



## Georgia's Clean Air Force Announces 2011 Vehicle Emission Program Updates

**ATLANTA** – January 31, 2011 – Georgia's Clean Air Force (GCAF) has announced its guidelines for the 2011 Enhanced Vehicle Emission Inspection and Maintenance (I/M) Program. Beginning in 2011, model year vehicles 1987-2008 are required to meet emissions testing standards. Model year vehicles 2009 and newer are exempt as are vehicles older than 1987. Other exempt vehicles include diesels, motorcycles, motor homes and alternate fuel vehicles that operate solely without gasoline.

In addition to the model year vehicle updates, in 2011, the [Repair Waiver](#) limit amount will be \$805 to reflect annual changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). Motorists can apply for a Repair Waiver if a vehicle fails the retest and emission-related repairs cost more than \$805. To receive this waiver specific requirements must be met. View these requirements at GCAF's website at [www.cleanairforce.com](http://www.cleanairforce.com) in the "Motorists" microsite and click on "Waivers, Extensions and Exemptions." Motorists can also visit GCAF's website or an emission inspection station to view the *RepairWatch* Public Report, which provides a list of qualifying repair facilities to assist with emission-related repairs; click on "Repair Info" in the "Motorists" microsite. GCAF recommends testing a vehicle at least four to six weeks prior to the registration renewal date to allow ample time for emission-related repairs, if needed.

A vehicle may also be tested well in advance of a motorist's registration renewal date if it is expected to be out of the area at the time of the renewal. An emission inspection is valid for 12 months or one registration renewal, by the same owner.

GCAF reminds buyers and sellers of used vehicles that per Georgia law (O.C.G.A. 391-3-20-.18), 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 one of the 13 Georgia counties that requires emission testing. Additional information on used vehicle sales can be found in the "Motorists" microsite at [www.cleanairforce.com](http://www.cleanairforce.com); click on "Used Vehicle Sales Info."

"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 Affairs Coordinator Vicky Giles. "We look forward to helping Georgia breathe easier in 2011 as well as helping metro Atlanta reach record low emissions."

### 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 2 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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