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ADEQ's Green Auto Shop Program Increases to More than 50 Members as Five More Tucson Vehicle Repair Shops Join

PHOENIX (Aug. 4, 2009) – The number of members of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality's Green Business Automotive Program passed the 50 mark today as five more Tucson auto shops pledged that they would have environmentally friendly car repair practices.

The addition of Econo Lube N Tube, 8040 N. Oracle Road; Budget Auto Service Center, 2770 N. Oracle Road; Brake Max #1, 4545 N. First Ave.; Brake Max #6, 2756 S. Kolb Road; and Brake Max #8, 3245 N. Swan Road brings to 51 the number of participants in the statewide program.

The innovative green auto shops program is a public-private partnership that began in 2005 when ADEQ linked up with Automobile Association of America-Arizona (AAA). The program now includes the Automotive Service Association of Arizona and City of Mesa.

“We congratulate these five new members in Tucson for their commitment to clean and green. We now have more than 50 auto repair shops in Arizona participating in the Green Auto Shop program, which is going to continue to broaden and upgrade throughout the state as more shops become environmental stewards,” said ADEQ Director Benjamin H. Grumbles.

The participating green auto shops have found ways to protect the environment and conserve resources through better front-office waste disposal practices, parts management programs, housekeeping, parts cleaning and degreasing, fluid recycling and energy use policies to reduce pollution.

The shops use low-pollution or water-based solvents for cleaning, recycle waste fluids and oil whenever possible, practice spill prevention and save energy with more efficient lighting. They also conserve water by using dry-floor cleanup procedures, maintaining plumbing and installing low-water use fixtures.

More information on the green shops is available on ADEQ's web site at:
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