

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

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EMISSION BULLETIN

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TOPICS IN THIS BULLETIN:

UPDATE REGARDING PENNSYLVANIA'S EMISSIONS INSPECTION PROGRAM

Beginning January 1, 2006, the Emission Inspection Program Regulations (Chapter 177) will allow a station to be appointed as an emissions inspection station and to choose the type of emissions test to make available to its customers (i.e., OBD only on 1996 and newer vehicles).

As a station (that does not currently offer emissions testing) that may be considering purchasing equipment and participating in the emissions inspection program, I want to make you aware of the following as it pertains to the purchase of an OBD or Visual only inspection unit.

Equipment manufacturers that currently provide equipment for the OBD/Visual emissions inspections were directed in June, 2005 to make a software upgrade for all of their OBD/Visual test equipment in Pennsylvania's emissions inspection stations. The deadline for the manufacturers to have updated software approved and installed for units being provided to any new inspection stations is January 1, 2006.

Please be aware that commencing January 1, 2006, PennDOT will not appoint any new emissions inspection stations with OBD/Visual software that has not been upgraded. For the most up-to-date information on those manufacturers that have had their software update approved for emissions inspection stations appointed on or after January 1, 2006, please visit the Drive Clean web-site at www.drivecleanpa.state.pa.us.

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