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Dean Saito Named Smog Check Operations Branch Chief

By Lana K. Wilson-Combs,
DCA Communications and Education Division

The Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) named Dean Saito its Smog Check Operations Branch Chief on November 1, 2000. Saito, brings a wealth of air pollution experience to his new post as a Supervising Air Quality Engineer. Before joining BAR, Saito spent 23 years with the Air Resources Board (ARB), the last 10 years as a Program Manager in the Planning Unit at ARB. His most recent program responsibility was manager of the Liaison Section, responsible for developing air quality attainment plans in conformance with the Federal and California Clean Air Acts.

"We're delighted to have Dean join the department," said BAR Chief Doug Laue. "His comprehensive air pollution background focuses on improving public health and includes innovative ideas and approaches in the Smog Check Program area."

Saito says that within the last several

years, he developed a real appreciation for the air quality benefits of the Smog Check Program. "The Program shortfall relative to California's State Implementation Plan jeopardizes numerous transportation plans and projects due to noncompliance with transportation conformity requirements," says Saito. "These local transportation projects are important to elected officials who are demanding that emission shortfalls be corrected."

Consequently, Saito jumped at the opportunity to come work for BAR and implement needed program changes so that transportation projects will not be at risk in the future.

Another of Saito's short-term goals is to improve BAR's public outreach program.

"I believe we need to make people aware that we're a consumer-friendly organization," said Saito from his office at BAR headquarters in Sacramento. "I think sometimes consumers see us merely as an enforcement agency and often an obstacle in getting their cars registered. Providing more education and outreach programs in the communities could help change these perceptions."

One example of BAR's commitment to public service that is headed by Saito is the Referee Program. It combines student training and a "Welfare to-Work" training program at community colleges. The Referee Program has been instrumental in providing students with knowledge and training, as well as job leads

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VEHICLE RETIREMENT PROGRAM IS A SMASHING SUCCESS

By Lana K. Wilson-Combs and
Chris Davis, DCA Communications
and Education Division

Since its inception seven months ago, The Bureau of Automotive Repair's Vehicle Retirement Program, also known as "car heaven," has become a smashing success. It is an integral part of BAR's Consumer Assistance Program (CAP) and helps eligible consumers whose cars fail their biennial Smog Check by either paying them \$1,000 to retire their vehicles or paying up to \$500 to assist with emissions-related repairs.

To date, more than 7,000 California consumers have had their cars retired through CAP, and more than 6,000

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Below are the Smog Check testing and repair statistics for the months of January and February 2001. 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.

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY		JANUARY	FEBRUARY
PROGRAM VOLUME			GPC	4,146 (7.9%)	4,677 (7.6%)
Tests Conducted*	1,021,469	964,543	- Enhanced	2,008 (12.5%)	1,869 (12.5%)
VEHICLES TESTED	875,708	825,720	- Basic/COO	3,138 (6.4%)	2,808 (6.0%)
- Enhanced	565,674	535,539	TEST-ONLY	37,537 (25.8%)	36,499 (25.9%)
- Basic/COO	309,794	289,849	- Enhanced	37,004 (26.4%)	35,982 (26.1%)
VEHICLES FAILED	104,548 (11.9%)	100,879 (12.2%)	- Basic/COO	533 (16.3%)	517 (16.6%)
- Enhanced	83,571 (14.7%)	80,492 (15.0%)	<i>By Vehicle Type</i>		
- Basic/COO	20,930 (6.7%)	20,320 (7.0%)	High Emitter Profile (HEP)	25,448 (35.7%)	25,305 (35.7%)
CERTIFICATES ISSUED	843,136	739,747	Random 2%	1,817 (27.9%)	1,855 (26.3%)
TYPE OF FAILURE			Volunteers	10,272 (15.1%)	9,339 (14.8%)
TAILPIPE	77,475 (8.8%)	74,829 (9.0%)	AVERAGE REPORTED REPAIR COSTS		
- Enhanced	64,177 (11.4%)	61,676 (11.6%)	VEHICLES REPAIRED	53,258	40,885
- Basic/COO	12,880 (4.1%)	12,632 (4.3%)	- Enhanced	37,678	35,422
GROSS POLLUTERS**	32,495 (3.7%)	31,516 (3.8%)	- Basic/COO	12,706	11,601
- Enhanced	26,518 (4.7%)	25,598 (4.8%)	AVERAGE COST (statewide)	\$132	\$134
- Basic/COO	5,807 (1.8%)	5,753 (2.0%)	- Test and Repair Stations	\$105	\$106
VISUAL	21,166 (2.4%)	20,597 (2.5%)	- GSGR Stations	\$119	\$120
- Enhanced	18,102 (3.2%)	17,630 (3.3%)	- GPC Stations	\$160	\$160
- Basic/COO	3,064 (0.9%)	2,967 (1.0%)	CONSUMER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM		
FUNCTIONAL	53,490 (6.1%)	51,696 (6.27%)	Enhanced Areas	137	141
- Enhanced	42,657 (7.5%)	35,194 (7.7%)	Basic/COO Areas	121	119
- Basic/COO	10,833 (3.5%)	10,502 (3.6%)	Repair Cost Waivers Issued	97	121
FAILURE BY STATION TYPE			Economic Hardship Extensions Issued	96	97
TEST AND REPAIR	42,482 (8.9%)	41,113 (9.2%)			
- Enhanced	30,272 (10.7%)	29,073 (10.9%)			
- Basic/COO	12,210 (6.3%)	12,040 (6.7%)			
GSGR	18,707 (10.3%)	17,823 (10.3%)			
- Enhanced	13,847 (11.3%)	13,072 (11.6%)			
- Basic/COO	4,860 (7.7%)	4,751 (8.0%)			

ARB MODIFIES ELECTRIC VEHICLES MANDATE

By Lana K. Wilson-Combs, DCA Communications and Education Division

Citing fuel cell and hybrid vehicle technologies, plus continued high costs for advanced battery technologies, the California Air Resources Board (ARB) recently modified its mandate that 10 percent of all vehicles and buses sold in California by 2003, be zero-emission or electric vehicles. Now, under the new rule, less than 2 percent, or 4,650, of these vehicles will be sold each year. That's a drop of 80 percent from the ARB's ZEV rule adopted in 1990. The rest of the quota would be filled by hybrids, gas/electric.

The decision was met with criticism by proponents of electric vehicles who view the original measure as one of the most ambitious attempts to help clean California's air.

"Unfortunately, it's now going to take us longer to reach our goal," said ARB spokesman Jerry Martin. "But the reality is, the cost of battery technology has not dropped as quickly as we had hoped and fuel cells and hybrids have progressed more rapidly than expected." Despite the revised mandate, General Motors Corp. has said it still can't meet the 2 percent demand without producing small battery-powered vehicles. Consequently, GM has sued the state saying the ARB "really violated the California Environmental Quality Act."

"We believe it was GM's plan to sue us all along," says Martin. "They never intended to try to meet requirements of the zero-emission vehicle rule or discuss with us any options that were viable." Martin added, other automakers such as Ford Motor Co. have agreed to adhere to the new 2 percent standards.

The fate of electric and zero-emission vehicles appears even more uncertain in a state enduring power shortages and intermittent rolling blackouts. Critics of ZEVs and EVs maintain charging these cars would zap an already fragile power grid. Martin disagrees. "There are viable plans that could easily work despite the energy challenge," he says. "Nearly all of these vehicles recharge during off-peak or night-time hours. You could charge nearly 250,000 EVs and use about 3/10 of 1 percent of the energy Californians use each year. In fact, because EVs charge at night when electricity is actually generated but not used, there are proposals to have EVs discharge some of their stored power back into the grid during peak hours."

Despite the controversy, Martin insists the ARB is far from pulling the plug on its plans to get even more EVs and ZEVs back on the road. "Our goal is to push and ensure that nearly 20,000 EVs per year will be produced by 2011." ...



GOT QUESTIONS?

Alan Coppage, the Bureau of Automotive Repair's Quality Assurance Manager, has answers to all your Quality Assurance questions.

We will print questions you have on issues relating to Quality Assurance in the Smog Check Advisory. Please address them to Lana Wilson-Combs, Communications and Education Division, Department of Consumer Affairs, 404 R. Street, Suite 3060, Sacramento, CA. 95814, or fax to 916/445-8796.

Be sure to include a current phone number in case we need to contact you.



Effect of New Regulations on Stations and Technicians

New regulations are in place that will affect Smog Check stations and technicians, according to Wayne Brumett of BAR's Standards and Training Unit. These regulation changes can be found on BAR's Web site: www.smogcheck.ca.gov. The following is a list of the regulatory requirements, including the most recent amendments.

Test-Only Station Requirements:

- Shall not refer a vehicle owner to a particular automotive repair provider.
- Shall make available to each customer a BAR provided list of licensed Smog Check stations in that area where emission repairs can be made to that customer's vehicle. Upon customer request, stations shall provide the customer with a copy of the list. Stations shall not alter or revise BAR's list.
- Must have an accurate tire pressure gauge (Enhanced Area stations only).
- Must have "electronic component location manuals."

Test & Repair Station Requirements:

- Must have an accurate tire pressure gauge (Enhanced Area stations only).
- Must have a scan tool (or comparable aftermarket PC software/hardware package), for the type of vehicles the station inspects and/or repairs. The scan tool shall display and store fault codes and data streams for both OBD I and OBD II systems. Stations must have their scan tool software/data modules updated to the most recent software/data modules available from the scan tool manufacturer. In addition, the OBD II scan tool upgrade must have enhanced capabilities. Most scan tools on the market today have enhanced capabilities, meaning that they are able to access manufacturer code information

(e.g., P1000 codes etc.) and non-emission related information (e.g., ABS codes, etc.). BAR will not accept a scan tool that can **only** view "generic" OBD II information. Stations need to have this tool **no later than September 1, 2001**. In most cases, the manufacturer can upgrade an OBD I scan tool to the OBD II format.

- Must have "electronic component location manuals."

Basic Area (EB) Technician Requirements:

- **All new** smog technician applicants must complete the Basic (BAR-90 training) Clean Air Car Course (CACC - 48 hours minimum) prior to applying for a smog license (course not required for renewal). Prior to entering the Basic CACC, technicians must have one-year of experience in the engine performance area, or one-year of automotive education (a minimum of one electrical course and one engine performance course) to get BAR credit for the course.
- Must complete a BAR certified training course in Advanced Engine Performance (28 hours minimum), or have a current Advanced Engine Performance Specialist (**L1**) ASE certificate, prior to renewing (or applying for a new) EB smog license. This requirement will **start January 1, 2002**. This requirement is in addition to the OBD II training requirement, which started 2/1/01.

Advanced Emission Specialist (EA) Technician Requirements:

- **All new** Advanced Emission Specialist (EA) applicants must complete the Basic and Advanced (BAR-97 training) CACC (28 hours minimum) prior to applying for that license. Currently licensed Basic Area (EB) or Intern (EI) technicians do not need to take the Basic CACC when upgrading to an EA license.

Energy Campaign Hits The Road

By Lana K. Wilson-Combs,
DCA Communications and Education
Division

The California Department of Consumer Affairs took its "Flex Your Power" campaign on the road last month to the San Francisco Energy Efficiency Fair. More than 5,000 people, lured by the promise of getting free, energy-saving fluorescent light bulbs and tips on lowering soaring energy costs, crammed the City Hall rotunda. They listened to energy experts outlining conservation methods from weatherizing home windows to purchasing energy-saving refrigerators and wood and gas burning fireplaces. Several DCA representatives, including newly appointed Consumer Relations and Outreach Division Deputy Director, Alice Scott, were on hand to answer consumers' questions on energy related matters and pass out "Flex Your Power" magnets, as well as conservation pamphlets and brochures.

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Patty Smith (right) from the DCA Correspondence Complaint and Review Unit explains to consumers at the San Francisco Energy Efficiency Fair the benefits of using florescent bulbs instead of incandescent bulbs.



Open Exam

AIR QUALITY REPRESENTATIVE I

The Department of Consumer Affairs is now accepting applications to establish a civil service list for its Air Quality Representative I classification. **The final filing date is Friday, April 20, 2001.** These positions inform motorists of the activities and objectives of the Smog Check program, perform vehicle emission control tests and inspection duties, and other do general duties related to motor vehicle pollution control.

The application process will consist of a written examination. Minimum qualifications include: possession of a valid driver license of the appropriate class, issued by DMV, and a current statewide, Advanced Smog Check Tech license or equivalent; **AND** four years of experience performing automotive diagnosis and repair of motor vehicle engines and emission control systems and/or inspecting and certifying motor vehicle emission control systems. Applicants must have experience in the operation of physical and electronic test

instrumentation similar to that used in the emissions, performance, or fuel economy testing of vehicles or their components. (College or trade school education in automotive engineering or automotive mechanics may be substituted for the required experience on a year-for-year basis.) Applicants who do not possess the above two licenses will be admitted to the exam, but must secure the licenses prior to appointment. Applications must be post-marked no later than **April 20, 2001.**

Applications are available at State Personnel Board offices and local offices of the Employment Development Department. For more details, interested candidates can also visit the State Personnel Board's Web site at www.spb.ca.gov.

As of February 1, 2001

TECHNICIAN DATA

90	Cut score on the smog exam.
125	Number of scored items on exam.
9,296	Advanced (EA) technicians licensed.
4,453	Basic (EB) technicians licensed.

STATION DATA

4,711	Test and Repair stations statewide.
2,034	Gold Shield Guaranteed Repair (GSGR) stations statewide.
316	Gross Polluter Certification (GPC) stations statewide.
505	Test-Only stations statewide.
628	Test-Only lanes statewide.

CONSUMER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM DATA

183	Stations providing repair assistance.
770	Vehicles repaired (January 2001).
30	Dismantler sites for vehicle retirement.
1,584	Vehicles retired (January 2001).

THE BOTTOM LINE

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for various careers in the automotive field. Students can learn skills that can lead to occupations ranging from Smog Check Intern Technician to General Office Automotive Assistant. The program is strengthened thanks to a \$500,000 federal grant used to purchase 28 dynamometers for the community colleges. Referees use the equipment to provide hands-on training. Saito, along with representatives from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), toured a BAR Referee facility at Skyline College in San Bruno last December. It is one of 34 Referee stations in California that provides, to local motorists Smog Check assistance and issues repair cost waivers to qualifying applicants. "With additional training and experience, students can expand their career opportunities to include Basic Area Technician and Advanced Emission Specialist Technician," says Saito.

"There has been a great response from students and the entire community regarding the program. "We've even been asked by several colleges to have our referees teach Smog Check classes." Saito adds that the reward is seeing students in the program develop skills that will lead to careers in the automotive industry. "I believe it's important to continue and even expand this program," says Saito. "We need to get the message out that we're here to help." ...



LIFE AFTER CRUSHING

By Lana K. Wilson-Combs and Chris Davis,
DCA Communications And Education Division

It might seem like the end of the road for that old clunker that has gone to "car heaven," but it really marks the first stage of the rest of its life as recycled material. Bob Spence, Chief Executive Officer for Pick-N-Pull in Sacramento, says the real work for his crew of 450 employees throughout California is just beginning when the car is crushed. "It's actually a pretty extensive process," explains Spence, who started his business on Sunrise Blvd. in Sacramento and has been picking and pulling cars apart for more than 12 years. Pick-n-Pull has 24 dismantler sites throughout the country, 18 sites in California, with three of them located in the Sacramento area.

"On the average, we crush about 16,000 cars a month," says Spence. "The vehicles are separated into four different materials destined for manufacturing sites from Oakland to China."

The first step is the vehicle is drained of all fluids (i.e., gas, oils and antifreeze). These fluids are stored in tanks. The oil is then recycled by licensed oil recyclers. After that, the engine block is removed and separated from the transmission.

"The transmission case is often made of aluminum," says Spence. "It's shipped to a Bay Area company. The aluminum is melted down and made into ingots (blocks of metal). The ingots are shipped to manufacturers all over the country and made into a variety of aluminum products."

Under BAR's Consumer Assistance Program (CAP), the dismantlers are prohibited by contract from "parting-out" pieces of cars for resale in older vehicles. State inspectors authorize only those cars that are approved for participation in CAP, and even perform regular audits at dismantler sites to ensure compliance. However, the dismantler can

outbid the state for a vehicle if valuable parts are needed.

Overall, very few parts go to waste. Even the radiators are melted down for copper and brass and the actual auto bodies are sent to a shredder run by Schnitzer Steel in Oakland. "Once there, the auto bodies are run up a conveyor belt where they are met by huge hammers that turn the car into fist-size pieces of metal," says Spence. "Schnitzer Steel then ships the ferrous material to Korea and China. Those countries melt the scrap steel into new steel. The new steel is used in manufacturing most all steel products, including new cars that may be exported back to the United States. Then, the cycle starts all over again." ...



Consumer Assistance Program (

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Department of Consumer Affairs Director Kathleen Hamilton talks to the media about CAP during Consumer Protection Week.

have been repaired. In February alone, 2,778 cars were crushed, up from the previous high for the program of 1,584 vehicles in January.

“CAP is a true ‘win-win’ for California,” says Kathleen Hamilton, Department of Consumer Affairs Director. Consumers get help with their car repair expenses, and CAP has a real impact on cleaning California’s air.”

As part of Consumer Protection Week in February, Hamilton visited a Pick-N-Pull dismantler site in Rancho Cordova where she helped crush a 1985 Cadillac El Dorado. Several state representatives, including BAR Chief Doug Laue, Deputy Chiefs Patrick Dorais and Richard Mundy, also attended the event, which received local and statewide media attention.

“Cleaning California’s air has always been BAR’s primary goal,” says Laue. “This program helps take those polluting vehicles off the road so we can all breathe a little easier.”

In order to qualify for the buy-back program, a car must have failed its biennial Smog Check and arrive at a dismantler site under its own power. To find out if your customers qualify, tell them to log on to the Department of Consumer Affairs’ Web site at www.dca.ca.gov, or the Bureau of Automotive Repair Web site at www.smogcheck.ca.gov. The web sites also feature a CAP video with additional requirement information.

CAP information and applications can also be obtained by calling the Department of Consumer Affairs at **1-800-952-5210**. •••



Many parts from this crushed 1985 Cadillac El Dorado will be used as recycled material.

CAP) Deals Crushing Blow to Polluting Vehicles!



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“This is a great venue for us to bring our ‘Flex Your Power’ message” said Scott. “I believe many consumers saw first hand how even small methods of conservation can yield big savings on their energy bills.” Scott added those in attendance were drawn to the Consumer Affairs light box display, which was supplied by the Bureau of Electronic and Appliance Repair. The display shows how a standard incandescent bulb uses about three times more electricity than a new fluorescent bulb. While the bulbs costs \$10, which is much more than a standard bulb, Scott says consumers realized they’d save on their electric bills in the long run because the fluorescent bulb can last anywhere from seven to eight years. Demand for the fluorescent bulbs exceeded the supply when organizers of the fair underestimated the turnout. Nearly 2,000 consumers took home the energy saving fluorescent light bulbs while 3,000 left the event bulbless. City officials said the lightbulb offer was the first step of a “Flex Your Power” program they hope will soon replace 1 million bulbs, or roughly three bulbs per household and business. •••

NEW EXAMS

Smog Check Technicians

By Ken Harris, BAR Technical Services-Standards & Training

On March 9, Exporior Assessments began administering new exams for Smog Check technicians. These exams are the result of a complete job analysis, in which several thousand technicians were surveyed. The tests for Basic and Advanced technicians are separate and significantly different than previous exams. The advanced exam includes loaded-mode inspection, diagnosis and repair.

The Basic exam has 124 questions that will be scored; the Advanced exam has 125. In addition, each exam has 10 questions that are being pretested. Pre-testing allows us to evaluate new questions under actual exam conditions before we make them scored questions. The pre-test questions are randomly placed within the exams.

The minimum passing scores are different from each other, and from the previous passing scores. All passing scores reflect a similar level of difficulty. A technician that passes (or fails) one form of the exam would be expected to pass (or fail) another form

of the exam, even when the passing scores are numerically different.

Candidates receive eligibility notices that show whether they are eligible to take the Basic or Advanced exam. If they applied for a different exam than what appears on the letter, they will need to contact the BAR Licensing Unit at (916)255-3145 to correct it. A technician listed as eligible for a specific exam can take **only** that exam, since each candidate’s examination is prepared ahead of time and cannot be changed at the exam site.

Candidates with questions about each exam or its content can follow the process outlined in the *Candidate Handbook for Smog Technician Exams*. A new handbook will be distributed in late March. The current handbook is posted on the Smog Check Web site: www.smogcheck.ca.gov

New Smog Check Technician Exams

Exam Type	Administration Dates	No. Scored Questions	Minimum Passing Score
Basic	Beginning 3/08/01	125	90
Basic	Beginning 3/09/01	124	84
Advanced	Through 3/08/01	125	90
Advanced	Beginning 3/09/01	125	85

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS



*Editor's Note:
This issue contains the
actions taken during
January 2001.*

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

KERSEY AUTO REPAIR—Fremont
Simon Ker Chun Tsai, Owner
Order: ARD registration license revoked, stayed, placed on three years' probation. Smog Check Station and Basic Area Technician licenses revoked. Further ordered to report to BAR as directed. (1/19/01)

BISCAYS AUTO REPAIR

—Burlingame
Anthony Dwight, Owner
Order: ARD Registration and Smog Check station license revoked, stayed, placed on three years' probation. Ordered to report to BAR and pay \$2,000. (01/19/01)

PETE VIDHYA D. PRASAD

—Hayward
Order: Basic Area Technician license revoked, stayed with three years' probation. Further ordered to report to BAR and pay \$2,000 for costs of investigation and enforcement. (01/019/01)

HENRY'S SMOG—Sacramento
Henry Peter Selvig, Owner
Order: ARD permanently invalidated. Smog Check Station license and Enhanced Area Technician License revoked. Further ordered to report to BAR and pay \$7,590 for the costs of investigation and enforcement. (01/18/01)

B&D AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR

—San Jose
Vikhac Bui, Owner
Order: ARD registration and Smog Check Station license revoked.
Hung Ba Nguyen-Los Gatos
Order: Basic Area Technician license revoked. (01/19/01)

DON'S SMOG & TUNE-UP SERVICE

—Galt
Owner: Donald George Cavins—
Order: Smog Check Station license revoked.

Donald W. Cavins-Galt
Order: Basic Area Technician license is revoked. (01/19/01)

MATTHEW LEE ANDERSON

—San Jose
Order: Basic Area Technician license revoked. (01/19/01)

LOUIES GARAGE

—Stockton
Owner: Victor Wai Louie
Order: ARD registration license revoked, stayed suspended for 15 days and placed on probation for a period of five years from the effective date. Smog Check Station license and AE Specialist Technician license revoked. Withdrawal of Gold Shield Guarantee Repair Certification is affirmed. Further ordered to report to BAR and must pay \$7,900 for reimbursement of costs of investigation and prosecution. (12/13/00)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

NEW TOMATO AUTO REPAIR

CENTER—Gardena
Partners, Joe Soo Youn and Kwang Sike Ahn
Order: ARD and Smog Check Station license revoked.
Joo Soo Youn—Gardena.
Order: Advanced Emission Specialist Technician license revoked. (01/19/01)

PRECISION AUTO SMOG INC,

DBA—Huntington Beach
Touhe Elhalawani, President
Order: ARD registration and Smog Check Station license revoked. (12/27/00)

PHILLIP DANIEL SMALLING

—Canyon Country
Order: Advanced Emission Specialist Technician license revoked, stayed and placed on two years' probation. Must attend and successfully complete a 20 hour BAR training course applicable to the Advanced Emission Specialist Technician licensee. (01/03/01)

STUDIO CITY AUTOMOTIVE

CENTER—North Hollywood
Owner: Edward Cremerosa, President Universal City Motors Inc.—North Hollywood
Order: ARD revoked, stayed and placed on three years' probation. Smog Check Station license revoked. Respondent must report in person to BAR and reimburse \$5,000 for legal and investigative costs. (01/04/01)

JOSE EDGARDO ACOSTA

—Los Angeles
Order: Advanced Emission Specialist Technician license revoked. (01/04/01)

DONALD CRAIG TYSON

—Visalia
Order: Basic Area Technician license is revoked. (01/19/01)

PURRFECT AUTO SERVICE

—Lake Forest
Sharif M. Atta and Irene Atta, Partner
Order: ARD and Smog Check Station license revoked, any other ARD or station license in the name of Purrfect Auto Service #17, owners Sharif and Irene Atta are revoked. Must pay BAR \$2,353.58 for the cost of investigation. (01/24/01)

LA'S SMOG SHOP

—Los Angeles
Partners: Rolando Peralta Lopez and Carlos Deanda Nuno
Order: ARD registration, Smog Check Station licenses are revoked. Smog Check Technician license issued to **Rolando Peralta Lopez** is revoked.
Nolverto Macias
Order: Smog Check Technician license revoked. (01/19/01)

ABY'S SMOG & TUNE

—Los Angeles
Owner: Alba Tejada
Order: ARD registration and Smog Check Station license revoked, stayed and placed on three years' probation.

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Interested Parties Mailing List Update

It's that time again to update our mailing list of interested parties. This list is used primarily to mail regulation workshop invitations and regulation hearing notices (not for mailing the Repair Reporter or Smog Check Advisory) and must be updated annually.

Recent changes in the Administrative Procedures Act now permit you to limit the notices you receive by specifying the particular subject matters you are interested in. We have provided several areas of interest below from which you may select. You may select as many

categories as you wish or simply select the "General Interest" category to receive all notices.

If you wish to be added to the mailing list, please complete the bottom portion of this page, detach it and return it to:

**Bureau of Automotive Repair
Attn: Regulations Coordinator
10240 Systems Parkway
Sacramento, CA 95827**

If you are already on the Bureau's interested parties mailing list you do not need to reply. Thank you for your interest and cooperation. ••

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Smog Check Station license suspended for 60 days. Respondent further ordered to report to BAR and must pay \$2,564.84 for investigative costs.

SERGIO ACOSTA—Los Angeles
Order: Advanced Emission Specialist Technician license is revoked, stayed and respondent placed on three years' probation. Further ordered to report in person to BAR, attend and successfully complete a Bureau certified training course in diagnosis and repair of emissions system failure and engine performance. (01/19/01)

SMOG CENTER—Palmdale
Owner/Technician: Jamal Ayed Haddad

Order: ARD registration extended for three years from effective date of this decision. The existing order of probation for Advanced Emission Specialist Technician license is extended for three years providing that respondent serve an actual 90 days suspension. The existing order of probation for the Smog Check Station license issued to respondent doing business as a Smog Center is extended for three years also providing that respondent Smog Center serve an actual suspension of 45 days from effective date of decision. Further ordered to pay BAR \$10,000 for the costs of investigation.

Daniel Lee Simmons – Lancaster
Order: Advanced Emission Specialist Technician license is suspended for 30 days. (12/21/00)

HARMON AUTO CENTER, INC.
—DBA SHAVER AUTO CENTER
—San Bernardino
Owner: Peter Shaver
Order: Smog Check Station license revoked, stayed, placed on three years' probation with 30 days suspension. Further ordered to report to bar and pay \$2,752.55. (01/18/01)



Please complete, detach and return to: Bureau of Automotive Repair, Attn: Regulations Coordinator, 10240 Systems Parkway, Sacramento, CA 95827

Name
Title
Company/Organization
Address
City State Zip Code
Phone No. () Fax No. ()

AREAS OF INTERESTS

(please check one or more categories. If no categories are selected, "General Interest" will be used.)

- General Interest (all notices)
- Automotive Repair (general)
- Smog Check Program (general)
- Auto Body Repair
- Lamp/Brake Station
- Lamp/Brake Station Technician
- Smog Station
- Smog Technician
- Educational Institution/Instructor
- Equipment Manufacturer
- Consumer Assistance Program
- Other (please specify): _____

SMOG CHECK STATION CITATIONS *

FACILITY NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	ZIP	LEVEL	ARD NUMBER	CITATION NUMBER	ASSESS AMOUNT	ASSESS DATE	DATE MAILED
Cal Neva Auto	6525 Fair Oaks Blvd.	Carmichael	95608	2	AH206431	C-01-083	\$750	01/05/01	10/27/00
College Park Mobil	4000 Lampson Avenue	Seal Beach	90740	1	AG19550	C-01-103	\$750	01/30/01	11/07/00
DN Smog & Autocare	15801 Moran Street, #C	Westminster	92683	1	AK207566	C-01-019	\$250	01/08/01	11/08/00
Tristar Auto Repair	7391 Westminster	Westminster	92683	1	AF194886	C-01-117	\$750	01/02/01	11/15/00
ALS Chevron Service	2035 W. Sunset Blvd.	Los Angeles	90026	1	AM150962	C-01-119	\$250	01/05/01	11/15/00
Sepulveda Unocal 76	8705 Sepulveda Blvd.	Sepulveda	91343	1	AF195254	C-01-120	\$750	01/12/01	11/15/00
Mission Center Texaco	5465 Mission Center	San Diego	92108	1	AJ104908	C-01-122	\$250	01/08/01	11/15/00
Instatune & Lube	105 S. State College	Anaheim	92806	1	AB130621	C-01-128	\$750	1/02/01	11/15/00
Richies Auto Care	7052 Reseda Blvd.	Reseda	91335	1	AB187568	C 01-134	\$250	01/08/01	11/15/00
Bell Garden Shell	6350 Florence Avenue	Bell Garden	90201	1	AE172401	C-01-136	\$750	01/05/01	11/15/00
Quality Tune-Up #9	1014 N. El Dorado	Stockton	95202	1	AD177687	C-01-137	\$250	01/12/01	11/16/00
C&C Shell	1101 N. Long Beach Blvd.	Compton	90221	1	AK207647	C-01-141	\$250	01/02/01	11/16/00
Harbor Shell	702 S. Harbor Blvd.	Santa Ana	92704	1	AF189423	C-01-153	\$250	01/19/01	11/28/00
Purrfect Auto #10	16780 Harbor Blvd.	Fountain Valley	92708	1	AF17294	C-01-155	\$750	01/08/01	11/28/00
C D Auto Repair	1415 Bockman Road	San Lorenzo	94580	1	AG184739	C-01-156	\$250	01/16/01	11/29/00
Smog USA	10149 Folsom Blvd.	Rancho Cordov	95670	1	AH179745	C-01-158	\$250	01/16/01	12/05/00
Fids Smog & Tune	1048 Soule Street	W. Sacramento	95691	1	AF167365	C-01-160	\$250	01/18/01	12/05/00
Top Value Tire	22801 S. Vermont	Torrance	90502	1	AG080610	C-01-162	\$250	01/18/01	12/05/00
Bonneaus Tire & Auto	23003 Arnold Drive	Sonoma	95476	1	AA75530	C-01-166	\$250	01/04/01	12/06/00
Dons Automotive	1101 Yulupa Avenue	Santa Rosa	95405	1	AC108892	C-01-168	\$250	01/17/01	12/06/00
Shah Texaco	1602 E. Valley Pkwy.	Escondido	92027	1	AC204446	C-01-176	\$250	01/08/01	12/08/00
Castroville Smog	10865 Merritt Street	Castroville	95012	1	AA182067	C-01-184	\$250	01/31/01	12/27/00
Ervins Automotive Inc.	15542 Computer Lane	Huntington Bch.	92649	1	AF140745	C-01-188	\$250	01/16/01	12/28/00
Mexicali Auto Repair	5101 Fountain Avenue	Los Angeles	90029	1	AG206094	C-01-203	\$250	01/23/01	12/29/00
Corona Smog & Lube	1453 W. Sixth Street	Corona	91720	1	AK202133	C-01-205	\$750	01/16/01	12/29/00

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