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ADEQ Director Owens Announces Plan To Open New Vehicle Emission Inspection Station in Apache Junction

PHOENIX - Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) Director Steve Owens announced today that ADEQ plans to open a new vehicle emissions inspection (VEI) station in Apache Junction to serve the rapidly growing Southeast Valley in January 2009 when the department's new contract with Gordon-Darby, Inc. goes into effect.

"This new station will make it easier and more convenient for those who live and work in east Mesa and Apache Junction and other parts of the Southeast Valley to get their cars inspected," Director Owens said. "In addition to being conveniently located, the station will have shorter wait times as well as programmable signs with updated information on wait times."

The new, three-lane inspection station will be located just north of Baseline Road between Idaho Road and Tomahawk Road, about one mile south of U.S. 60. It is expected to handle 80,000 inspections annually.

Each inspection lane will have the capability to perform all types of emissions inspections including two on-board diagnostic (OBD) inspections simultaneously. The station will be able to quickly and efficiently inspect both conventional- and OBD-equipped vehicles.

Owens said that ADEQ included a requirement that an additional VEI station be built in the Southeast Valley when the VEI contract was sent out for bids earlier this year.

"We want to make sure that people in the Southeast Valley get the service they need and deserve," Owens said.

For more information on ADEQ's VEI program, including locations of all inspection stations and wait-time updates, please visit our Web page: <http://www.myazcar.com/>.