



Georgia's Clean Air Force Announces 2010 Vehicle Emission Program Updates

ATLANTA – January 5, 2010 – Georgia's Clean Air Force (GCAF) has announced its guidelines for the 2010 Enhanced Vehicle Emission Inspection and Maintenance (I/M) Program. Beginning in 2010, model year vehicles 1986 to 2007 are required to meet emission testing standards. Model year vehicles 2008 and newer are exempt because of their low level of emissions.*

In addition to the model year vehicle updates, the [Repair Waiver](#) limit amount will increase to \$788 in 2010 to reflect annual changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). GCAF offers a Repair Waiver to motorists who fail their emission inspection after completing emission-related repairs in excess of \$788 if certain requirements are met, as outlined at www.cleanairforce.com. Motorists also can visit GCAF's Web site or an emission inspection station to view the *RepairWatch* Public Report, which provides a list of reputable repair facilities to assist with emission-related repairs.

A vehicle may be tested well in advance of a motorist's registration renewal date. GCAF recommends testing a vehicle at least four to six weeks prior to the registration renewal date to allow time for emission-related repairs, if needed.

GCAF reminds buyers and sellers of used vehicles that per Georgia law, a vehicle must be sold with a current, valid passing Georgia Vehicle Emission Inspection Report (VIR) if the buyer is going to register the vehicle in a Georgia county requiring emission testing. Additional information on used vehicle sales can be found at www.cleanairforce.com.

"We are dedicated to providing motorists with the tools necessary to follow Georgia's Clean Air Force program guidelines, empowering drivers to play a role in keeping our air clean," said Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) Public Information Specialist Cherrise Boone. "We look forward to helping Georgia breathe easier in 2010 as well as helping metro Atlanta reach record low emissions."

* Other exempt vehicles include diesels, alternate fuel vehicles that do not operate on gasoline, motorcycles and motor homes.

About Georgia's Clean Air Force

Since 1996 Georgia's Clean Air Force (GCAF), the state's Enhanced Vehicle Emission Inspection and Maintenance (I/M) Program, has worked with Georgia's Environmental Protection Division to reduce harmful vehicle emissions. Georgia's I/M program has prevented tons of ozone-forming pollutants from the air we breathe by identifying and repairing more than 1.5 million heavy-polluting vehicles. For more information, please visit www.cleanairforce.com.

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