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AND  
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**SUBJECT: EMISSIONS CERTIFICATION TRAINING  
EMISSIONS INSPECTOR TRAINING  
CERTIFIED EMISSIONS REPAIR TECHNICIAN  
SPECIAL TESTING DATES FOR ASE CERTIFICATION**

Emissions Certification Training

As you may know, beginning in December 2003, Pennsylvania's Emissions Inspection and Maintenance (I/M) Program is scheduled to begin in the South Central region, which consists of Berks, Cumberland, Dauphin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh, Northampton and York Counties. The following implementation schedule for each county is planned.

Beginning December 2003	Cumberland and Dauphin
Beginning January 2004	Berks, Lehigh and Northampton
Beginning February 2004	Lancaster, Lebanon and York

Station owners who wish to participate in the upcoming emissions program need to have at least one certified emissions inspector employed at their station in order to be eligible for appointment as an Official Emissions Inspection Station. Those stations wishing to deliver waivers to qualifying vehicles must also have a certified repair technician. More information on these certification types and available training is listed below.

Emissions Inspector Certification

The Emissions Inspector Certification training is a 16.5-hour course, which covers all aspects of Pennsylvania's Emissions Inspection Program. A list of training facilities offering the certification course is enclosed for your convenience. Please contact a facility on this list to get information regarding class availability and fees. We expect classes to fill quickly and encourage you to act immediately to ensure you will be able to get into a scheduled class so you can provide emissions inspection services to your customers.

Certified Emissions Repair Technician

While certified emissions inspectors are qualified to perform emissions inspections on vehicles at certified emissions inspection stations, an emissions repair technician certification is required to deliver waivers for qualifying vehicles. A qualifying vehicle is one that has;

- failed an emissions test and retest;
- is equipped with the required emissions components, that show no signs of tampering and were originally part of the manufacturers original certified configuration;

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- has had a specific dollar amount spent on the vehicle related to the failure and verified by a certified emissions repair technician.

PENNDOT encourages all technicians to become certified as both an inspector and a repair technician since this training will be valuable in properly diagnosing and repairing your customer's vehicles. Repair technician certification may be obtained in a number of ways.

A technician must successfully complete the Emissions Inspector certification course and testing; **AND**

Successfully complete the 48-hour Emissions Repair Technician certification course through an authorized training facility (list enclosed); **OR**

Successfully complete an assessment (challenge) test at an authorized training facility; **OR**

Provide documentation showing prior emissions training or certification that is considered equivalent to PENNDOT's 48-hour Emissions Repair Technician Certification training (i.e., various OEM training courses and/or ASE-L1 certification).

In all cases, it is necessary for anyone wishing to become a certified repair technician to successfully complete the 16.5-hour emissions inspector certification course prior to seeking the certified repair technician status. Those wishing to receive the emissions repair technician certification by showing proof of prior training or certification identified as equivalent will need to present proof of training or certification to one of the training facilities on the attached list to apply for repair technician certification. Training facilities may charge an administrative fee for this service. It will be necessary to provide course names and numbers so a determination can be made as to the eligibility of the training.

Special Testing Dates for ASE certification

In order to assist states in filling the need for certified repair technicians nationwide, the ASE has set special testing dates. The deadline for test registration is September 26, 2003. To obtain test dates and registration information, please contact ASE at 1-866-427-3273 (toll free) or 1-319-337-1433 or you may visit their website at [www.asecert.org](http://www.asecert.org).

Please do not delay in contacting a training facility to schedule training. As more facilities become available to offer emissions certification training, the attached list will be updated. You may view the most recent list of training facilities at [www.drivecleanpa.state.pa.us](http://www.drivecleanpa.state.pa.us). I look forward to your participation in Pennsylvania's Emissions Program. If you have any questions, please contact the Vehicle Inspection Division at (717) 787-2895.

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**BERKS COUNTY**

Reading-Muhlenberg AVTS	Barbara Geisler	(610) 921-7306
Automotive Research Center ARC, Inc.	Bruce Ginther	(610) 796-8692

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY**

Carlisle High School Center for Career & Technology	Debra Rasp	(717) 240-6800 ext. 13813
Cumberland Perry AVTS	Mary Rodman	(717) 697-0354

**DAUPHIN COUNTY**

Dauphin County Technical School	Beth Marshall	(717) 652-3170
Harrisburg Area Community College	LuAnn Gallup	(717) 780-2503

**NORTHAMPTON COUNTY**

Career Institute of Technology	Ronald Roth	(610) 258-2857
Northampton Community College	Don Bray	(610) 861-5327

**YORK COUNTY**

York Co. School of Technology	Sue Hoffman	(717) 741-0820
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**STATEWIDE SCHOOLS**

Alliance of Automotive Service Providers of PA (Members only)	Pam Thomas	(717) 654-8400
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