



## **GEORGIA'S CLEAN AIR FORCE IMPROVES EMISSIONS TESTING SURVEY, ANNOUNCES 2013 EMISSION PROGRAM CHANGES**

**ATLANTA** – December 12, 2012 – [Georgia's Clean Air Force](#) (GCAF), which administers the state's Vehicle Emission Inspection and Maintenance (I/M) Program, recently concluded its 16<sup>th</sup> annual emission testing program study. This year's survey included more concise questions than in years past and was the third time the survey has been administered online.

The 11-question survey is part of an annual quantitative study that tracks the awareness and attitudes of motorists regarding GCAF and the I/M Program. This year more than 300 metro Atlanta motorists weighed in, with 77.4 percent of those survey respondents rating their overall experience with the inspection process as "good" or "excellent."

This year's increased number of respondents is credited in large part to GCAF's improved effort to promote the online survey to Georgia motorists, making the survey quick and easy to complete. GCAF announced the survey through local media outlets, social media sites and emails to Georgia motorists. The 2012 survey also posed fewer questions in an easy-to-complete online format.

"Our goal in administering the annual survey is to gather an accurate depiction of how we can improve Georgia's emission testing process," said Pamela T. Earl, Program Manager, Mobile & Area Source Program, Air Protection Branch, Georgia EPD. "By providing fewer yet more concise questions we were able to capture more opinions of Georgia motorists and take them into consideration when executing changes in 2013."

In conjunction with Georgia's Environmental Protection Division, GCAF is announcing the following 2013 emissions program changes:

- The vehicles which require testing in 2013 are 1989 to 2010 model year gasoline-powered cars or light-duty trucks (gross vehicle weight rating of 8,500 pounds or less) registered in Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding or Rockdale County.
- Model years 2011 and newer are exempt.
- The Repair Waiver amount is \$841.
- For Senior Exemptions, the vehicle must be 2003 model year or older.

### **About Georgia's Clean Air Force**

Since 1996, Georgia's Clean Air Force, the state's Enhanced Vehicle Emission Inspection and Maintenance Program, has worked with Georgia's Environmental Protection Division to reduce harmful vehicle emissions. Georgia's Inspection and Maintenance Program has prevented thousands of tons of ozone-forming pollutants from entering the air we breathe by identifying and repairing nearly two million heavy-polluting vehicles. For more information, please visit [www.cleanairforce.com](http://www.cleanairforce.com) or call 800.449.2471.

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