

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Compliance with Colorado Vehicle Emissions Testing

1. Purpose. To increase awareness about and to ensure compliance with the Clean Air Act and Colorado Regulation No. 11 concerning requirements for vehicle emissions testing for all gasoline and diesel powered privately owned vehicles (POVs) operating on Fort Carson.
2. The Colorado Automobile Inspection and Readjustment (AIR) Program was initiated in 1981 because the Front Range area exceeded the National Ambient Air Quality Standard for carbon monoxide. Since then, Colorado drivers have helped reduce vehicle related air pollution by properly maintaining their vehicles, and air quality has improved dramatically in the Front Range area.
 - a. **An emissions test is required for ALL gasoline and diesel powered POVs operating on Fort Carson for more than 60 days, regardless of where the vehicle may be registered and regardless if the vehicle already has an emissions test from another state.** Therefore, temporary residents (both civilian and military) who may register their POV out of state or in a county other than El Paso County, but operate it on Fort Carson are required by state law to obtain a vehicle emissions test. Colorado does not recognize emissions test inspection results from other states.
 - b. Gasoline powered POVs model year 1982 and newer must receive emissions tests every two years; gasoline powered POVs model year 1981 and older and all diesel POVs must obtain emissions test annually.
 - c. In El Paso County, gasoline powered vehicle emissions tests are conducted at many inspection sites, including the Fort Carson Autocraft Shop in Building 2427 (526-2174). The facility operating hours are: Monday and Tuesday 0830-1630 hours; Wednesday-Friday 0830-2000 hours; and Saturday-Sunday 0900-1630 hours. The emissions test costs \$14.00 for vehicle models older than 1981 and \$20.00 for 1982 and newer models. In Colorado Springs, diesel certification can be obtained **ONLY** at Exhaust Readers at 4202 N. Nevada Ave. For a complete listing of gasoline powered emission station locations and business hours in El Paso County, call 594-8709 or 633-2337.
 - d. The Fort Carson military police can enforce this emissions testing requirement on post with a fine if the owner can not show proof of the emissions test, or proof of an exemption. Such proof should be retained in the vehicle with the registration and insurance.

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e. New gasoline and diesel vehicles **purchased and registered in Colorado** with a Manufacturer's Statement of Origin (MSO) receive a 4-year and 2-year model exemption, respectively. For example, if a brand new gasoline vehicle is purchased in Oregon and registered there before driving it to Colorado, then the vehicle can't receive the 4-year model exemption. This is because it was previously registered elsewhere and is not considered brand new for registration purposes in Colorado. However, if a vehicle is purchased in Oregon and is then trucked to Colorado, where it gets registered for its **FIRST** time, then the MSO is accepted as being valid proof to receive the exemption.

f. Other vehicles exempt from the emissions test program include motorcycles and other All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs); electric vehicles (including all hybrids); vehicles registered as street rods; farm tractor, maintenance, construction or similar equipment registered as off-road vehicles; and vehicles registered as Collector Series (1959 models and older) or Horseless Carriage (1942 models and older).

g. For further information, a pamphlet from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment is attached or can be obtained from the DECAM.

3. The POC regarding this information paper is Ms. Sally Atkins or Mr. Matthew Lewis at 526-6601 or -1708, respectively.



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