

Station Signage REMINDERS

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Due to the ending of ASM testing of 1995 and older model year vehicles during the 2020 testing season, the requirements for station signage were updated and provided to all stations. All stations were required to make signage replacements or modifications.

Please note the following signage reminders due the recent required modifications:

- The use of "1996 & Newer" and "All Vehicles Welcome" verbiage has been phased out and replaced with "Emissions Testing."
 - Any existing signage **should not** include any language with "All Vehicles Welcome" or "96 & Newer" included. This verbiage should be covered by an overlay stating "Emissions Testing".
 - "Emissions Testing" should include an "s" at the end of "Emissions."
 - o "Emissions Testing" in inverted colors is acceptable.
 - For consistency, "Emissions Testing" should be located at the bottom of the sign.

Please review the sign specifications handout available at www.cleanairforce.com/stations/general-information/station-signage/ or contact an approved sign vendor for more information.

If your sign does not meet specifications or includes inaccurate station information (ex., wrong station type, incorrect hours of operation), your station will fail the audit task and you will be required to purchase a new sign or update your existing sign to become compliant.

You have several options to comply with the sign requirements:

- 1. Buy a new sign.
- 2. Buy an overlay to replace any existing "1996 & Newer" or "All Vehicles Welcome" overlays and replace with "Emissions Testing."
 - a. The overlay must match the sign. There cannot be a white overlay on the blue portion of the sign and the overlay must be secured by attaching a magnetic strip or applying stick-on or magnetic letters by double-sided tape or by the same color tape if the outside edge will be exposed. For example, white tape can be used for sign layout options B and C*, which is directly on

the sign, or a blue overlay may be used with white letters for sign layout options A and C* toppers.

- b. Blue or black colors must be used to make these changes.
- 3. Buy a new sign topper for sign layout option A*.

The list of approved sign vendors is available at www.cleanairforce.com/stations/general-information/station-signage/.

Signage reminders:

- If your sign becomes damaged or faded, replace it.
- If your station is not open during the hours listed on your sign, then you must post a "Closed" sign on the roadside sign, on the bay door, or within view of the motoring public.
- All sign locations must meet state and local code requirements.
- All information displayed on these signs is required by law; do not add or omit any information. If any of your station information that is printed on your sign changes, you must update it immediately.
- If your station offers coupons, the price entered on the VIR still must match your roadside sign. The discounted price charged will be handled by the station internally and must be offered to all motorists with a paper coupon. The emissions test cannot be discounted below \$10.
- Stations are only authorized to use the GCAF logo on their statecertified sign. <u>Stations are not to use the logo on any other</u> <u>advertisements, such as business cards or flyers</u>.

If you have any questions, contact GCAF Station Assistance at 1.800.449.2471, option #2, via email at industry@cleanairforce.com, or via live chat, which is available at www.cleanairforce.com.

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~ GCAF and EPD require that you print, read, and store all GAS messages in a binder on or near the analyzer. GCAF and EPD also recommend that you print a second copy of these messages and post them in a prominent location for your employees to read. To retrieve and print a previous GAS message, go to the GAS message retrieval function in your analyzer and select the appropriate message to print (the analyzer holds up to 500 messages).

^{*}Options A, B and C can be found on the sign specifications handout.