ADEQ Director Owens Announces More Green Auto Shops

PHOENIX (Oct. 28, 2008) -- Arizona Department of Environmental Quality Director Steve Owens today announced that three more auto shops have joined ADEQ’s Green Automotive Shops program, which recognizes and encourages environmentally friendly practices at automotive repair facilities throughout the state.

The new members are:

- Buck’s Automotive Service Center, 4360 N. First Ave., Tucson
- Brake Max #3, 10529 N. Oracle Road, Tucson
- Hickey Automotive, Inc., 250 W. Calle de las Tiendas, Green Valley

With the new additions, there are now 30 facilities participating in the ADEQ Green Automotive Shops program.

“The Green Automotive Shops program is part of our Arizona Green Business initiative, which recognizes businesses for going above and beyond the minimum requirements of the law and being good environmental stewards,” said ADEQ Director Owens. “The Green Automotive Shops program has been a terrific success. Not only are these repair shops doing the right thing to help protect the environment, this is also a great way for these shops to set themselves apart from other repair facilities.”

The repair facilities participating in ADEQ’s Green Automotive Shops program are taking a number of important steps to minimize the environmental impact of their activities, such as eliminating or reducing hazardous waste going to landfills and diverting potentially contaminated water from unprotected storm drains and waterways. They also examine their front-office processes, parts-management programs, housekeeping, parts cleaning and degreasing, fluid recycling and energy-use policies to reduce or prevent pollution.

The innovative Green Automotive Shops program is a public-private partnership that ADEQ is conducting with AAA Arizona and the Automotive Service Association of Arizona. The City of Mesa also participates. "Green Shops" set high standards for pollution prevention and resource conservation and follow procedures designed to minimize waste generation.

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“We are extremely proud to see three more AAA Approved Auto Repair facilities added to Arizona’s growing list of Green Shops,” said Don Nunnari, vice president of membership products and services for AAA Arizona. “These shops deserve recognition for taking such a proactive approach toward creating a safer work environment for their staff, protecting the environment and serving as a model for other businesses to follow.”

Automotive facilities that receive the Arizona Green Business certification can display a sign with the Green Business logo, showing customers that they are doing their part to protect the environment. More information on Green Shops is available on ADEQ’s Web site at http://www.azdeq.gov/function/about/greenauto.html.

**Green Auto Shops in Arizona**

**Phoenix Area**
Desert Car Care Center, 95 N. Dobson Road, Chandler
AAA Auto Repair, 4126 E. Valley Auto Drive, Mesa
AAA Arizona Peoria Shop, 7422 W. Thunderbird Road, Peoria
25th St. Automotive, 4112 N. 25th St., Phoenix
Hi-Tech Car Care, 2924 E. Thomas Road, Phoenix
Kelly Clark Automotive Specialists, 4101 E. Bell Road, Phoenix
Tony's Service Center, 5352 N. 16th St., Phoenix
Airpark Auto Service, 8115 E. Raintree Drive, Scottsdale

**Tucson**
AAstro Transmission, 8150 E. 22nd St.
AAstro Transmission, 4443 W. Ina Road.
AAstro Transmission, 5302 E. Speedway Road.
Arizona Car Care Centers, 4195 W. Ina Road.
Arizona Car Care Centers, 7970 Golf Links Road.
Borst Automotive, 1255 South Swan Road.
Brake Max #3, 10529 N. Oracle Road.
Brake Max #4, 6560 N. Thornydale Road.
Brake Max #9, 7613 N. Oracle Road.
Brake Max #11, 7525 S. Houghton Road.
Buck’s Automotive Service Center, 4360 N. First Ave.
Firestone Complete Auto Care, 290 Wetmore Road.
Firestone Complete Auto Care, 2430 N. 1st Ave.
Firestone Complete Auto Care, 3710 W. Ina Road.
Firestone Complete Auto Care, 3501 E. Broadway Road.
Firestone Complete Auto Care, 7950 E. Speedway Blvd.
Hardin Brothers Automotive, Inc., 16255 N. Oracle Road.
Integrity Automotive, Inc., 6621 N. Thornydale Road.
Milex Auto Service Centers, 6911 E. Broadway Road.

**Rural Arizona**
Hansen Enterprises Fleet Repair, 4682 Old Highway 279, Camp Verde
Hickey Automotive, 250 W. Calle de las Tiendas, Green Valley
Canyon Automotive Repair & Service, 2025 Yavapai Drive, Sedona