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**GEORGIA'S CLEAN AIR FORCE ANNOUNCES 2009 INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE (I/M) PROGRAM GUIDELINES**

*Guidelines Outline Vehicle Model Years That Require Emission Testing*

**ATLANTA** – January 5, 2009 – Georgia's Clean Air Force (GCAF) has announced its guidelines for the 2009 Enhanced Vehicle Emission Inspection and Maintenance (I/M) Program. Beginning in 2009, model year vehicles including 1985 to 2006 are required to meet emission testing standards. Model years 2007 to 2009 are exempt because of the low level of emissions produced by newer model cars.\*

Additional 2009 program features include a change in the Repair Waiver limit amount to \$787. The Repair Waiver limit amount is adjusted annually to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). Motorists can find a list of reputable repair facilities in their area to assist with emission-related repairs in the *RepairWatch* Public Report at [www.cleanairforce.com](http://www.cleanairforce.com). The report also is available at all emission inspection stations.

“We are dedicated to providing motorists with the tools necessary to follow Georgia's Clean Air Force program guidelines, empowering them to play a role in keeping our air clean,” said Cherrise Boone, public information specialist – Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD). “We look forward to helping metro Atlanta reach record low emissions in 2009.”

\* 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](http://www.cleanairforce.com).

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