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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Air Care Colorado Launches RapidScreen - A Mobile Vehicle Emissions Testing Program**

**(September 30, 2003) DENVER, CO** – Envirotest's new mobile vehicle emissions testing vans, equipped with infrared and ultraviolet laser technology, are being deployed in the seven-county Denver emissions testing area by Air Care Colorado.

The program, called RapidScreen, allows motorists to get their vehicle emissions tested by simply driving past strategically parked mobile emissions testing vans. Results are analyzed and stored until the automobile renewal notice is sent to the car owner. Passing a RapidScreen test, which will be noted on the renewal card, means that the driver will not have to take the vehicle to a testing station for the biennial emissions test.

"RapidScreen is all about convenience for the consumer and maintaining our commitment to a healthier Colorado," said Governor Bill Owens. "Testing your car is now as easy as driving past a RapidScreen van. After two consecutive clean readings, you can avoid the trip to the emissions testing station. This is a great example of how technology can help improve our quality of life."

The program, the second of its kind to operate in a metropolitan area in the United States, is a joint project of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment; the Colorado Department of Revenue; and Envirotest, the contractor providing the mobile testing vehicles. The nation's first such program has been operated by Environmental Systems Products in the St. Louis, Missouri, area since 2000.

The RapidScreen test is not pass/fail, only pass. Since only those vehicles with low emissions will pass, one benefit of this program is the convenience it offers to consumers.

"Ultraviolet and infrared beams are cast across the roadway, measuring the tail pipe emissions of vehicles as they travel by," according to Jon McKinley, general manager for Envirotest in the Denver metropolitan area. "Our remote sensing technology can evaluate nearly 3,000 cars per hour."

Environmental Systems Products, the parent company of Envirotest, holds the patent for the remote sensing technology utilizing the AccuScan™ 4000 in the Denver area. The remote sensing equipment utilized by RapidScreen is based upon equipment designed originally by Donald H. Stedman, PhD., a chemistry professor at the University of Denver.

"The RapidScreen vans will rotate through cities and counties in the Denver area," explained Doug Benevento, executive director of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. "Vans will remain in their scheduled location for one week before rotating and will be clearly marked with the RapidScreen logo for easy identification."

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RapidScreen costs the same as a standard emissions test at an emissions testing facility. If your vehicle qualifies, the fee will be indicated on the registration renewal postcard. You simply pay the RapidScreen fee along with your registration renewal fee. Participation in the RapidScreen program is voluntary; if you pass RapidScreen but choose to get your car tested at an emissions facility you simply pay your emissions fee at the station at that time. Eligibility to take advantage of RapidScreen expires 30 days after the renewal month ends.

For weekly van locations consumers should visit [www.aircarecolorado.com](http://www.aircarecolorado.com). Every Monday, location updates will be posted in the Denver Post and Rocky Mountain News. Some traffic reports also will include the information.

The sites have been selected with assistance from, and approval of, the Colorado Department of Transportation and local public works officials.

Envirotest is a subsidiary of Environmental Systems Products, based in East Granby, Conn., the world's leading provider of emission testing services, equipment and technology. The company offers clean air solutions to state and local governments throughout North America and the world.

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