" Licensing	4 - 6
Dealer	11 - 12
Tucson-All Licensing Class	24 - 26
WALK-IN TESTING	7, 14, 21, 28

JULY 2013	
Fleet	Dates
Gov/Fleet "CFD/CF" Licensing	9 - 11
Dealer	23 - 24
Tucson-All Licensing Class	None
WALK-IN TESTING	5, 12, 19, 26
Holiday Office Closed	4

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

\* **NOTE:** If attending the Wednesday-Thursday class for "FD" the start time for Wednesday class is 10 a.m.



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