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RE: Notice of Statewide OBD Inspection System (OIS) Implementation

Dear Smog Check Station Owner:

This letter provides you with important information regarding upcoming changes to the Smog Check Program.

Beginning **March 9, 2015**:

- 1) Smog Check stations must use an OBD Inspection System to test the following vehicles:
  - 2000 and newer model-year gasoline powered vehicles (unless over 14,000 lbs. GVWR or those without OBDII),
  - 1998 and newer diesel powered vehicles, and
  - All hybrid vehicles.
- 2) The BAR-97 EIS must not be used to inspect the above vehicles.
- 3) All STAR certified stations are required to have an OIS.
- 4) Smog Check stations will only be allowed to use the 2013 Smog Check Manual.

Stations that currently do not have an OIS, including a BAR-certified DAD, may wish to visit [www.smogcheck.ca.gov](http://www.smogcheck.ca.gov) for information on acquiring this equipment. Once your station receives the OIS equipment, and email instructions from the equipment vendor, you will need to register and download the OIS software in order to perform any inspections.

In order to meet the March 9 date, BAR highly recommends that stations begin the registration process as soon as possible.

Additionally, we encourage you to visit BAR's Web site to review OIS training materials, Q&A's, the 2013 Smog Check Manual, and the certification status of equipment vendors. If you have questions or need additional assistance, please call the BAR Industry Help Desk toll free at (866) 860-8509.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Patrick Dorais'.

PATRICK DORAIS  
Chief, Bureau of Automotive Repair