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ADEQ's Green Auto Shop Program Increases to 65 Members as 14 More Valley and Tucson Vehicle Repair Shops Join

PHOENIX – (Aug. 17, 2010) – The number of members of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality's Green Business Automotive Program reached 65 today as nine more Valley auto-repair shops and five more Tucson shops pledged that they would have environmentally friendly car repair practices.

The new Phoenix member auto-repair shops are: AAA Auto Repair, 1050 E. Camelback Road; Firestone Complete Auto Care at 2858 W. Peoria Ave. and 5125 W. Southern Ave.; and Larry Harker's Auto Repair, 3845 W. Indian School Road.

Other new Valley members are Tobias Automotive Specialists, 6022 E. Cave Creek Road in Cave Creek; and Firestone Complete Auto Care, 70 E. Guadalupe Road in Gilbert, 6707 E. Main Street in Mesa, 17038 W. Bell Road in Surprise and 9970 W. Lower Buckeye Road in Tolleson.

The Tucson auto-repair shops are Jimmy's Broadway Automotive Service, 2448 E. Broadway Blvd.; One Stop Automotive, 1545 S. Craycroft Road; Integrity Automotive Corp., 4455 W. Ina Road; Pima Community College -- Automotive, 1255 N. Stone Ave.; and Tucson Mountain Motors, 3045 S. Kinney Road.

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 14 new members in the Valley and Tucson for their commitment to clean and green. We now have 65 auto repair shops in Arizona participating in the Green Auto Shop program, which is going to continue to grow throughout the state as more shops become recognized 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.

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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:

<http://www.azdeq.gov/function/programs/greenauto/index.html>

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