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RapidScreen Emissions Testing Notification Begins

(September 28, 2004) DENVER, CO – For 100 Denver metropolitan area motorists, getting a vehicle emissions inspection just got easier. Instead of a trip to an emissions inspection station, now it's a quick trip to the mailbox.

The first RapidScreen roadside emissions notifications began arriving in the mail on vehicle registration renewal cards in September for October registration renewals. The notification reads, "Passed roadside emissions," and allows drivers of very clean, low-polluting vehicles to complete their vehicle registration renewal in one simple step with one payment, via the mail or by visiting their local motor vehicle office. RapidScreen allows qualifying motorists to skip a trip to an emissions testing station.

RapidScreen is the mobile emissions testing component of Air Care Colorado, the Denver metropolitan area's emissions inspection program, and is administered by the Colorado Departments of Public Health and Environment and Revenue and by Envirotest Systems Corp.

"RapidScreen is an added customer convenience feature of the auto emissions testing program in the Denver-metropolitan area that rewards motorists for maintaining their vehicles," said Douglas H. Benevento, executive director of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. "With RapidScreen, we are looking for the cleanest of the clean vehicles as they drive along Denver-area roadways. The owners of those vehicles have done their part, and RapidScreen is the bonus -- quick, easy and convenient."

Motorist notification is the final step in the ongoing multiphased process of implementing roadside emissions testing. The entire RapidScreen testing process involves a 12-month period. Data collection occurs during the first 10 months, prior to the emissions inspection being due. Then the notification

process begins, which allows two months for data analysis, record matching and lastly, the mailing of notifications.

“We are off to an excellent start,” said Jon McKinley, general manager for Envirotech Systems Corp. “This program is only the second of its kind in the nation, and the first to offer a clean screen program in conjunction with a pay-upon-registration option. We are excited to be sending out these first notifications and expect the number of passing vehicles to grow each month. Drivers of very clean cars will now benefit from the convenience of skipping a trip to an emissions testing station.”

Data collection for the first notices began in September 2003 with two trucks on the road. Since then, two more trucks have been added and additional testing sites have been approved to cover more of the metropolitan area. Additional sites and vans are expected in the coming months, to enable more motorists to easily drive by the trucks in the course of their daily activities.

RapidScreen remote sensing devices (RSDs) use ultraviolet and infrared light to instantly measure emissions as vehicles drive by during a roadside test. A vehicle must have two “clean” readings within one year, and at least two months prior to the registration renewal date. Vehicles eligible for the new program include 1982 and newer, gasoline-powered vehicles that are registered in Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, Jefferson, and Larimer and Weld counties.

If a motorist has passed by the RapidScreen trucks, but does not receive RapidScreen notification on their vehicle registration renewal card, it does not necessarily mean they will fail an emissions test - only the “cleanest” of vehicles will pass RapidScreen. If a vehicle is due for an emissions inspection, it will be indicated as usual on the registration renewal card and will require a standard test at an Air Care Colorado emissions inspection station. Additionally, if a motorist qualifies for RapidScreen, but would prefer to have a traditional inspection at an Air Care station, the motorist retains that option. RapidScreen is an entirely voluntary program. There is no penalty for not passing a roadside test.

The cost for a RapidScreen emissions inspection is \$25, the same as a standard emissions test, and can be paid at the same time the vehicle registration renewal fee is paid.

For information on RapidScreen and van locations call the Air Care Colorado hotline, 303-456-7090 or visit the web site, www.aircarecolorado.com and click on RapidScreen.

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