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First "Green Station" Recognized

Shop owner looks to improve the environment and his bottom line

Nick Papageorges III, owner of Saddleback Cars in Mission Viejo, heard about the Green Station Recognition Program from representatives of his local Automotive Service Council chapter. After researching the program on BAR's Web site, Papageorges decided that this recognition would fit well into his current business plan.

The Green Station Recognition Program, which is promoted by both BAR and the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), is designed to recognize automotive repair shops and Smog Check stations that engage in environmentally friendly practices as part of their normal business. These practices range from recycling used oil and coolants to using aqueous parts cleaners instead of solvents. Participation in the program is voluntary and there are no fees to join.

Papageorges sees many potential benefits from participation in this hazardous waste reduction program. "I want my shop to be seen as an industry leader in its environmental

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Certificates are issued to all shops enrolled in the Green Station Recognition Program.

A Message from Sherry Mehl, BAR Chief

Fashioning a Smog Check Technician Licensing Program That Meets the Needs of the Marketplace



I often hear that the lifeblood of the Smog Check Program is the technician who tests and/or repairs vehicles. Yet, while much has changed since the implementation of the Smog Check Program in 1984, the "one size fits all" nature of licensing Smog Check technicians has not.

To better understand the trends and practices in the industry, BAR contracted with an independent consultant in late 2007. The consultant was tasked with, among other things, evaluating BAR's technician licensing and training programs and making recommendations for improvements. To assess the industry, the consultant reviewed historical data and gathered information through focus groups, interviews, and surveys of Smog Check instructors, recently licensed technicians, station owners, fleet supervisors, and experienced technicians.

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Air Resources Board Aftermarket Catalytic Converter Regulations

With the adoption of California Air Resources Board (ARB) regulations concerning aftermarket catalytic converters, Smog Check technicians have inquired how they should inspect and repair vehicles that fail an inspection due to a malfunctioning catalytic converter.

A key requirement of the regulations affects technician responsibility over any sublet work involving the installation of a catalytic converter. These regulations also add requirements for installers of catalytic converters and establish new labeling requirements.

Among other things, the regulations establish seven new requirements for installers of new aftermarket catalytic converters. While the installation of a catalyst is often performed by a muffler shop, the Bureau of Automotive Repair's (BAR) sublet rules still hold the licensed Smog Check station and technician responsible for the repair, including ARB's new catalytic converter requirements. In other words, the station that contracted with the consumer to perform the repairs and then sublets the installation of a catalytic converter must ensure the installer requirements are met.

The regulations also mandate that catalytic converters manufactured or installed on or after January 1, 2009 have an ARB Executive Order (EO) number affixed or stamped on the catalyst in an obvious location, in large format, and at least half-inch in height. This makes the verification process easier, and it is the same verification process used with all other aftermarket emissions parts.

ARB's regulations do not change the Smog Check inspection process. The catalytic converter remains a primary emissions control system that technicians must inspect during the visual inspection portion of the Smog Check inspection. As always, technicians must check that the catalytic converter is present and appears to be properly installed. This means that the installation must be in accordance with the vehicle manufacturer's original California or Federal certified configuration, or when applicable, in accordance with an ARB aftermarket configuration. If a technician finds a tampered condition (missing, modified or disconnected) the vehicle must fail the inspection.

For the purposes of a Smog Check inspection, the primary distinctions between catalytic converters installed before or after January 1, 2009 are as follows.

For aftermarket catalytic converters installed **on or after January 1, 2009**:

Technicians must verify that all installed aftermarket catalytic converters have an EO number and verify the correct catalytic converters are installed. If an EO number is not present and/or the wrong catalytic converter is installed, the vehicle shall fail the inspection. *(Note: Until further notice, it is not necessary to check specific vehicle application for non-OBDII equipped vehicles. In these cases, technicians must verify the catalytic converter(s) is equipped with an EO number and that the converter(s) appears to be properly installed. For OBDII equipped vehicles, technicians must check vehicle specific application).* To verify the application, technicians must check the ARB EO parts listings and/or part manufacturer catalogs.

For aftermarket catalytic converters installed **before January 1, 2009**:

As always, technicians must check that the catalytic converter(s) is present and appears to be properly installed. In cases where technicians find evidence of misapplication, they should check the CARB EO listing, the part manufacturer catalog, or any other reliable source to verify the correct converter is installed. If the wrong catalytic converter is installed, the vehicle shall fail inspection. All aftermarket catalytic converters require ARB EO exemption or approval. However, EO numbers were not stamped or affixed to aftermarket catalytic converters produced before January 1, 2009. Appendix G of the Smog Check Reference Guide provides catalyst identification information that technicians may use in verifying catalyst application.

Smog Check inspection procedures are contained in BAR's Smog Check Inspection Procedures Manual. The manual and guide, are available on BAR's Web site under the Industry tab www.smogcheck.ca.gov.



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practices, and I want to show my customers that Saddleback Cars is doing its part to reduce the toxic substances generated in the community,” says Papageorges. He is also promoting environmentally conscious ideas to his customers.

“The change in business practices necessary to be recognized as a Green Station were minor,” says Papageorges. “We added signage over sinks and drains, made a change in our mopping program, and simplified our cleaning chemicals,” he said. “The rest of the required practices were already in place at Saddleback Cars.”

Papageorges has been an automotive service professional since 1981, first as a technician, then service manager, and currently as a registered Automotive Repair Dealer. Because of his experience in the industry, he also sees the reduction of toxic substances outlined in the recognition program as an improvement to his technicians’ work environment. He recalls his early days as a technician “using the heavy duty chemicals for everything.” When the time comes to hire additional employees, Papageorges expects to attract higher quality technicians to his environmentally-friendly facility.

Through the adoption of the practices outlined in the Green Station Recognition Program, Papageorges would also like to improve the perception of the automotive industry. To that end, he has taken the time to download additional

information on the Green Station Recognition Program and has distributed them to other industry service providers in his area.

Applying to participate in the Green Station Recognition Program is easy. Simply obtain an application online at www.smogcheck.ca.gov/greenstationprogram. Next, complete the DTSC Model Shop Pollution Prevention Checklist, the “Summarize Your Environmental Benefits” form, and the P2 Opportunity Checklist. Provide a copy of your most recent hazardous material inspection report and an air district report. Mail all documents to DTSC. Upon approval, DTSC will notify BAR if your facility has been accepted into the program and will send the certificate, which you can post at your station. Your shop will also be recognized as a Green Station on BAR’s Web site.



Green Station owner Nick Papageorges III of Saddleback Cars in Mission Viejo

Smog Check for Diesel–Powered Vehicles

Testing to begin on January 1, 2010

Existing law requires model year 1998 and newer diesel-powered vehicles with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating of 13,999 pounds or less be incorporated into the Smog Check Program beginning January 2010.

Based on information gathered from a joint California Air Resources Board (ARB) and Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) study in 2008, recommended test procedures have been developed for diesel vehicles. The proposed test procedures will include a visual check of required emissions control devices, an On-Board Diagnostic check, and a visible smoke test.

Earlier this year, BAR held workshops in San Diego, Los Angeles, and Sacramento regarding the proposed inspection procedures. At the workshops, BAR gave an overview of the diesel inspection program and held an interactive demonstration that allowed participants to perform an inspection on several diesel-powered vehicles. The vehicles had been modified to replicate likely tamper conditions of diesel vehicles.

An issue identified during the workshops is the need to allow Smog Check stations to sublet the repairs of diesel failures to appropriate repair facilities. It was suggested that the sublet proposal for diesel repairs would be similar to existing regulations that allow the sublet of catalytic converter repairs to muffler shops.

Based on these workshops, BAR began drafting regulations on the proposed inspection procedures and other implementation issues related to diesel-powered vehicles. The regulatory process will include a public comment period, with regulatory hearings planned for later this year in Los Angeles and Sacramento. More details on these regulations will be sent to everyone on BAR’s interested parties mailing list and through Electronic Transmission blasts.

More information regarding the proposed inspection procedures for diesel-powered vehicles as well as other related information can be found on BAR’s Web site at www.smogcheck.ca.gov.



WE GET QUESTIONS...

BAR Registration and License Renewals

How often must I renew my license or registration?

Automotive Repair Dealers (ARD) and Smog Check stations must renew their registrations annually. The Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) will mail a renewal notice 90 days prior to the expiration date. Shop owners are responsible for renewing their registration prior to the renewal date in order to avoid delinquent fees.

Smog Check technicians must renew their license every two years. Renewal notices are mailed out 120 days prior to the expiration date. Smog Check technicians have continuing education requirements and must keep their certifications current prior to renewing their license.

Brake and Lamp Adjuster licenses expire every four years. Adjusters do not renew their license. Instead, they are required to re-submit an application and retake the test prior to their expiration date. Adjusters can submit their new license application six months prior to the expiration date.

What if I don't receive a renewal notice?

Submit a check or money order indicating renewal fees for your ARD or station license. Please include your ARD or station license number and mail the check or money order to the following address:

> **Department of Consumer Affairs**
Cashiering Unit
PO Box 989001
West Sacramento, CA 95798-9001

If you are a Smog Check technician and did not receive a renewal notice or you are unsure about your renewal date, you may call the BAR Licensing Unit at 916.255.3145 and one will be sent to you.

Please note: You cannot pay any licensing fees at BAR field offices.

What if I have changes to my business?

A change involving a name, address, or phone number can be documented on your renewal notice and/or check or money order. A change to a sole ownership or partnership or creating a new corporation number for the business requires a new application and payment of applicable fees. Applications can be obtained from BAR's Web site at www.smogcheck.ca.gov or by calling the Licensing Unit at 916.255.3145.

What if I do not renew by my expiration date?

It is important to submit your renewal fees in a timely manner to avoid any delinquent fees. If your renewal fees are postmarked after the license expiration date, you will be charged a delinquent fee for each license you are renewing. If the delinquent fee is not included with your renewal payment, the renewal process will be delayed until such fees are received.

If you own an ARD that is also a licensed Smog Check station and your renewal payment is not received prior to the expiration date, your Smog Check station will not be allowed to inspect, test, diagnose, or repair vehicles or issue certificates.

Smog Check technicians who do not renew their license prior to their expiration date will have their licenses suspended. Smog Check technicians who do not submit their renewals within one year of their expiration date will be required to re-take the examination.

What are the renewal and delinquent fees?

Renewal and delinquent fees are as follows:

License Type	Renewal Fee	Delinquent Fee
Automotive Repair Dealer	\$200.00	\$50.00
Smog Stations	\$100.00	\$50.00
Brake Stations	\$ 5.00	\$ 2.50
Lamp Stations	\$ 5.00	\$ 2.50
Technicians	\$ 20.00	none

Can I expedite my renewal?

No. Renewals are processed in the order they are received. BAR typically requires two weeks to process renewals from the time of receipt. Per the Business & Professions Code, a license remains valid between the date of receipt and processing provided it is submitted on or before expiration.

Can I overnight my payment?

You can overnight payments to the Department of Consumer Affairs Cashiering Unit, 1625 North Market Blvd., Suite S-100, Sacramento, CA 95834.



2008 Legislative Update

New legislation affects both consumers and licensees

Several legislative bills were signed into law in 2008 that impact the Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR), its licensees, and consumers. These bills took effect January 1, 2009.

Assembly Bill 619 (Emmerson, Chapter 420)

This bill requires the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to develop and administer a vehicle registration amnesty program for specially constructed vehicles that were previously registered or classified incorrectly. Under AB 619, these vehicles can now become correctly registered. The amnesty program will be in effect from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010. The DMV is required to grant amnesty to a vehicle owner if all of the specified conditions are met by December 31, 2010. Specially constructed passenger vehicles or trucks in the amnesty program will be assigned a model-year, based on the year in which the vehicle owner applies for amnesty, and must obtain a Smog Check.

Assembly Bill 2241 (Saldana, Chapter 451)

This bill imposes a fee of \$50 for issuance of a temporary operating permit when a Smog Check certificate of compliance is required as part of the vehicle registration

renewal process. If a vehicle has been approved to participate in the BAR Consumer Assistance Program (CAP) and the consumer qualifies based on income, the fee will be waived. A temporary permit will only be issued to a consumer if the vehicle failed its most recent Smog Check. A consumer will be issued only one permit within a two-year period. The temporary permit is valid for 60 days from the date of the expiration of registration or from the date the vehicle was removed from non-operation.

Assembly Bill 2423 (Bass, Chapter 675)

This bill authorizes the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) to grant a probationary license or registration to an applicant (subject to specified terms and conditions) who has been convicted of a crime. In addition, this bill requires DCA, when considering issuance of a probationary license or registration, to obtain proof of the dismissal of a conviction from the applicant, when applicable. The bill also authorizes the director to revoke, suspend, or deny a license or registration at any time, on any grounds for disciplinary action and requires BAR to provide a statement of reasons for the denial.

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The consultant's report found that to successfully repair vehicles that fail a Smog Check inspection, some technicians must have the ability to analyze the results of a test and determine the correct approach for diagnosing complex, integrated vehicle emissions control systems. Conversely, other technicians do not need such in-depth training or knowledge. They may only need specific training for conducting proper Smog Check inspections.

The consultant's conclusion was clear: California's system for training and licensing Smog Check technicians needs to evolve to reflect today's marketplace.

Based on the consultant's report and public input, BAR is working to implement a tiered licensing program for Smog Check technicians. This licensing structure should address the need for something beyond the “one size fits all” model currently in place. By establishing both an inspection license and a diagnostic and repair license, technicians who only want to perform inspections can do so. It also gives

technicians the ability to not only test vehicles but also the opportunity to develop the expertise in the repair and diagnosis of high emitters.

Updating BAR's licensing structure for Smog Check technicians is a significant change from past practice. To realize this change requires an update to regulations, a process that can take eighteen months. During that time, BAR will be holding additional public workshops and conducting surveys to further refine this proposal. Information about upcoming workshops will be available online at www.smogcheck.ca.gov.

To ensure the success of this proposal, BAR will also need to make changes in the training technicians receive. I will be sharing more information about how BAR's training requirements in the next issue of the *Automotive Repair and Smog Check News*.

Ultimately, well trained technicians who properly test and repair vehicles help to clean the air. Improving air quality helps us all. Smog Check technicians play a vital role in this effort.

A Message from the California Air Resources Board

ARB Adopts Regulation to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions

The California Air Resources Board (ARB) has adopted a regulation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions resulting from the use of canned refrigerants by do-it-yourselfers recharging the air-conditioning systems of motor vehicles.

“This regulation is an outstanding example of how engaging stakeholders and the public in an open and transparent process resulted in an improved regulation with a much lower cost for do-it-yourselfers and for the greenhouse gas reduction program overall,” said ARB Chairman Mary Nichols.

The regulation includes a deposit and recycling program patterned after a recent and successful industry pilot program in Southern California. It will cost an estimated \$11 for each ton of greenhouse gases prevented from entering the atmosphere. The original 2007 proposal to ban the do-it-yourself cans outright carried an estimated cost of \$159 per ton.

The automotive refrigerant currently in wide use, HFC-134a, is a potent greenhouse gas with a global warming impact 1,300 times greater than carbon dioxide (CO₂). A single 12-ounce can of this refrigerant is equivalent to 1,000 pounds of CO₂ or the emissions from an automobile burning 50 gallons of gasoline.

The regulation, one of a series of so-called discrete early action measures under Assembly Bill 32 (Chapter 488, Statutes of 2006), California’s landmark climate change legislation, has four major components:

- > Better container technology – a self-sealing valve on all small containers of automobile refrigerant sold in

California to prevent emissions of remaining content in a used container;

- > Improved labeling instructions for use;
- > A new industry-run container deposit and recycling program to recover and recycle refrigerant remaining in a used can;
- > A manufacturer-developed education program so the consumer can use the best techniques for recharging an air conditioner.

The regulation is estimated to achieve greenhouse gas emissions reductions equivalent to over 250,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide per year in 2020 and will add about \$1 to the purchase price of a can of refrigerant.

ARB staff has worked on this regulation since October 2007 with a broad spectrum of stakeholders, including the affected industry. It also received input during a series of public workshops and workgroup meetings to develop a proposal that achieves emission reductions in the most cost-effective manner possible.

“This regulation marks an important step forward in the state’s effort to control and reduce emissions from powerful chemicals and coolants that contribute greatly to global warming,” added Nichols. “It is also California’s first enforceable action to directly reduce greenhouse gas emissions from vehicles, helping to establish a complementary national approach to address the wide range of emissions from cars that directly contribute to global warming.”

The Bureau of Automotive Repair Announces New Consumer Education Effort

New campaign targets areas of the state with the worst air quality

The Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) is pleased to announce its latest consumer education effort. Continuing the “Drive Healthy” theme initiated last year, this year’s campaign kicked-off in April 2009. Some of the major themes in this campaign include the

importance of proper vehicle maintenance, the free auto body inspection program offer by BAR, and the Consumer Assistance Program. More information about this important effort will be available in the summer edition of the *Automotive Repair and Smog Check News*.

SMOG CHECK STATION PERFORMANCE

October through December 2008

	Licensed Station Type			Total
	Test and Repair	Test-Only	Gold Shield	
Number of Stations by Type	4,804	2,177	666	7,647
Percent	63%	28%	9%	—
Initial Tests Performed	617,613	1,295,500	181,505	2,094,618
Percent	9.6%	13.8%	16.9%	—
Initial Inspection Results	59,350	179,086	30,624	269,060
Percent	9.6%	13.8%	16.9%	—

Gold Shield Tip Sheet

The Gold Shield Program Tip Sheet has been revised. The tip sheet offers information to help your station meet Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) standards for comparative failure rates, successful emissions repairs, and repair performance standards. The tip sheet also lists the top reasons why stations do not meet these standards.

BAR staff is available to assist station owners in monitoring their station's current performance. You can reach them by calling 916.255.1326 or visit www.smogcheck.ca.gov.

TECHNICIAN SNAPSHOT

Smog Check Technician Test Results October through December 2008			
	# Tested	# Pass	% Pass
Advanced Emission Technician EA			
Total	438	196	44
Basic Area Technician EB			
Total	4	2	50
Brake Adjuster Class "A"			
Total	28	21	75
Brake Adjuster Class "B"			
Total	1	1	100
Brake Adjuster Class "C"			
Total	78	60	76
Lamp Adjuster Class "A"			
Total	107	75	53

CAP FACTS

A statistical look at the Consumer Assistance Program (CAP)*

October through December 2009	
Vehicles Retired	5,257
Vehicles Repaired	10,828
Applications Processed at BAR Field Offices **	1,725
Emissions Reductions (in tons)	
Hydrocarbons	340
Oxides of Nitrogen	138
Carbon Dioxide	3,493
Disbursements	
Vehicle Retirement	\$5,334,614
Vehicle Repairs	\$4,180,158
TOTAL Disbursed	\$9,514,772

* This analysis considers a vehicle repaired or retired upon BAR approval of a station or dismantler invoice for payment, rather than the actual date the vehicle is repaired or retired.

** These figures reflect the total number of CAP applications received and processed on the same day at BAR field offices. (Most of the applications were processed while the consumer waited.)

Smog Check Citations

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Name	Address	City	ZIP	Level	ARD No.	Amount
BUDGET SMOG-TEST ONLY CENTER	538 OLIVE AVE	VISTA	92083	3	ARD229367	\$2,000
HAMILTONS AUTO TECHNICIAN	1101B W OLIVE	PORTERVILLE	93257	1	ARD211746	\$1,000
M P S SMOG	44706 YUCCA AVE	LANCASTER	93534	1	ARD233073	\$500
E Z TEST-ONLY	4411 YORK BLVD	LOS ANGELES	90041	1	ARD243675	\$500
SMOG TIME	13260 SHERMAN WAY #B	NORTH HOLLYWOOD	91605	1	ARD250458	\$500
ORIENTAL AUTO REPAIR & BODY	505 INTERNATIONAL BLVD.	OAKLAND	94606	2	ARD123675	\$1,000
M T S SMOG	45 RIO RANCHO RD #2D	POMONA	91766	1	ARD177209	\$500
LC SMOG CHECK	9019 E GARVEY AVE	ROSEMEAD	91770	1	ARD238953	\$500
SMOG TEST-ONLY DISCOUNT CTR INC	14834 VALLEY BLVD	CITY OF INDUSTRY	91746	1	ARD228995	\$500
SHELL AUTO SERVICE	598 E ANAHEIM ST	LONG BEACH	90813	1	ARD204059	\$500
EAST LOS ANGELES TEST-ONLY	3875 EAST 3RD ST	LOS ANGELES	90063	1	ARD208246	\$500
ADVANCED SMOG TEST-ONLY	12630 OSBORNE ST	PACOIMA	91331	1	ARD236584	\$500
PJ'S AUTO REPAIR	8957 GLENOAKS BLVD	SUN VALLEY	91352	1	ARD104606	\$500
LOW PRICE SMOG CHECK	193 S EUCLID AVE	UPLAND	91786	1	ARD207977	\$500
STAR TEST ONLY	3447 N PECK RD	EL MONTE	91731	1	ARD242028	\$500
MOUNTAIN VIEW TEST-ONLY	2426 N MOUNTAIN VIEW	EL MONTE	91732	1	ARD228123	\$500
MANZUR TEST-ONLY CENTER	3023 N PECK RD #C	EL MONTE	91731	1	ARD211611	\$500
ABC WHITTIER TEST-ONLY CENTER	14162 LAMBERT RD	WHITTIER	90603	1	ARD210038	\$500
ALOSTA SMOG TEST-ONLY CENTER	1027 EAST ROUTE 66	GLENDORA	91740	1	ARD254154	\$500
S & K AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE	22400 SOUTH AVALON BLVD	CARSON	90745	1	ARD217504	\$500
SAVON SMOG	1125 W HOLT BLVD # A	ONTARIO	91762	1	ARD230344	\$500
YANG'S SMOG CENTER	3770 S WESTERN AVE	LOS ANGELES	90018	1	ARD202538	\$500
ASC AUTO SMOG CENTER	2414 W 17TH ST	SANTA ANA	92706	1	ARD237555	\$500
CALIFORNIA SMOG & REPAIR	10711 BEACH BLVD	STANTON	90680	1	ARD191428	\$500
CITY TUNE UP	1502 N WILSON WAY	STOCKTON	95205	3	ARD248869	\$2,000
ALL SMOG TEST-ONLY	13118 WHITTIER BLVD	WHITTIER	90602	1	ARD241165	\$500
A QUICK SMOG TEST CENTER	13945 VAN NUYS BLVD	ARLETA	91331	2	ARD247073	\$1,000
SUPERIOR SMOG TEST-ONLY CENTER	7755 SEPULVEDA B#1	VAN NUYS	91405	1	ARD222846	\$500
INSTA TUNE	712 YORK TOWN AVE #4	HUNTINGTON	92648	1	ARD107786	\$500
FAUJI AUTO REPAIR & SMOG	1107 FRANKLIN AVE	YUBA CITY	95991	2	ARD248226	\$1,000
WEST COAST SMOG	2643 CRENSHAW BLVD	LOS ANGELES	90016	1	ARD241213	\$500
CORAS TEST-ONLY	18689 VALLEY BLVD	BLOOMINGTON	92316	2	ARD246517	\$1,000
GREAT AMERICAN SMOG TEST	2115 W YOSEMITE AVE	MANTECA	95337	1	ARD254079	\$500
NEW CENTURY SMOG	13072 CENTURY BLVD	GARDEN GROVE	92843	1	ARD154860	\$500
KANGS SMOG TEST-ONLY CENTER	1101 W COMMONWEALTH	FULLERTON	92833	1	ARD235707	\$500
IMMANUEL AUTO	817 E HOLT BLVD #B	ONTARIO	91764	1	ARD238191	\$500
1 SMOG CHECK TEST-ONLY CENTER	3900 N FIGUEROA ST	LOS ANGELES	90065	1	ARD176941	\$500
ADVANCED AUTO CENTER	40142 HWY 49	OAKHURST	93644	1	ARD246848	\$500
DISCOUNT SMOG	1038 18TH ST	MERCED	95340	2	ARD249722	\$1,000
C T SMOG SPECIALIST	3315 EUCLID AVE	SAN DIEGO	92105	1	ARD231102	\$500
CALIFORNIA MOTOR WORKS	8025 CLAREMONT MESA	SAN DIEGO	92111	1	ARD220763	\$500
CLAIREMONT AUTO CARE	4495 CLAIREMONT MESA	SAN DIEGO	92117	1	ARD224633	\$500
BANNY HOM ENTERPRISES	1240 W MAIN ST	EL CAJON	92020	1	ARD036459	\$500
USA SMOG TEST CENTER	4189 ROLANDO BLVD UNIT A	SAN DIEGO	92115	1	ARD224788	\$500
A-1 SMOG & MUFFLER	1520 S GAREY AVE	POMONA	91766	1	ARD233233	\$500
SUPER SMOG CENTER	1412 W HOLT AVE	POMONA	91768	1	ARD231205	\$500
THE LITTLE SMOG SHOP	3575 N PERRIS BLVD	PERRIS	92571	1	ARD214512	\$500
SMOG CHECK EXPRESS	2358 CABRERA	SAN BERNARDINO	92411	1	ARD240068	\$500

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Name	Address	City	ZIP	Level	ARD No.	Amount
KIRBY II AUTO REPAIR	3202 E FLORIDA AVE	HEMET	92544	1	ARD223532	\$500
FRONTAGE SMOG	13718 HWY 215	MORENO VALLEY	92553	1	ARD230249	\$500
SS TEST ONLY	12332 CARSON ST	HAWAIIAN GARDENS	90716	1	ARD252408	\$500
J C SMOG TEST-ONLY	2241 LONG BEACH BLVD	LONG BEACH	90806	1	ARD201035	\$500
SMOG PROS	4235 E ANAHEIM ST	LONG BEACH	90804	1	ARD173204	\$500
MASTER TECH	151 W MAIN ST #K	WOODLAND	95695	1	ARD216377	\$500
CLEAN PIPES CENTER	2400 FULTON AVE H	SACRAMENTO	95825	1	ARD226239	\$500
SMOG PEOPLE	21299 PALOMAR ST #A	WILDOMAR	92595	1	ARD228153	\$500
N AND K SMOG TEST-ONLY	7572 INDIANA AVE	RIVERSIDE	92504	1	ARD249026	\$500
SMOG PLUS	100-A KENTUCKY AVE	WOODLAND	95695	1	ARD176606	\$500
ADELINOS AUTO CLINIC	10302 WELLS AVE	RIVERSIDE	92505	1	ARD209927	\$1,000
ACE LUBE N SMOG	10190 HOLE AVE	RIVERSIDE	92503	1	ARD199137	\$500
CHULA VISTA SMOG	3031 MAIN STREET	CHULA VISTA	91911	1	ARD244202	\$500
8A OCHOA SMOG	307 E 4TH ST	HANFORD	93230	1	ARD242281	\$500
CORONA SMOG CENTER	12690 MAGNOLIA AVE	RIVERSIDE	92503	1	ARD237081	\$1,000
HECTORS SMOG CHECK TEST-ONLY	1260 N FITZGERALD AVE	RIALTO	92376	1	ARD234279	\$500
A OK SMOG & VEHICLE REGISTRATION	83 700 INDIO BLVD	INDIO	92201	1	ARD230180	\$500
RUDYS SMOG CHECK	83 386 HWY 111 #2	INDIO	92201	1	ARD223423	\$1,000
M & T SMOG	8615 ROSECRANS AVE	PARAMOUNT	90723	1	ARD216252	\$1,000
E Z SMOG TEST-ONLY	6000 VINELAND AVE	NORTH HOLLYWOOD	91606	2	ARD251102	\$1,000
INSTA TUNE	2307 LINCOLN BLVD	SANTA MONICA	90405	2	ARD204280	\$1,000
D R AUTOMOTIVE	10855 W RIVER ST #2	TRUCKEE	96162	2	ARD240156	\$1,000
SMOGS JUST SMOGS VI	813 MICHIGAN AVE	SANTA MONICA	90404	2	ARD234492	\$1,000
AUTOS FOR LESS	623 INYOKERN RD	RIDGECREST	93555	1	ARD244515	\$500
FIVE STAR SMOG CENTER	4564 N PECK RD #5	EL MONTE	91732	1	ARD250211	\$500
BASTO TEST-ONLY	4666 E OLYMPIC BLVD	LOS ANGELES	90022	1	ARD236266	\$500
M & M TECHNICIANS	9501 1/2 ATLANTIC AVE	SOUTHGATE	90280	1	ARD199858	\$500
HI TECH AUTO REPAIR	836 EAST HOLT BLVD	POMONA	91767	1	ARD213160	\$500
A 1 AUTO EXPERT	19010 LA PUENTE RD	WEST COVINA	91792	1	ARD228713	\$500
FIVE STAR AUTO REPAIR INC	1415 E HOLT AVE	POMONA	91767	1	ARD221699	\$500
SMOG TEST CENTER	1901 W. WHITTIER BLVD	MONTEBELLO	90640	1	ARD217130	\$500
AMAR TEST-ONLY CENTER INC	15803 AMAR RD	LA PUENTE	91744	1	ARD243719	\$500
EEG ENTERPRISE	4205 PACIFIC COAST HWY	TORRANCE	90505	1	ARD251944	\$500
MARVINS AUTO REPAIR	10732 S MAIN ST	LOS ANGELES	90061	1	ARD151255	\$500
KINGS SMOG	1871 COLORADO BLVD	LOS ANGELES	90041	1	ARD226119	\$500
ENJ SMOG	1916 W WASHINGTON	LOS ANGELES	90018	3	ARD248153	\$2,000
CARSON SMOG	213 W PACIFIC COAST	WILMINGTON	90744	2	ARD246943	\$1,000
E AND Z TEST-ONLY CENTER	1691 WEST ADAM	LOS ANGELES	90007	1	ARD247657	\$500
MOWRY 76	4190 MOWRY AVE	FREMONT	94538	1	ARD256136	\$500
FOREIGN AUTO SERVICE	1831 Q ST	SACRAMENTO	95814	1	ARD100411	\$500
ASB SMOG CHECK	354 UMBARGER RD #12	SAN JOSE	95111	1	ARD236991	\$500
FRED AUTO REPAIRS	3205 MAIN ST	CHULA VISTA	91911	1	ARD240161	\$500
AUTO SMOG	901 E MINER AVE #B	STOCKTON	95202	2	ARD245733	\$1,000
RED CARPET SMOG	4411 N BLACKSTONE AVE	FRESNO	93726	1	ARD202139	\$500
FISH'S SMOG SERVICES	6640 WINTON WY	WINTON	95388	1	ARD154744	\$500
SPEEDEE OIL CHANGE & TUNE	1825 E CAPITOL	SAN JOSE	95121	1	ARD187895	\$500
US AUTO REPAIR & GLASS	3155 EL CAMINO REAL	SANTA CLARA	95051	1	ARD207915	\$500
LA PALMA GAS	2604 W LA PALMA AVE	ANAHEIM	92801	2	ARD248967	\$1,000

Disciplinary Actions

Southern California

OCTOBER 2008

Stipulated Settlement

REYS TEST ONLY, Bellflower
Gustavo Mole, Owner/Technician

Order: Automotive Repair Dealer registration permanently invalidated, Smog Check Test-Only station license is revoked, Advanced Emission Specialist technician license is revoked, and reimburse BAR \$3,511.96 if respondent's licenses or registrations are reinstated or reissued. (10/14/08)

NOVEMBER 2008

Stipulated Settlement

DISCOUNT SMOG, Perris

William T. Chandler, Owner/Technician

Order: Automotive Repair Dealer registration permanently invalidated, Smog Check Test-Only station license is revoked, Advanced Emission Specialist technician license is revoked, and reimburse BAR \$11,900 upon application for reinstatement or for any new registration or license. (11/30/08)

Stipulated Settlement

RHO'S AUTO REPAIR, Long Beach
James Myong Hwan Rho A.K.A Myong,
Owner/Technician

Order: Automotive Repair Dealer registration permanently invalidated, Smog Check station license is revoked, Official Lamp Station license is revoked, Official Brake Station license is revoked, Advanced Emission Specialist technician license is revoked, Lamp Adjuster license is revoked, Brake Adjuster license is revoked, and reimburse BAR \$8,502.05 at the time of reapplying for licensure. (11/17/08)

Stipulated Settlement

KHALDOUN ROUFAIL SAMAN,
Technician

San Bernardino

Order: Advanced Emission Specialist technician license is revoked, and reimburse BAR \$8,647.16 upon reapplying for licensure. (11/25/08)

DECEMBER 2008

Stipulated Settlement

E&S AUTO SMOG, San Bernardino
Salvador Jara A.K.A Salvador Jara Pinedo,
Owner

Order: Automotive Repair Dealer and Smog Check station licenses are permanently invalidated. Reimburse BAR \$8,647.16 upon application for licensure or reissuance of any type of license. (12/8/08)

Stipulated Settlement

ONLY SMOG CHECK, Westminster
Sam Van Nguyen, Owner

Order: Automotive Repair Dealer registration permanently invalidated, Smog Check station license is revoked, Smog Check technician license is revoked, and reimburse BAR \$9,233.44 at the time of application for a new or reinstated license. (12/8/08)

Stipulated Settlement

EXPRESS TEST ONLY CENTER,
Westminster

Luu Huy, Technician

Order: Advanced Emission Specialist technician license permanently invalidated and reimburse BAR \$2,872.47 at time of application for new or reinstatement of license. (12/22/08)

Default Decision

EXPRESS TEST ONLY CENTER,
Westminster

Ngoc-Tran Thi Tran, Owner

Order: Automotive Repair Dealer permanently invalidated and Smog Check station licenses is revoked. (12/30/08)

Default Decision

SMOG PRO 2000, Los Angeles

Lloyd Irwin Yetman, Owner

Ian Irwin Ebow, Technician

Order: Automotive Repair Dealer and Smog Check station licenses are permanently invalidated and Advanced Emission technician license is revoked. (12/30/08)

Northern California

OCTOBER 2008

No Disciplinary Actions in Northern California for October.

NOVEMBER 2008

No Disciplinary Actions in Northern California for November.

DECEMBER 2008

MOTHER LODE MINI MART/AUTOMOTIVE CORPORATION

dba **MOTHER LODE AUTOMOTIVE**,
Placerville

Carla E. McCreary, President

Order: Advanced Emission Specialist technician license revoked, Automotive Repair Dealer & Smog Check station licenses permanently invalidated, and respondents McCreary & Mother Lode are jointly and severally liable to reimburse BAR for investigative costs of \$5,621.88. (12/22/08)

Stipulated Settlement

HARPREET SINGH CHHINA, Technician
Union City

Order: Advanced Emission Specialist technician license revoked, stayed, three years probation. Complete Clean Air Car Course (68 hours) within 60 days of effective date of decision. License is suspended if not received. License is permanently revoked if proof of completion is not received within 120 days from effective date of decision. (12/22/08)

Stipulated Settlement

WINCHESTER SIBUMA ORDONEZ,
Technician

Castro Valley

Order: Advanced Emission Technician license is revoked, stayed, three years probation. Complete Clean Air Car Course (68 hours) within 60 days of effective date of decision. License is suspended if not received. License is permanently revoked if proof of completion is not received within 120 days from effective date of decision. (12/23/08)

Default Decision

VINCENTE FERNANDO NORIEGA,
Technician

Bakersfield

Order: Advanced Emission Specialist technician license is revoked. (12/30/08)

Questions About Your License

The Bureau of Automotive Repair's (BAR) Licensing Unit now has an email address dedicated to answering all your general licensing-related questions. If you need information regarding obtaining or maintaining a license, or any general questions concerning a license, you can e-mail your questions to BARlicensing_info@dca.ca.gov and one of our program technicians will respond within 24 hours.

Get on the BAR Mailing List

The Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) maintains several mailing lists of interested parties who have asked to receive information such as notices, bulletins, newsletters, workshop flyers, and other items related to BAR operations.

Under Government Code section 11346.4, BAR is required to establish the Regulatory Actions Notice Interested Parties mailing list. In accordance with Government Code section 14911, BAR is also required to correct, verify, and update this list annually. The list is primarily used to mail regulation hearing notices, regulation workshop invitations, informational meeting invitations, and other miscellaneous information.

The Regulatory Actions Notice list is **not** used for mailing the *Automotive Repair and Smog Check News*. Requests to be added to the newsletter mailing list are often confused with the Regulatory Actions Notice list. To help BAR staff direct mailing list requests to the correct location, we have provided a form for you to fill out. If you are a licensed Smog Check technician or a registered Automotive Repair Dealer (ARD), you are automatically placed on the list that is used to mail the newsletter and other official notices. As a result, you should already be receiving the newsletter.

Here's how to choose the mailing list that provides the information in which you're most interested. First, choose whether you wish to be placed on the newsletter or the regulation mailing list. You may select both, if you want to receive both.

If you elect to be placed on the Regulatory mailing list, you may further refine the information you want to receive by selecting from any of the sub-categories listed below. For example, if you select "General" you will receive information, invitations, and notices from all categories, but if you select "Smog Check" you will only receive information, invitations, and notices related to the Smog Check Program.

If you are already on any of BAR's mailing lists and want to remain on those lists, you do not need to take any action. As required by Government Code 14911, an annual update notification will be mailed to you during January or February of each year to confirm that you wish to remain on the Regulatory Notice mailing list.

If you are not already on these mailing lists and wish to be added, sign up by completing the form below and faxing it to 916.255.1369, or complete, detach, and mail it to: Bureau of Automotive Repair, Attn: Mailing Lists, 10240 Systems Parkway, Sacramento, CA 95827.

Please select one or more of the following subjects. If no subject is selected, "General" will be used. Please complete, detach and return.

Automotive Repair & Smog Check News

- General (includes all auto repair)
- Auto Body Repair
- Smog Station
- Equipment Manufacturer
- Automotive Air Conditioning
- Automotive Repair (includes all Smog Check)
- Lamp/Brake Station
- Smog Technician
- Consumer Assistance Program
- Other (Please specify):

Regulatory Actions Notices

(If you select this, designate the subjects you're interested in below)

- Smog Check (includes all subjects)
- Lamp/Brake Technician
- Educational Institution/Instructor
- Automatic Transmissions

Name: _____

Title: _____

Company/Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

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RIVERSIDE FIELD OFFICE TO RELOCATE

The Bureau of Automotive Repair is pleased to announce the relocation of the Riverside field office. The new address is: 1450 Iowa Avenue, Suite 150, Riverside, CA 92507. The telephone number will remain the same until further notice.

BAR FIELD OFFICE HOURS

In order to comply with Governor Schwarzenegger’s Executive Order, all Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) field offices will be closed the first, second, and third Fridays of every month beginning August 1, 2009. The Executive Order will be in effect through June 30, 2010. On those days unaffected by the closures, office hours are 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, except for holidays.

BAR Field Office Numbers

Bakersfield	661.335.7400
Culver City	310.410.0024
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Placentia	714.961.7940
Hercules	510.964.3030
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South San Francisco	650.827.2074
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Valencia	661.702.6600

Other Helpful Numbers

BAR Licensing	916.255.3145
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DCA Consumer Information Center	800.952.5210
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