

**ATTENTION: ALL OFFICIAL INSPECTION STATIONS  
QUALITY ASSURANCE OFFICERS AND PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE**

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**SAFETY INSPECTION BULLETIN**

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**ENROLLMENT REQUIRED FOR EMISSIONS AND/OR E-SAFETY STATIONS**

As a reminder, all inspection stations participating in the emissions inspection and/or e-SAFETY programs **must** enroll with Parsons no later than September 7, 2012. Stations who do not enroll by September 7, 2012 risk interruption in their program participation when Parsons assumes program management responsibilities on October 9, 2012. All current participants were mailed an enrollment packet in August. For those stations that have not participated in the emissions inspection or e-SAFETY programs in the past, you may obtain enrollment information by calling the Station Operator Hotline at 1-888-265-5909.

Effective October 9, 2012, stations will realize a reduction of the Emissions Program Management Fee (PMF) from the current \$2.40 to \$1.47 per transaction. Additionally, effective October 9, 2012, the e-SAFETY Program Management Fee has been reduced to \$0.18 per transaction from the current \$0.74 per transaction. You are encouraged to pass these savings on to your customers.

The e-SAFETY program is PennDOT's electronic safety inspection data collection and storage system. This is an opportunity to take advantage of a free trial period being offered to all stations by Parsons. Stations that sign up by September 7, 2012 will not pay e-SAFETY transaction fees from October 9, 2012 through January 31, 2013. You have the opportunity to sign up for the free trial period anytime before the end of 2012, but signing up early will provide the maximum free trial period. This is a voluntary program that enables safety inspection stations to electronically capture safety inspection data and eliminates the manual MV-431 and MV-480 inspection records. After the free trial period ends January 31, 2013, you may opt to continue in the program or end your participation. All current participants were mailed an enrollment packet in August. For those stations that have not participated in the e-SAFETY programs in the past, you may obtain enrollment information by calling the Station Operator Hotline at 1-888-265-5909.

**ORDERING INSPECTION STICKERS**

Beginning October 1, 2012, the Department will be issuing the new 2013-14 safety and emissions inspection stickers. Between now and October 1, you should be careful not to order more stickers than necessary to perform annual inspections through December 31, 2012, and semi-annual inspections through June 30, 2013.

When placing an order for the new inspection stickers before October 1, 2012, please mark "13-14" in large numbers ACROSS THE TOP of your MV-436A Inspection Sticker and Insert Order Form. MV-436A forms that are not marked "13-14" will be considered a request for the current "12-13" inspection stickers. This applies to both safety and emissions stickers. All MV-436A forms marked "13-14" WILL NOT be processed before October 1, 2012. Please allow 7-10 business days for delivery.

The 2013-14 stickers may be used if the current 2012-13 stickers are depleted before November 1, 2012. Once you begin to use the new “13-14” stickers, a separate MV-431 or MV-480 must be started. All stations that perform annual inspections should order new “13-14” stickers prior to November 1, 2012, for vehicles that have stickers expiring in January 2013. Please be aware that if inspection stickers are paid for with a bad check, your inspection privileges are subject to suspension in accordance with the schedule of penalties found in Section 175.51 of the Vehicle Equipment and Inspection Regulations.

### **EMISSIONS MESSAGE ON VEHICLE REGISTRATION CREDENTIALS**

As a reminder, vehicle owners who indicate they reside in a non-emissions county should receive only a safety inspection, even if the “Emissions Inspection Required” message appears on their vehicle registration. The “Emissions Inspection Required” message can appear on a vehicle registration when the vehicle owner resides close to the border between an emissions county and a non-emissions county.

While not requiring an emissions inspection, vehicles registered in non-emissions counties (up to and including 11,000 GVWR) are required to undergo a visual anti-tampering check as part of their safety inspection. If desired, stations may retain a copy of the customer’s work order indicating they do not reside in an emissions-affected county. You may advise customers to contact the Vehicle Inspection Division to have the emissions message on their registration credentials corrected. If you need assistance determining if a vehicle requires an emissions inspection, please contact the Station Operator Hotline at 1-888-265-5909.

If you have any questions, please contact the Vehicle Inspection Division at (717) 787-2895.

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