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GARY HUNTER COMES HOME TO THE BUREAU OF AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR

When it comes to California's smog program, Gary Hunter is number one, literally! Hunter, the Bureau of Automotive Repair's newly appointed Deputy Chief of Smog Check Engineering and Operations, can claim that distinction because he holds the very first Smog Technician license ever issued in California. He truly is number EA000001!

Hunter began his new position July 1. He joins Deputy Chief Patrick Dorais, who oversees BAR's Licensing Unit and the Consumer Assistance Program, and Deputy Chief Rich Mundy, who runs BAR's Field Operations and Enforcement Division.

Hunter returned to BAR after a nine-year stint with the Air Resources Board. He boasts more than 30 years of experience in the environmental and consumer protection arenas.

"I'm very happy to be back," he said. "My work at the Air Resources Board over the past nine years has given me a thorough understanding of air quality issues. Every day, 30,000 tons of emissions enter our air, and automobiles are responsible for a large portion of that. I look forward to leading the Smog Check Program in its continued progress towards reducing those pollutants and providing for California's healthier future."

Hunter's career reflects a lifelong commitment to environmental causes and consumer protection. "Helping people and protecting our environment have always been my passion," he said. "Working with the Smog Check Program is a natural fit for me."



Hunter's interest in environmental protection began to take shape in 1968 when he worked as an automotive diagnostician conducting emission testing. That's when he obtained the first smog license, which he maintains to this date.

Hunter's tenure with BAR began initially in 1975 as manager of the Riverside Loaded Mode Emission Testing Program. After graduating from the University of Redlands, he took an engineering position in Sacramento, and then became a program manager of the statewide Blue Shield Motor Vehicle Pollution Control Program.

In 1985, Hunter took on the role of BAR's chief of Administration and Engineering. He was promoted the following year to Chief of Field Operations and Compliance. Under his guidance, BAR became a model program for other state agencies in the area of consumer and environmental protection.

Hunter continued his environmental work with the Air Resources Board, after transferring there in 1991. He held various management positions, starting with the Program Review Section, where he conducted audits of air quality management districts. Then, as manager of ARB's Compliance Assistance Program, he prepared compliance assistance engineering manuals. Finally, he managed ARB's Strategic Environmental Investigative Group, enforcing air quality laws.

"Working in each of those divisions added a new perspective to my overall understanding of air quality control, and now I look forward to integrating that experience into my work at BAR."

Include Fuel Leak Inspection in Smog Check?

During a recent study conducted by one of the Bureau of Automotive Repair's roadside teams, BAR staff inspected almost 900 vehicles and found that approximately 2.5% had liquid fuel leaks. While this may sound like a small number of vehicles, these leaks contribute significant amounts of hydrocarbon (HC) pollution into the air each day.

Including a liquid fuel leak check into the Smog Check inspection would significantly reduce HC emissions. BAR staff did not use any special devices to inspect for leaks. The leaks were discovered during a visual inspection.

Repairing these leaks provides several benefits: 1) eliminating a potential fire hazard from the vehicle; 2) improving air quality; and 3) saving the consumer a lot of money in gasoline expenses. For these reasons,

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Below are the Smog Check testing and repair statistics for the months of May and June 2000. As always, the "Tests Conducted" data represents all Acceleration Simulation Mode (ASM) and Two-Speed Idle (TSI) tests performed on vehicles by Smog Check stations statewide, with the number of certificates that resulted from these tests shown under "Certificates Issued." The remaining data represent only ASM and TSI first (initial) tests performed on vehicles. The differences between Enhanced and Basic/Change of Ownership (COO) Areas of the state are also shown.

	MAY	JUNE		MAY	JUNE
PROGRAM VOLUME			Test-Only	28,983 (14.5%)	29,405 (24.36%)
Tests Conducted*	1,035,936	1,030,964	- Enhanced	28,544 (24.6%)	28,989 (24.5%)
Vehicles Tested	897,453	889,897	- Basic/COO	439 (17.6%)	406 (17.5%)
- Enhanced	577,637	568,341	<i>By Vehicle Type</i>		
- Basic/COO	319,762	321,306	High Emitter Profile (HEP)	17,733 (35.2%)	18,304 (34.5%)
Vehicles Failed	101,555 (11.4%)	101,153 (11.3%)	Random 2%	1,554 (24.2%)	1,649 (25.3%)
- Enhanced	78,209 (13.5%)	77,213 (13.5%)	Volunteers	9,696 (15.8%)	9,442 (15.4%)
- Basic/COO	23,337 (7.2%)	24,007 (7.4%)	AVERAGE REPORTED REPAIR COSTS		
Vehicles Repaired			Average Cost (statewide)	\$120	\$124
- Enhanced	43,815	64,933	Test & Repair Stations	\$100	\$103
- Basic/COO	17,271	42,394	GSGR Stations	\$113	\$117
Certificates Issued	870,768	864,677	GPC Stations	\$166	\$171
TYPE OF FAILURE			Repair Assisted Vehicles***	\$391.88	\$395.46
Tailpipe	73,420 (8.1%)	73,484 (8.2%)	Enhanced Areas	\$122	\$127
- Enhanced	58,278 (10.1%)	57,878 (10.2%)	Basic/COO Areas	\$119	\$121
- Basic/COO	14,621 (4.5%)	15,156 (4.7%)	CONSUMER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM		
Gross Polluters**	33,104 (3.6%)	33,464 (3.7%)	Vehicles Receiving Repair Assistance	381	272
- Enhanced	26,283 (4.5%)	26,252 (4.6%)	Vehicles Retired	156	178
- Basic/COO	6,547 (2.0%)	7,018 (2.19%)	Repair Cost Waivers Issued	76	92
Visual	21,384 (2.3%)	20,742 (2.3%)	Economic Hardship Extensions Issued	97	119
- Enhanced	17,813 (3.0%)	17,228 (3.0%)			
- Basic/COO	3,571 (1.1%)	3,514 (1.0%)			
Functional	52,586 (5.8%)	51,676 (5.8%)			
- Enhanced	40,390 (6.9%)	39,232 (6.9%)			
- Basic/COO	12,196 (3.8%)	12,444 (3.8%)			
FAILURE BY STATION TYPE					
Test & Repair	46,811 (9.0%)	46,248 (9.0%)			
- Enhanced	32,811 (10.5%)	31,964 (10.5%)			
- Basic/COO	13,991 (6.7%)	14,443 (7.0%)			
GSGR	19,247 (10.0%)	18,981 (10.0%)			
- Enhanced	13,956 (10.8%)	13,437 (10.7%)			
- Basic/COO	5,291 (8.7%)	5,542 (8.8%)			
GPC	5,807 (8.6%)	5,774 (8.5%)			
- Enhanced	2,393 (12.7%)	2,372 (12.7%)			
- Basic/COO	3,414 (7.0%)	3,402 (6.9%)			

* Includes multiple tests on same vehicle

** Subset of tailpipe failures

*** Includes consumer co-pay

BAR LOOKING FOR AIR QUALITY REPS

Interested in a job with the Bureau of Automotive Repair? The Bureau will hold an exam for Air Quality Representative on September 23. Interested applicants should submit an application for (STD 678) to: Dept. Consumer Affairs, P.O. Box 980428, West Sacramento, CA 95798-0428. All applicants must have a smog license prior to appointment and four years of emission diagnosis and repair experience. The bulletin, applications and information can all be obtained at <http://jobs.spb.ca.gov/openxrd.cfm?exc=OCA18>. All applications must be postmarked prior to the final filing date of August 31, 2000. For more information, interested candidates can call 916-255-3453.

Enhanced Consumer Assistance Program Implemented

The Bureau of Automotive Repair's Consumer Assistance Program (CAP) is designed to help clean the air by encouraging Californians to repair or retire their smog-spewing vehicles. Consumers who opt for retirement receive a check for \$1,000, while those who choose to keep their vehicles may be eligible for as much as \$500 in repair assistance.

BAR kicked off the enhanced program July 1, and the response has been overwhelming!

The Department of Consumer Affairs' Consumer Information Center (CIC) has been inundated with telephone calls from throughout the state. Since the program began, CIC operators have answered as many as 3,000 CAP-related calls each day, and CAP staff sent out more than 30,000 applications during the month of July.

To meet the demand, the CIC hired additional operators, extended its operating hours, and installed 30 new telephone lines. At the same time, thousands of consumers with Internet connections were accessing information and downloading applications from the Department of Consumer Affairs and Smog Check Web sites.

By the end of July, there were 154 stations statewide participating in the repair assistance portion of the CAP program. The Gold Shield Guarantee Repair station screening criteria for CAP participation has provided the program with a total of 627 potential CAP stations. So far, 183 of them have contacted CAP to request further information about participating.

BAR would like to take this opportunity to remind all Smog Check stations that they will not be reimbursed for providing CAP repair assistance services unless they have a valid contract with CAP. For more information about becoming a CAP station, call (916) 445-2010.

Listen My Children, "Smog is Bad"

Galina Tucker, 10, knows bad air when she sees it. The youngster turned her knowledge of smog's harmful effects into a passionate poem entitled "Listen My Children" that garnered the top prize in the Bureau of Automotive Repair's poetry contest.

"In class, I learned that smog can hurt people and is bad for the earth," Galina said. "When I wrote my poem, I wanted to tell people that smog is harmful and that we can do something to prevent it."

Galina, a fifth grader from Los Angeles County, captured this year's "Green and Healthy" poetry contest sponsored by the Department of Consumer Affairs/Bureau of Automotive Repair. More than 90 elementary school students from Southern California participated in this year's contest.

BAR Chief Doug Laue honored Galina at an assembly at San Jose Highly Gifted Magnet School, where she is enrolled.

"We chose Galina's poem for its imagery and call to action," Laue said. "It strongly conveyed the importance of personal responsibility, showing that everyone can make a difference in helping keep California's air smog-free."

As the grand prize winner, Galina received a 32-inch television and VCR for her classroom. Galina's poem appeared in the *Los Angeles Times*.



LISTEN MY CHILDREN

Listen my children,
And you shall hear,
The reason why,
I shed these tears.
My sky was blue,
And very clear,
But now it's turning,
Black I fear.
My air is black,
And it's hard to breathe,
You are draining my life,
And killing my trees.
But please!
Don't get upset!
I see your tears,
Your faces wet.
There are some things,
That you can do,
To make my air,
As good as new.
Things such as,
On short errands,
Ride a bike,
Carpool,
Turn off the lights,
The radio, and TV too,
That's what'll make me,
As good as new.

—Galina Tucker

Inspection (continued from page 1)

BAR is considering implementation of a liquid fuel leak procedure in the near future. The roadside team involved in the study has defined a liquid fuel leak as follows:

- A visible drop (or more) of fuel on or around the fuel delivery component(s) at the time of inspection.

- A wet fuel stain that has a reflective appearance on or around the fuel delivery component(s).
- Fuel puddles around or under the fuel delivery component(s).

We expect to finalize a proposal soon and to publish it for public comment.

SMOG CHECK II REPORT FINALIZED

The California Air Resources Board (ARB) has finalized its evaluation of California's Smog Check Program. The report revealed the Golden State's air is healthier and cleaner, yet the program hasn't reached the smog-reduction levels state officials set six years ago.

The state of our air today is one of the major points included in the Enhanced Inspection and Maintenance (I/M) Program final report. Those findings were released recently by the ARB, which operates under the banner of the California Environmental Protection Agency. The final summary follows an extensive public comment period that began in April.

The report sought to measure the effectiveness of the Smog Check Program during the key evaluation period of November 1998 through October 1999. It compared the results to the legal targets set by the California State Implementation Plan (SIP).

"This is a culmination of the Bureau of Automotive Repair's efforts over the last five years to plan, design and implement a random roadside testing program that provides an independent data source to evaluate the Smog Check Program," said Dave Amlin, BAR's chief engineer. "BAR has four teams of dedicated technicians who actually set up portable dynamometers throughout the Enhanced Areas and test cars to measure real-world vehicle emissions. Using the roadside data, we were able to measure effects of Smog Check on the fleet as the vehicles were actually driving down the road. This is the largest and most comprehensive evaluation program in the world and provides an excellent basis for evaluating the Smog Check Program."

Researchers using roadside test data from nearly 9,000 vehicles found the Enhanced I/M program achieved combined emission reductions of 40 tons per day (TPD) of hydrocarbons (HC) plus NOx in the summer of 1999, or 36% of the SIP target of 110 TPD.

ARB experts concluded that the current program is "more effective" than the one in place in the summer of 1999, achieving

an estimated 65 TPD of HC plus NOx reductions. The program has now reached about 60 percent of the emission reductions targeted in the State Implementation Plan (SIP), according to the report. The increase is due to the more rigorous NOx inspection criteria implemented in October 1999, at the end of the program evaluation period.

The report identifies several options that could increase the Smog Check Program's effectiveness and help the state to meet its SIP goals. Some of the following options stem from the numerous meetings ARB and BAR held with stakeholders and other interested parties beginning in April.

- Implementing a more comprehensive check of the evaporative system and liquid fuel leaks (see related story, page 1);
- Sending more vehicles to Test-Only stations and/or higher performing Test and Repair stations;
- Implementing more stringent inspection standards ("cut points"), especially for NOx;

- Implementing loaded-mode testing for heavy-duty gas-powered vehicles;
- Using remote sensing;
- Extending the enhanced program to all eligible vehicles registered in a non-attainment region already subject to Smog Check II; and
- Repealing the rolling 30-year exemption for older vehicles.

The enhanced Consumer Assistance Program, implemented on July 1, 2000, also promises to help the state meet its SIP goals by aiding consumers in repairing or retiring their high-polluting vehicles (see related story, page 3).

"We're all pleased to see that the program is achieving real and substantial emission reductions due to Smog Check," Amlin continued. "There are specific areas where we have to finish the work we committed to do in the SIP."

The enhanced I/M program evaluation report is available on the Air Resources Board's Web site at www.arb.ca.gov.

MAY JUNE TECHNICIAN DATA

MAY	JUNE	
117	117	Number of scored items on the smog exam.
83	83	Number of correct answers required to pass the smog exam.
8,474	8,469	Technicians that have completed the BAR-97 eight-hour Transition Training.
9,065	9,051	Advanced (EA) technicians licensed.
4,497	4,483	Basic (EB) technicians licensed.

STATION DATA

MAY	JUNE	
4,954	4,806	Test & Repair stations statewide.
1,963	1,942	Gold Shield Guaranteed Repair (GSGR) stations statewide.
338	329	Gross Polluter Certification (GPC) stations statewide.
450	450	Test-Only stations statewide.
573	573	Test-Only lanes statewide.

CONSUMER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM DATA

MAY	JUNE	
85	95	GPC stations providing repair assistance.
6,479	6,751	Vehicles repaired.
32	32	Dismantler sites for vehicle retirement.
2,207	2,385	Vehicles retired.

THE BOTTOM LINE

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS



*Editor's note:
This issue contains the
actions taken during
May and June.*

Northern California

CURTIS C. GARDNER—Oakland
Order: Basic Area Technician License revoked. (06/30/00)

GOLDEN SPARROW, INC.

—Hayward

dba **PURRFECT AUTO SERVICE**

Ashok Vaid, President

Arlee Taylor II, Technician

Order: Smog Check Station License is revoked. ARD registration is permanently invalidated, stayed and placed on three years' probation. Further ordered to report to BAR. Basic Area Technician License subject to revocation. (05/11/00)

IGORS AUTOMOTIVE

—North Highlands

Igor A. Ivakhov, Owner/Technician

Order: ARD registration, Smog Check Station License, Official Brake Station License, Official Lamp Station License, Advanced Emission Specialist License, Brake Adjuster License, Lamp Adjuster License be revoked, as well as any other license issued by the director or bureau in the name of Igor Ivakhov or Igors Automotive. Further ordered to reimburse BAR \$19,000 for cost of its investigation and prosecution, prior to issuance of any license and/or registration. (05/02/00)

JOHNIE LAVAL —Yuba City

Order: Basic Area Technician License revoked, stayed and placed on three years' probation and suspended for 30 days. Further ordered to successfully complete a Clean Air Car Course within 180 days. (05/02/00)

RICHARD ALLEN LAWRENCE

—Eureka

Order: Basic Area Technician License revoked. (06/29/00)

LAWRENCE GEORGE

METZGER, II —Aptos/Santa Cruz

Order: Basic Area Technician License revoked. (06/30/00)

NORMS AUTOMOTIVE —Salinas

Norman Martin Merboth, Owner

Norman Merboth—Marina Technician

Order: ARD registration permanently invalidated, Smog Check Station License revoked. Basic Area Technician License issued to Norman Merboth revoked. (05/26/00)

SIERRA SMOG STATION

—Oakhurst

Larry Joseph Naumcheff, Owner

Michael Leo Naumcheff, Technician

Order: ARD registration permanently invalidated, Smog Check Station license and Basic Area Technician license are revoked. (5/18/00)

JEREMY STUART —Danville

Order: Basic Area Technician License revoked. (06/30/00)

AARON THOMAS —Berkeley

Order: Basic Area Technician License revoked. (06/30/00)

TUAN ANH VO—San Jose

Basic Area License Technician

Order: Basic Area Technician License is revoked. (05/11/00)

YUBA SUTTER SMOG CHECK

—Yuba City, Sunnyvale

Rajbir S. Panu, Partner

Balbir Gill, Partner

Order: ARD registration and Smog Check Station are revoked. (05/02/00)

Southern California

ACCURATE SMOG AND REPAIR

—Bakersfield

Kelly Colene Digiacombo, Partner

Velma Joanne Boozer, Partner

Joseph Arthur Boot, Technician

Joseph C. Digiacombo, Technician

Order: ARD registration revoked, stayed, suspended for 30 days and placed on three years' probation. Smog Check Station license revoked, stayed, suspended for 30 days and placed on three years' probation. Respondents ordered to report to BAR and pay BAR \$5,000 for its investigation. Advanced Emission Specialist Technician license issued to Joseph C. Digiacombo revoked, stayed, suspended for 30 days and placed on three years' probation. Further ordered to attend and successfully complete a certified training course in

diagnosis and repair of emission system failures and engine performance. (02/23/00)

RUSSELL ANTHONY BACARELLA

—Anaheim

Order: Advanced Emission Specialist Technician license revoked. (06/15/00)

BEST TRANSMISSION AND SMOG—Whittier

Min Hae Choi, Owner/Technician

Order: ARD registration and Smog Check Station license revoked, stayed, placed on three years' probation under these conditions: Smog Check Station license and Advanced Emissions Specialist Technician license suspended for 30 days, respondent reports to the BAR as directed, and reimburses BAR \$3,000 for the costs of investigation and enforcement. (05/23/00)

BUDDY'S AUTO REPAIR

—Garden Grove

Hal Bruce Hamblin, aka Hal Bruce Hamblin, Jr., Owner

Order: ARD Registration certificate revoked, stayed, and placed on two years' probation. Smog Check Station license revoked, stayed and placed on two years' probation with a 30-day suspension. Gold Shield Repair Certification shall be reinstated. Lamp and Brake station licenses shall be issued, immediately revoked, stayed and placed on two years' probation. Further ordered to reimburse BAR \$5,000 for costs of investigation and enforcement and report to BAR as directed. (06/15/00)

C.C.B.V. CORPORATION, dba HI

TECH AUTO —Fullerton

Albert J. Caron, President

Rafael T. Campos, Technician

Order: ARD registration and Smog Check Station License revoked. Smog Check Technician License issued to Rafael T. Campos revoked. Further ordered to reimburse BAR \$7,140.14 for the costs of investigation and enforcement. (05/31/00)

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Disciplinary (continued from page 5)**PAUL KEVIN CATLETT**

—Fountain Valley

Order: Advanced Emission Specialist Technician License revoked, stayed, placed on five years' probation and suspended for 30 days. Respondent further ordered to report to BAR as directed. (06/14/00)

DEL MAR AUTO & RADIATOR

—Pasadena

Ohanes Kejejian, Owner

Mike Kejejian, Advanced Emissions Specialist

Order: Smog Check Station license revoked. Advanced Emissions Specialist License issued to Mike Kejejian revoked. Respondents further ordered to reimburse BAR \$5,819.97 for its costs of investigation and enforcement. Accusation filed against Automotive Repair Dealer Registration issued to Del Mar Auto & Radiator, Ohanes Kejejian, Owner, dismissed. (06/15/00)

E & M SMOGS —San Diego

Alida Erding, Owner

Order: ARD registration revoked, stayed, placed on three years' probation during which respondent must report to the BAR as directed. Smog Check Station license revoked, stayed, placed on three years' probation and suspended for 60 days. Respondent further ordered to reimburse BAR \$4,942 for costs of investigation and enforcement and report to BAR as directed. (05/11/00)

GEARHARTS SERVICE STATION & GARAGE, INC. —Lake Elsinore

Walter Gerald Gearheart, President

Jeffrey Dean Bagley, Technician

Order: Accusation dismissed. (05/23/00)

WILLIAM EDWARD IRWIN

—Cathedral City

Order: Advanced Emission Specialist Technician license revoked, stayed, placed on three years' probation, suspended for 60 days. Respondent further ordered to complete a BAR-certified training course in diagnosis and repair of emission system failures and engine performance and report to BAR as directed. (06/30/00)

JAMACHA AUTO REPAIR AND SMOG —Spring Valley

David Nguyen, Owner/Technician

Order: Automotive Repair Dealer

Registration permanently invalidated. Smog Check Station License and Advanced Emission Specialist License revoked. Further ordered to pay \$11,000 to the BAR for the costs of investigation and enforcement. (05/19/00)

SAHNG HOON KIM —Glendale

Order: Advanced Emission Specialist License revoked. (05/19/00)

KWIK KAR LUBE & TUNE OF CALIFORNIA, INC., dba KWIK KAR LUBE & TUNE

—Victorville

David W. Morehead, President

Order: ARD Registration revoked, stayed, and placed on three years' probation. Smog Check Station License revoked, stayed, placed on three years' probation, and suspended for 180 days. Respondent ordered to report to BAR as directed and reimburse BAR \$3,701.75 for its costs of investigation and enforcement. (06/15/00)

LA PUENTE SMOG & AUTO SERVICE —La Puente

Joe Danny Hernandez, Partner

Frank Hernandez, Partner

Order: ARD Registration revoked, stayed, placed on three years' probation. Respondents ordered to report to BAR as directed. (06/15/00)

JOHN ROBERT MAGEE —Van Nuys

Order: Advanced Emission Specialist License revoked. (05/19/00)

MESA CARBURETOR & AUTO REPAIR—Santa Ana BEACH CARBURETOR SHOP

—Huntington Beach

Francisco Tamai, Owner/Technician

—Corona

Order: ARD registrations and Smog Check Station licenses issued to Mesa Carburetor & Auto Repair and Beach Carburetor Shop revoked. Advanced Emission Technician License issued to respondent revoked. Respondent further ordered to reimburse BAR \$9,000 for costs of investigation and enforcement. (06/14/00)

MIKE'S AUTO REPAIR —Whittier

Mir Kiani, owner

Luis A. Mangiaterra—Montebello

Order: ARD registration permanently invalidated. Smog Check Station license issued to Mir Kiani revoked.

Respondent ordered to pay \$30,633.68 to BAR for costs of investigation and prosecution. Advanced Emission Specialist Technician License revoked. (05/22/00)

NORTH COUNTY AUTO REPAIR & PERFORMANCE —Vista

Russell L. Fichtelman, Owner/Technician

Order: ARD Registration, Smog Check Station License, and Advanced Emission Specialist Technician License revoked. Prohibited from applying to the Bureau for reinstatement of any of his revoked licenses for five years. (05/11/00)

PRO TECH AUTO CENTER

—Los Angeles

Kwang Soo Lee, Owner

Order: Smog Check Station License and ARD registration revoked. (05/19/00)

RIVERSIDE MOBIL SERVICE

—Riverside

Teodorico B. Sazon, Jr., Partner

Rosalinda Sazon, Partner

Order: ARD registration and Smog Check Station License revoked, stayed, placed on three years' probation, report to BAR and reimburse BAR \$2,500 for its investigation. Smog Check Station License suspended for 45 consecutive days. (05/23/00)

ENRIQUE G. SALAS —San Diego

Order: Advanced Emission Specialist Technician License revoked, stayed, placed on five years' probation and suspended for 60 days. Respondent ordered to report to BAR as directed. (06/15/00)

SELVIAN AUTOMOTIVE TEXACO

—Los Angeles

Aida Selvian, Owner

Order: Automotive Repair Dealer Registration permanently invalidated, and Smog Check Station license revoked. Invalidation and revocation stayed, placed on three years' probation; Smog Check Station license suspended during the calendar month following the month the decision becomes effective. Respondent ordered to pay BAR \$6,000 for costs of investigation and enforcement and report to BAR as directed. (06/30/00)

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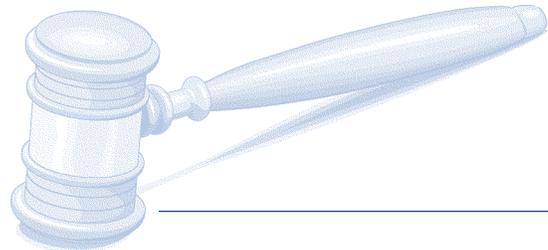
SMOG CHECK STATION CITATIONS

NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	ZIP	LEVEL	ARD NUMBER	CITATION NUMBER	ASSESS AMOUNT	ASSESS DATE	DATE MAILED
MAY									
Smog Diagnostic Specialist	2680 Florin Road #108	Sacramento	95822	3	AG189975	C-99-582	\$1500	05/12/00	06/23/99
El Norte Unocal	1062 West El Norte Pkwy.	Escondido	92026	1	AK105454	C-99-628	\$250	05/19/00	07/02/99
University Chevron	2950 East Nutwood Ave.	Fullerton	92831	1	AH06529	C-00-264	\$750	05/15/00	02/28/00
Autoaccessories Wholesale	8801 No. Sepulveda Blvd.	Sepulveda	91343	2	AC077453	C-00-276	\$750	05/16/00	03/15/00
Turlock Tire Co.	180 South Walnut Rd.	Turlock	95380	1	AD117371	C-00-277	\$250	05/16/00	03/21/00
DN Smog & Autocare	15081 Moran St. #C	Westminster	92683	2	AK207566	C-00-283	\$750	05/16/00	03/31/00
Payless Smog Shop	3224 Niles St.	Bakersfield	93306	1	AH206681	C-00-287	\$250	05/24/00	03/31/00
Smog Pros	1948 Camden Ave.	San Jose	95124	1	AA197801	C-00-289	\$500	05/05/00	03/31/00
C C Car	1381 Freedom Blvd.	Watsonville	95076	1	AM181611	C-00-291	\$500	05/17/00	04/04/00
Tustin & Fourth Shell	401 North Tustin Ave.	Santa Ana	92705	1	AH201301	C-00-293	\$750	05/30/00	04/24/00
Holiday Muffler Service	1670 Capitola Road	Santa Cruz	95062	1	AB193044	C-00-299	\$250	05/11/00	04/28/00
JUNE									
Blakes Automotive Perform*	791 Twinview Blvd.	Redding	96003	2	AC159152	C-99-333	\$750	06/01/00	03/18/99
Nick Shell Service**	17325 Pioneer Blvd.	Artesia	90701	1	AG195368	C-99-588	\$250	06/06/00	06/28/99
Alamo Chevron	3177 Danville Hwy.	Alamo	94507	3	AJ168957	C-00-086	\$150	06/15/00	08/18/99
Master Care Auto Repair	5464 N.Peck Road #5	El Monte	91732	1	AE183773	C-00-297	\$750	06/21/00	04/25/00
Nissan Of Buena Park	6950 Manchester Blvd.	Buena Park	90621	1	AH206886	C-00-303	\$750	06/13/00	05/22/00

* Stations that have had their Gold Shield Guaranteed Repair (GSGR) certificates withdrawn.

** Stations that have had their Gross Polluter Certification (GPC) Pilot Authority withdrawn.

Editor's Note: In the May issue of SCA, \$1,500 was listed for Iras Automotive of Palm Springs. It should have shown \$500.



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SEVEN DAYS AUTO REPAIR AND SMOG CHECK

—Garden Grove
Hung Nguyen, Owner
Order: ARD registration certificate and Smog Check Station license revoked. Further ordered to reimburse BAR \$5,405 for the costs of investigation and enforcement. Respondent's probation revoked, the stays of revocation vacated, and the revocations of respondent's registration and license that were stayed are imposed. (05/19/00)

SMOG CHECK — Newhall
Michael Glenn Duff, Owner
William Reed Latchaw, Technician
Order: ARD registration revoked, stayed and placed on three years' probation and 30-day suspension. Must report to BAR and reimburse BAR \$2,100 for its investigation. Smog Check Station License is revoked. Smog Check Technician License is revoked, stayed, placed on three years' probation. Further ordered to report to BAR and successfully complete a BAR certified training course in diagnosis and repair of emission systems failure and engine

performance and reimburse BAR \$2,100. BAR may accept a sum less than \$2,100. (05/02/00)

ST. GEORGE AUTOMOTIVE

—Fontana
Madhat Riad Bacily, Owner
Order: Smog Check Station License revoked. Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Certificate revoked, stayed, placed on three years' probation. Must report to BAR as directed and pay \$2,000 for the costs of investigation and enforcement. (05/02/00)



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LITTLE SCOOPS

STARTUP OF OBD II UPDATE TRAINING

All Smog Check technicians (Basic and Advanced) whose licenses expire after January 31, 2001 must attend this new OBD II Update training course prior to renewing their license. New license applicants, whose applications are postmarked after January 31, 2001, also must complete this course prior to applying for a license.

The course will be a minimum of 20 hours in length, but may be longer. BAR plans to have a program representative make a short presentation to each class. Each presentation will be followed by a question and answer period. To pass the course, the student will need to complete all reading assignment questions, laboratory assignments, and pass a 50 question final examination. "Now that the instructors are trained, many BAR-certified schools are offering the new

OBD II Update training course," said Wayne Brumett, BAR engineer in charge of technician training.

For those technicians who feel they have a firm understanding of the "generic" OBD II system, BAR is offering a "one time" challenge test. If the technician passes the challenge examination, he/she will receive credit for the course. Those who fail the exam must take the full course. BAR will track challenge test takers, and will not give credit to students who attempt a second challenge examination. Not all schools will be offering the challenge test option. Technicians should contact schools directly to obtain class information and costs. A list of BAR schools can be found on BAR's Web site, www.smogcheck.ca.gov, or obtained by calling your local BAR field office.

Brumett notes that some technicians that have been trained on a specific vehicle manufacturer's OBD II system may be unfamiliar with the generic nature of the challenge test. He suggests the technician

study one of the BAR-approved textbooks prior to taking the challenge examination.

EXAMINATION SECURITY The Bureau of Automotive Repair is changing the license application forms for Smog Check Technicians, Brake Adjusters, and Lamp Adjusters. The revised forms require applicants to enter his/her name as it appears on the California Driver's License or DMV Identification Card. In addition, candidates will need to present their California Driver's License or DMV Identification Card when they appear for the examination. This will make it easier to verify that the person who appears for the examination is the same individual who originally applied for licensure.

ASE EXAMS Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) exams are scheduled for November 9, 14, and 16, 2000.

The registration deadline is September 29. Registration booklets are available at BAR offices and at many parts suppliers' shops. Technicians may register online at <http://www.asecert.org>.