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Patrick Dorais Appointed BAR Chief



Patrick Dorais, BAR Chief

On November 8, 2013, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. appointed Patrick Dorais to serve as Chief of the Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR). Dorais had most recently served as Deputy Chief of BAR's Smog Check Operations since 2007. He also served in multiple positions at BAR from 1995 to 2004, as well as Deputy Chief at the California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board and at the Department of Consumer Affairs' Bureau for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education.

Dorais has also served as Special Assistant to the Secretary of the California Environmental Protection Agency from 1991 to 1995, Special Assistant to the Director of the California Governor's Office of Planning and Research in 1991, and Legislative Correspondent in the U.S. Senate from 1987 to 1990.

BAR Visits Mexico to Exchange Ideas and Share Best Practices

In April of 2013, dignitaries from Mexico visited the Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) to learn more about our Smog Check Program, witness tailpipe and OBD Smog Check tests, and tour the Engineering Lab. Citing BAR's international stature, the officials invited BAR to visit Mexico City to offer suggestions for improving their Smog Check Program.

BAR Chief Patrick Dorais, Senior Engineer Garrett Torgerson, and Program Representative III Jaime Ramos accepted an invitation from Governor Avila of the State of Mexico to visit October 8-11, 2013. The meeting in Toluca, Mexico, began with an overview of how air quality is monitored and what the basic protocol is for their vehicle inspection program. The BAR

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representatives toured one of their vehicle inspection centers, observing both the equipment and inspection process first-hand.

BAR offered the following recommendations regarding the State of Mexico's Smog Check program:

- Establish a broader program that includes vehicles from outlying areas
- Implement OBD II inspections for all OBD II-compliant vehicles
- Establish equipment certification standards
- Develop an equipment auditing program
- Establish a program for licensing inspectors
- Cultivate a strong enforcement presence
- Develop incentives for higher performance within the industry

The officials from Mexico requested another visit to California to visit automotive shops; learn how BAR reaches out to consumers; more fully understand the philosophy of inspection performance; and learn measures to increase incentives for their program.

“The visit to Mexico City was encouraging because the officials seemed earnest and enthusiastic in their pursuit of progress,” said Chief Patrick Dorais. “We look forward to helping them learn from our experiences and being a partner through this process.”



L-R: Secretary to the Governor of State of Mexico Roa Sanchez; BAR Program Representative III Jaime Ramos; BAR Senior Engineer Garrett Torgerson; Governor of the State of Mexico Eruviel Avila; and BAR Chief Patrick Dorais.

New BAR-OIS Equipment and Inspection Procedures

Later this year, many changes will go into effect with the implementation of the On-Board Diagnostic Inspection System (OIS). The most significant changes are found in the new Smog Check Manual. The manual contains a Test Requirements table that identifies which vehicles and which the tests must be performed on the BAR-OIS or BAR-97 inspection systems.

Currently, only OIS beta testing stations are allowed to use the new manual. Other stations will use the new manual upon purchase and BAR activation of a BAR-certified Data Acquisition Device (DAD).

Statewide use of BAR certified DADs is expected to ramp up once vendors are certified sometime this

spring. BAR will mandate OIS use late this summer once there is enough test equipment operating throughout the state to handle model-year 2000 and newer vehicle inspections. When BAR mandates OIS use, all STAR stations will be required to have the OIS and non-STAR stations will only be required to use the OIS if inspecting 2000 and newer model-year vehicles.

Stations and technicians will be notified approximately 60 days in advance of the mandatory BAR-OIS use date. BAR will notify stations upon DAD activation. The Smog Check Manual and complete regulation package can be found on www.smogcheck.ca.gov.

TEST REQUIREMENTS

Required Tests	BAR-97		OBD Inspection System (OIS)		
	GASOLINE 1976 TO 1995 ⁽¹⁾	GASOLINE 1996 TO 1999 ⁽¹⁾	HYBRID 2000 AND NEWER ⁽²⁾	DIESEL 1998 AND NEWER ⁽³⁾	GASOLINE 2000 AND NEWER ^(1,4)
TAILPIPE INSPECTIONS: (see section 1.2 for specifics)					
Acceleration Simulation Mode (ASM) or Two Speed Idle (TSI) ⁽⁶⁾	⊙	⊙			
VISUAL INSPECTIONS: (see section 1.3 for specifics)					
Crankcase Emissions Controls	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙
Thermostatic Air Cleaner	⊙	⊙			
Fuel Evaporative System (EVAP)	⊙	⊙	⊙		⊙
Exhaust Gas After Treatment Systems	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙
Exhaust Gas Recirculation (EGR)	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙
Ignition Spark Controls	⊙	⊙	⊙		⊙
Fuel Metering Systems	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙
Air Injection System	⊙	⊙	⊙		⊙
Computers, Sensors, and Switches	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙

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Required Tests	BAR-97		OBD Inspection System (OIS)		
	GASOLINE 1976 TO 1995 ⁽¹⁾	GASOLINE 1996 TO 1999 ⁽¹⁾	HYBRID 2000 AND NEWER ⁽²⁾	DIESEL 1998 AND NEWER ⁽³⁾	GASOLINE 2000 AND NEWER ^(1, 4)
VISUAL INSPECTIONS: (see section 1.3 for specifics)					
Other Emission-Related Components	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙
Liquid Fuel Leak (section 1.3.3)	⊙	⊙	⊙		⊙
Visible Smoke Test (section 1.3.4)	⊙	⊙		⊙	⊙
FUNCTIONAL INSPECTIONS: (see section 1.4 for specifics)					
On-Board Diagnostics (OBD)		⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙
Malfunction Indicator Light (MIL)	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙
Exhaust Gas Recirculation (EGR) ⁽⁶⁾	⊙				
Ignition Timing	⊙				
Fuel Cap Integrity	⊙				
Low Pressure Fuel Evaporative Test (LPFET)	⊙				

Footnotes relative to the above test requirements table:

- (1) Gasoline includes alternative fueled vehicles, e.g., ethanol, methanol, LPG, CNG, etc.
- (2) Hybrid vehicles are powered by both internal combustion and electric power sources.
- (3) Diesel-powered vehicles with a GVWR greater than 14,000 lbs. are exempt from the Smog Check Program.
- (4) Exception: Some model-year 2000 and newer vehicles will require a tailpipe test on the BAR-97 EIS. These include vehicles without OBD II systems, e.g., over 14,000 GVWR, and may also include vehicles with problematic OBD II systems.
- (5) ASM required for vehicles registered in enhanced program areas, unless vehicle is incompatible with dynamometer test, then TSI shall be performed. TSI required in Basic and Change of Ownership Program areas.
- (6) The EGR functional inspection is only performed in conjunction with a TSI tailpipe test.

New Inspection Equipment Requirements

The new Smog Check Manual also specifies required inspection equipment for various station types, summarized as follows:

- STAR certified stations must have all Smog Check inspection equipment including a BAR-97, fuel cap tester, LPFET, and an OIS
- Non-STAR certified stations can choose their equipment, but can only test vehicles for which they have the appropriate inspection equipment. For example, a 2000 model-year vehicle with

OBD II can only be tested if the station has the OIS equipment. Non-STAR stations may choose to only inspect OIS vehicles that are not directed to a STAR station.

Stations may acquire the new OIS by either purchasing a BAR-certified DAD, then buying off-the-shelf equipment from any retail store, or by purchasing/renting/leasing a complete package from a vendor. The OIS will use Web-based software which requires a continuous Internet connection during an OIS inspection. Although the OIS uses an Internet connection, both the Smog

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Check inspection and the BAR-97/OIS equipment must be used in the station. At a minimum, your station must have the following equipment to build an OIS, including:

- A BAR-certified DAD to retrieve vehicle OBD II data
- A computer able to run Windows, Windows 7 (32 or 64 bit), or Windows 8.1 (32 or 64 bit) operating system. Verify DAD compatibility with vendor
- Microsoft Internet Explorer version 9,10 or 11
- A one-dimensional (linear type bar code) scanner, or upgrade to a 2-d (square type bar code) scanner
- A printer using 8 1/2" x 11" paper that is compatible with the Windows operating system version
- An Internet connection (DSL or faster speed recommended)

Upcoming OBD II Standards

The following new OBD II inspection standards will be implemented on the BAR-97 and the OIS once OIS testing is fully underway statewide:

- GASOLINE:
 - 1996-1999 model-year vehicles are allowed to have any one incomplete readiness monitor
 - 2000 and newer model-year vehicles are only allowed to have the evaporative monitor incomplete
- DIESEL:
 - 1998-2006 model-year vehicles require all monitors to be complete
 - 2007 and newer model-year vehicles are only allowed to have the exhaust after-treatment system-related monitors incomplete

Your participation in this new program will benefit both consumers and the industry.

FAQs

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

BAR Registration and License Renewals

BAR's Licensing Unit is often asked about licensure and renewal, as well as how to add a station to an existing ARD registration. Here are answers to the most commonly asked questions.

How often must I renew my license or registration?

Automotive Repair Dealers (ARDs) and Smog, Brake, and Lamp stations must renew their registrations and/or licenses annually. BAR will mail a courtesy renewal notice 90 days prior to the expiration date. Shop owners are responsible for renewing their registration before expiration to avoid delinquent fees.

Smog Check Technicians must renew their licenses every two years. Courtesy renewal notices are mailed out 120 days prior to the expiration date. Smog Check Technicians must meet continuing education requirements and must keep their certification current in order to renew their license.

Brake and Lamp Adjuster licenses expire every four years. Licensed adjusters do not renew their license, but rather resubmit an initial application and fees to retake the examination prior to their license expiration date.

What if I don't receive a renewal notice?

If you do not receive a courtesy renewal notice in the mail, you must still submit a check or money order payable to the Department of Consumer Affairs, indicating renewal fees for your ARD or station license. Include your license number on the check or money order and mail it to:

Department of Consumer Affairs
Cashiering Unit
P.O. Box 989001
West Sacramento, CA 95798-9001

If you are a Smog Check Technician and did not receive a renewal notice, or are unsure about your renewal date, call the BAR Licensing Unit at (916) 403-8477 or (855) 735-0462.

What if I have changes to my business?

A change involving a name, address, or phone number can be documented on your renewal notice and/or check or money order.

A change to a sole ownership, partnership, or corporation (other than a corporate officer change) requires a new application and payment of applicable fees. Applications can be obtained from BAR's Web site at: www.bar.ca.gov, or by calling the Licensing Unit at (916) 403-847 or (855) 735-0462.

What if I do not renew my license by the expiration date?

It's important to submit your renewal application and fees in a timely manner to avoid any delinquent fees or disruption of your business. If your renewal application fees are postmarked after your license expiration date, you will be charged a delinquency fee for each license you are renewing. If the delinquency fee is not included with your renewal payment, the renewal process will be delayed until all renewal fees are received.

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If you own an ARD that is also licensed as a Smog Check station and your ARD and Smog Check station renewal payments are not received prior to the expiration date, your Smog Check station will not be allowed to inspect, test, diagnose, repair vehicles, or issue certificates of compliance, and your station's BAR-97 will be locked out.

Smog Check technicians who do not renew their license prior to their expiration date will not be able to perform smog tests. Smog Check technicians who do not submit their renewals within one year of their expiration date will be required to submit a new application and fees, take required courses, and retake the examination.

What are the renewal and delinquent fees?

Registration/ License Type	Renewal Fee	Delinquency/ Late Fee
Automotive Repair Dealer	\$200.00	\$50.00
Smog Check Station	\$100.00	\$50.00
Smog Check Technician/ Inspector	\$20.00	None
Brake Station	\$5.00	\$2.50
Lamp Station	\$5.00	\$2.50
Brake & Lamp Adjusters License	\$5.00	\$2.50

Can I overnight my payment?

Yes, you can overnight payments to the following address:

Department of Consumer Affairs
Cashiering Unit
1625 North Market Boulevard, Suite S100
Sacramento, California 95834

Can I expedite my renewal?

No. Renewals are processed in the order they are received. BAR typically requires two weeks to process renewals from the time of receipt. A license remains valid between the date of receipt and its processing, provided it is submitted on or before the expiration date.

Special considerations may apply to active military personnel and their families. See www.bar.ca.gov for more information.

What type of station(s) may be added to an existing ARD registration?

- Smog Check Station
- Lamp Station
- Brake Station

How do I apply for a station license?

In order to add a smog, lamp, or brake station to your existing ARD, you must submit the correct application and fees. The applications can be downloaded by visiting the BAR Web site at www.bar.ca.gov or by calling the BAR Licensing Unit at (916) 403-8477 or (855) 735-0462.

Licenses will be issued only after a BAR representative performs an onsite inspection of the station to confirm that the applicant meets the qualifications prescribed by regulations.

What are the fees for a station license?

Station Type	Initial Fee
Smog Check Station	\$100.00
Brake Station	\$10.00
Lamp Station	\$10.00

If I have a current Smog Check Test-Only station, can I open a Smog Check Test and Repair station?

A Smog Check Test-Only station may not have ownership in a Smog Check Test and Repair station that is located adjacent to or in the same business park, strip mall, or industrial complex or vice-versa.

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Legislative Update

BAR administers a vehicle retirement program for vehicles that fail Smog Check through its Consumer Assistance Program (CAP). It also administers the California Air Resources Board's (ARB) Enhanced Fleet Modernization Program (EFMP) to retire vehicles that are not eligible for CAP.

Two bills relating to these programs, AB 8 and SB 459, were chaptered in 2013 and took effect January 1, 2014. A third bill, Senate Bill 346, was chaptered in 2010, and took effect January 1, 2014.

The provisions of these bills are described below:

Assembly Bill 8 (Perea; Chapter 401; Statutes of 2013)

- Extends the \$1 annual vehicle registration fee funding source for EFMP through January 1, 2024
- Extends the \$1.75 new tire fee through January 1, 2024

Senate Bill 459 (Pavley; Chapter 437; Statutes of 2013)

- Amends CAP's VR Program vehicle preretirement eligibility requirement of two years of continuous vehicle registration in California to now permit two years of vehicle registration without a "substantial lapse," as defined by BAR through regulation
- Establishes a voluntary vehicle replacement component within ARB's EFMP
- Sets EFMP's minimum replacement benefit for low-income consumers at \$2,500
- Prohibits EFMP replacement benefits for non-low income consumers from exceeding the low-income consumer benefit
- Requires ARB, in consultation with BAR, to update EFMP guidelines by June 30, 2015

Senate Bill 346 (Kehoe; Chapter 307; Statutes of 2010)

- Adds Article 13.5 (Motor Vehicle Brake Friction Materials) to the Health and Safety Code (HSC)
- Prohibits the sale of automobile brake pads containing more than trace amounts of certain heavy metals and asbestos, with the exception of depleting existing in-State inventories, effective January 1, 2014
- Prohibits the sale of automobile brake pads containing more than five percent copper, effective January 1, 2021
- Prohibits the sale of automobile brake pads containing more than .5 percent copper, effective January 1, 2024
- Authorizes the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), not BAR, to enforce the provisions of HSC Article 13.5

BAR recommends that its registrants contact their brake friction material suppliers to request a memorandum stating that the brake friction material that they receive from the supplier will be compliant with HSC Article 13.5.

BAR also recommends that its registrants become familiar with the "mark of proof" for compliant materials, as described in Society of Automotive Engineers Standard J866:2012 (Friction Coefficient Identification and Environmental Marking System for Brake Linings).

For technical questions pertaining to the application of laws concerning brake friction material composition and the sale thereof, please visit DTSC's Web site at:

www.dtsc.ca.gov/PollutionPrevention/BrakePads.cfm or contact DTSC directly at (800) 728-6942 or **RAO@dtsc.ca.gov**.

Auto Body Repair Regulations Approved

Strengthens Consumer Protection

California Code of Regulations (CCR) section 2695.8, which specifies standards for the adjustment and settlement of automobile insurance claims, has been amended by the California Department of Insurance (CDI) to strengthen insurer accountability in auto body repair and use of non-original equipment manufacturer (OEM) replacement crash parts.

These regulations were sought by CDI after investigating complaints from consumers and automobile repair shops on defective aftermarket bumper reinforcements, hood latches, and other safety-related parts being required by insurers that are not equal to the OEM parts in terms of like kind quality, safety, fit, or performance. CDI had also been made aware of substantial costs borne by automobile repair shops and their customers associated with installing defective or poorly fitting parts required by insurers.

The amendments build on existing protections by requiring insurers to settle automobile insurance claims in accordance with accepted trade standards for good and workmanlike auto body and frame repairs as defined in CCR section 3365, and not the insurer's own

standards of repair. Specifically, the regulations require insurers to comply with the following:

- Insurer must pay for the costs associated with removing, returning, and replacing a defective part with a compliant non-OEM part or an OEM part
- The current insurer's warranty must be expressly stated in the estimate of repair generated by the insurer
- Insurer must stop using a part known to be noncompliant and must notify the part distributor within 30 days
- Insurer must pay the cost to repair the damaged vehicle to its pre-loss condition in a good and workmanlike manner, as specified in CCR section 3365

For more information on these requirements and the use of non-OEM replacement crash parts, please visit www.insurance.ca.gov or call CDI at (415) 538-4126.

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Can I change my Smog Check station type?

Yes. If you wish to change the designation of your Smog station (i.e. from Test and Repair to Test-Only or vice-versa) you will need to submit a new application, the SGS Testcom form, and the payment for the initial application fee. You will need to specify when you want the change to take effect as you will be unable to perform Smog Check inspections during this transition.

What if I move my station?

A registrant or licensee must notify BAR of any changes within 14 days to either the mailing or street address and provide both the old and the new addresses. You can obtain a change of address form by visiting the BAR Web site at www.bar.ca.gov or by calling BAR's Licensing Unit at (916) 403-8477 or (855) 735-0462. There is no fee for changing your address; however, if you own a Smog Check and/or a Lamp and Brake station and file a change of address, a BAR representative must inspect the new location before you perform any inspections.

July 2013 – Disciplinary Actions

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SMOG CHECK ENFORCEMENT

I Do Smog, Inc., Sunnyvale

Lauren Pham Yang, President/Secretary/Treasurer

Order: ARD and Smog Check Test Only Station licenses are revoked. Respondents shall pay \$10,992.70 to the Bureau for its costs of investigation and enforcement prior to issuance of a new or reinstated license. (7/17/13)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SMOG CHECK ENFORCEMENT

76 Smog Center, Anaheim

Michael Issa Batarseh, Owner

Order: ARD and Smog Check Test Station licenses are revoked, stayed, suspended for ten days, and placed on probation for three years. Respondent shall pay \$9,939.80 to the Bureau for cost recovery. (7/24/13)

Michael Issa Batarseh, Anaheim

Technician/Inspector

Order: Advanced Emission Specialist Technician number EA313498 and as redesignated upon timely renewal as EO 33313498 and/or EI 313498 is revoked, stayed, suspended for ten days, and placed on probation for three years. (7/24/13)

Clean Air Smog Test Only, Yucaipa

Gary Avedis Bekelian, (a.k.a. Gharbis Avedis Bekelian), Owner

Order: ARD and Smog Check Test Only Station licenses are revoked. (7/18/13)

Gary Avedis Bekelian (a.k.a. Gharbis Avedis Bekelian), Yucaipa Technician

Order: Advanced Emission Specialist Technician license is revoked. (7/18/13)

Mahmoud Samy Sabahat, Mission Viego

Technician/Inspector

Order: Advanced Emission Specialist Technician license currently designated as EA 144511, and as redesignated upon timely renewal as EO 144511 and/or EI 144511 issued to respondent Mahmoud Samy Sabahat is revoked. Respondent shall pay \$8,000 to the Bureau for its costs of investigation and enforcement prior to issuance of a new or reinstated license. (7/24/13)

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AUTO REPAIR ENFORCEMENT

Faster Auto Service, (Faster Auto Service, Inc.), Concord

Hayatullah Hamidi, President/Secretary/Treasurer

Order: ARD and Smog Check Station licenses are revoked, stayed, and placed on probation for three years. Respondents shall be jointly and severally liable to pay \$15,000 to the Bureau for cost recovery. (7/17/13)

Hayatullah Hamidi, Concord

Technician/Inspector/Brake and Lamp Adjuster

Order: Smog Check Repair Technician (formerly Advanced Emission Specialist Technician license) and Smog Check Inspector license are revoked, stayed, and placed on probation for three years. Respondents shall be jointly and severally liable to pay \$15,000 to the Bureau for cost recovery. (7/17/13)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AUTO REPAIR ENFORCEMENT

AAMCO Lancaster, (Auto Fix Group, Inc.), Lancaster

Eric Hamini, President

Order: ARD Registration is revoked. Respondent Auto Fix Group, Inc., DBA AAMCO Lancaster, Eric Hamini shall pay \$18,126.32 to the Bureau for its investigation and enforcement costs prior to submitting an application for a new registration or license and/or a petition for reinstatement of registration or license. (7/18/13)

Valley Collision, Murrieta

Gustavo Gallegos Rodrigues, (a.k.a. Bustavo Gallegos Rodrigues), Owner

Order: ARD Registration is revoked, stayed, suspended for 15 days and placed on probation for three years. Respondent shall pay \$15,000 to the Bureau for its investigation and enforcement costs. (7/17/13)

August 2013 – Disciplinary Actions

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SMOG CHECK ENFORCEMENT

ABC Nick's Automotive, Oroville

Nikki Lee Evans, Owner

Order: ARD is revoked, stayed, and placed on probation for three years. Smog Check Station license is revoked. Respondent shall pay \$1,500 to the Bureau of Automotive Repair for cost of investigation and prosecution. (8/12/13)

Smog Tech 1, Manteca

Dustin Randall Rickert, Owner

Order: ARD and Smog Check Test Only Station licenses are revoked. (8/13/13)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SMOG CHECK ENFORCEMENT

JP Smog Check Test Only, Orange

Jimmy Pham, Owner

Order: ARD and Smog Check Test Only Station licenses are revoked. (8/28/13)

Jimmy Pham, Garden Grove Technician

Order: Advanced Emission Specialist Technician license is revoked, stayed, and placed on probation for three years. Respondent shall pay \$7,945.31 to the Bureau of Automotive Repair for its cost of investigation and enforcement. (8/28/13)

Cong D. Pham, Garden Grove Technician

Order: Advanced Emission Specialist Technician license is revoked. (8/28/13)

L A Test Only, Los Angeles

Vilyam Yegikyan, Owner

Order: ARD and Smog Check Test Only licenses are revoked. Respondent shall pay \$2,252.50 to the Bureau of Automotive Repair for its cost in investigation and enforcement. The costs shall be deferred until reapplication for any registration or license the Bureau issues. (8/9/13)

Vilyam Yegikyan, La Crescenta Technician

Order: Advanced Emission Specialists Technician license is revoked. (8/9/13)

Whittier Tire Zone 1, Whittier

Hamid Hamidzadeh Hamoodi, President

Rya Koda, Treasurer

Patricia Robinson, Secretary

Order: ARD and Smog Check Station licenses are revoked, stayed, and placed on probation for three years. Respondent Whittier Tire shall pay \$10,000.00 to the Bureau of Automotive Repair for costs of investigation and enforcement. All respondents are jointly and severally liable for these costs. (8/27/13)

Cesar Duran, Montebello Technician

Order: Advanced Emission Specialist Technician license number EA 152775, and as re-designated upon timely renewal as EO 152775 and/or EI 152775, issued to respondent Duran is revoked, stayed, and placed on probation for three years. During this period of probation, respondent Duran shall attend and successfully complete a Bureau certified training course in diagnosis and repair of emission systems failures and engine performance, applicable to the class of license held by respondent Duran. Said course shall be completed and proof of completion submitted to the Bureau of Automotive Repair within 60 days of the effective date of this decision and order. Respondent Duran shall pay \$10,000 to the Bureau of Automotive Repair for the costs of investigation and enforcement. All respondents are jointly and severally liable for these costs. (8/27/13)

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AUTO REPAIR ENFORCEMENT

Carrisalez Automotive, Fresno

Christopher Julius Carrisalez, Owner

Order: ARD Registration is revoked. (8/22/13)

Christopher Julius Carrisalez, Fresno Technician

Order: Advanced Emission Specialist Technician license is revoked. (8/22/13)

Soria's Auto Body, Turlock

Juan Soria Calderon, Owner

Order: ARD Registration is revoked. Respondent Calderon shall pay \$48,964.22 to the Bureau of Automotive Repair for costs of investigation and prosecution. Payment must be made prior to Bureau considering any application or petition for issuance of a new ARD. (8/12/13)

Sundance Auto Service, (AFFAF Auto Management, Inc.), Sacramento

Mazhar Iqbal, Owner

Order: ARD Registration is revoked. (8/13/13)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AUTO REPAIR ENFORCEMENT

Japanese Automotive Center, (Japanese Automotive Center, Inc.), Torrance

Richard S. Jano, President

Order: ARD Registration is revoked, stayed, suspended for five days and placed on probation for three years. Respondent shall pay \$25,000.00 to the Bureau of Automotive Repair the full amount of cost recovery. (8/16/13)

September 2013 – Disciplinary Actions

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SMOG CHECK ENFORCEMENT

**Albert Anaya, Selma
Technician**

Order: Smog Check Technician license issued to respondent Albert Anaya is revoked. Respondent shall pay BAR \$17,092.80 for its costs of investigation and enforcement prior to issuance of a new or reinstated license. (9/3/13)

**Bacc Test Only, Benicia
Chied Pou Saechin, Partner
Nai Choy Saelee, Partner**

Order: ARD and Smog Check Test Only Station license are revoked. (9/27/13)

**Benicia Auto Care Center, Benicia
Nai C. Saelee, Partner
Chied P. Saechin, Partner**

Order: ARD is revoked. (9/27/13)

**Chied Pou Saechin, Richmond
Technician**

Order: Advanced Emission Specialist Technician license is revoked. (9/27/13)

**Poompiboon Jiamsakul Belcher, Gridley
Technician**

Order: Advanced Emission Specialist Technician license is revoked. (9/5/13)

**Palo Alto Smog Test Only Center, Palo Alto
Emre Elci, Owner**

Order: Test Only Smog Station license is revoked. (9/9/13)

**Sam's Complete Auto Repair & Smog, Modesto
Amarjit Singh, President**

Order: ARD, Smog Check Test Only Station license, Brake Station license, and Lamp Station licenses are revoked, stayed, and placed on probation for three years. Respondent shall pay BAR

\$12,500.00 for its investigation costs. Respondent Sam's and Respondent Singh shall be jointly and severally liable for these costs. (9/4/13)

**Amarjit Singh, Modesto
Technician**

Brake/Lamp Adjuster

Order: Advanced Emission Specialist Technician license, Brake Adjuster license, and Lamp Adjuster licenses are revoked, stayed, and placed on probation for three years. Respondent shall pay BAR \$12,500.00 for its investigation costs. Respondent Sam's and Respondent Singh shall be jointly and severally liable for these costs. (9/4/13)

**Smog Haven, Inc. Sunnyvale
Michael Huynh, President**

Order: ARD and Smog Check Test Only Station license are revoked. (9/5/13)

**Michael Huynh, Santa Ana
Technician/Inspector**

Order: Smog Check Inspector license and Smog Check Repair Technician licenses are revoked. (9/5/13)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SMOG CHECK ENFORCEMENT

**Daniel's Test Only, Los Angeles
Olivia Alvarez Ruiz, Owner**

Order: ARD and Smog Check Test Only Station licenses are revoked. (9/5/13)

**Fast Smog Check Test Only, Los Angeles
Manuel A. Mirandas, Owner**

Order: ARD and Smog Check Test Only Station licenses are revoked. (9/5/13)

**Jose Ignacio Landeros, Reseda
Technician**

Order: Advanced Emission Specialist Technician license is revoked. (9/12/13)

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AUTO REPAIR ENFORCEMENT

**Meineke Car Care Center, (Selem Investment Capital LLC),
San Jose**

Raul Javier Selem Cache, Member

Order: ARD Registration is revoked. (9/5/13)

**Mike's Mobile Glass, Sacramento
Mike A. Aoun, Owner**

Order: ARD Registration is revoked. (9/5/13)

**Reliance Auto Body, Hayward
Mohammad S. Yusufi, Owner**

Order: ARD Registration is revoked. Respondent Mohammad S. Yusufi shall pay BAR \$22,573.39 for costs of investigation and enforcement in this matter. (9/16/13)

**Rides Motorsports Collision & Repair, San Jose
Aaron Edward Hensley, Owner**

Order: ARD Registration is revoked. Respondent shall pay BAR \$20,209.00 for costs of investigation and enforcement prior to issuance of a new or reinstated license. (9/13/13)

**Tikal Motors & Transmission, San Jose
Lorenzo Ramirez-Garcia, Owner**

Order: ARD Registration is revoked. (9/5/13)

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AUTO REPAIR ENFORCEMENT

Nama Automotive Solution, Inc., Temecula

Matthew *Mohajeri*, President

Order: ARD Registration is revoked, stayed, suspended for five days, and placed on probation for three years. Respondent shall pay BAR \$4,482.07 for cost recovery. (9/12/13)

Scher Tire, Inc. #12, (Scher Tire Inc.), Huntington Beach *Bruce I. Scher, President*

Order: ARD Registration is revoked. (9/26/13)

Scher Tire, Inc. #20, Stanton *Bruce I. Scher, President*

Order: ARD Registration is revoked. (9/27/13)

Universal Autoworks, Santa Clarita *Juston Hairapetian, Owner*

Order: ARD Registration is revoked. (9/12/13)

October 2013 – Disciplinary Actions

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SMOG CHECK ENFORCEMENT

Abbetter Smog + Lube, Sacramento

Troy Dean Greeson, Owner

Order: ARD and Smog Check Test Only Station licenses are revoked. (10/24/13)

Troy Dean Greeson, Sacramento **Technician**

Order: Advanced Emission Specialist license is revoked. (10/24/13)

Auto Smog, Stockton

Minh Nhu Ta, Owner

Order: ARD and Smog Check Test Only Station licenses are revoked. (10/30/13)

Delacruz Smog Only, Santa Clara

Hoang Huy Tran, Owner

Order: ARD and Smog Check Test Only Station licenses are revoked. Respondent Hoang Huy Tran shall pay \$13,947.05 to the Bureau for investigative and enforcement costs, due and payable at the time the respondent applies for a license. (10/24/13)

Hoang Huy Tran, San Jose **Inspector/Technician**

Order: Smog Check Inspector license and Smog Check Repair Technician license (formerly Advanced Emission Specialist Technician license) are revoked. (10/24/13)

Juan Antonio Jimenez, Manteca **Technician**

Order: Advanced Emission Specialist Technician license is revoked. (10/24/13)

Tim Jones Mobile Auto Repair, Redding

Timothy Tyrus Jones, Owner

Order: ARD is revoked. (10/30/13)

Timothy Tyrus Jones, Redding **Technician**

Order: Basic Emission Specialist Technician license is revoked. (10/30/13)

LN Test Only Emission Inspection, Santa Clara *Vanpaul Nhut Tran, Owner*

Order: ARD and Smog Check Test Only Station licenses are revoked. (10/4/13)

Peter Huu Nguyen, (A.K.A. Huu M. Nguyen), San Jose **Inspector/Technician**

Order: Smog Check Inspector license and Smog Check Repair Technician license are revoked. (10/4/13)

Smog Doctor, Fresno

Lokpreet Singh, Owner

Order: ARD and Smog Check Test Only Station licenses are revoked, stayed, and placed on probation for three years. Respondent shall pay \$5,000 to the Bureau for costs of investigation and enforcement. (10/9/13)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SMOG CHECK ENFORCEMENT

#1 Smog Test Only Center, Gardena

Tu Van Tran, Owner

Order: ARD and Smog Check Test Only Station licenses are revoked. (10/23/13)

Tu Van Tran, Westminster **Technician**

Order: Advanced Emission Specialist Technician license is revoked. (10/23/13)

Automotive Smog Check Test Only, Garden Grove

Van Thanh Duong, Owner

Order: ARD and Smog Check Test Only Station licenses are revoked. (10/16/13)

Van Thand Duong, Anaheim **Technician**

Order: Advanced Emission Specialist Technician license is revoked. (10/16/13)

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Ernie's Auto Repair and Smog, Chula Vista

Pedro Marquez, Owner

Order: ARD, Smog Check Station license, Lamp Station license, and Brake Station license are revoked. Respondent shall pay \$5,363.40 to the Bureau for costs of investigation and enforcement prior to issuance of a new or reinstated license. (10/10/13)

Luis A. Espionza, Chula Vista

Technician

Lamp Adjuster

Brake Adjuster

Order: Advanced Emission Specialist Technician license is revoked. Respondent shall pay \$5,363.40 to the Bureau for costs of investigation and enforcement prior to issuance of a new or reinstated license. (10/10/13)

The Little Smog Shop, Perris

James Zamora, Owner

Order: ARD and Smog Check Test Only Station licenses are revoked. (10/16/13)

James Zamora, Perris

Technician

Order: Advanced Emission Specialist Technician license is revoked. (10/16/13)

Oxnard Smog Test Only Center, Oxnard Smog Test Only, Inc., Oxnard

Fidel Lopez, President

Order: ARD and Smog Check Test Only Station licenses are revoked, stayed, suspended for 15 days and placed on probation for three years. Respondents shall be jointly and severally responsible to pay \$5,944.00 to the Bureau for the cost of recovery. (10/9/13)

Fidel Lopez, Oxnard

Technician/Inspector

Order: Advanced Emission Specialist Technician licenses and Smog Check Inspector license are revoked, stayed, suspended for 15 days and placed on probation for three years. Respondents shall be jointly and severally responsible to pay \$5,944 to the Bureau for the cost of recovery. (10/9/13)

Reseda Petrol Inc., Reseda

Vache Vardanian, President/Treasurer

Vladimar Vardanian, Secretary

Order: ARD and Smog Check Test Only Station licenses are revoked. (10/11/13)

Laurence Stephen Wright, Upland

Technician

Order: Advanced Emission Specialist Technician license is revoked. It is further ordered that any other technician license issued to respondent is revoked. (10/16/13)

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AUTO REPAIR ENFORCEMENT

Platinum Auto Body, Rancho Cordova

Arman Stepanyan, Owner

Order: ARD is revoked. (10/30/13)

Purfect Auto Service, (Suncoast Auto Management, Inc.)

Carmichael

Muhammad Tariq, President

Order: ARD is revoked. (10/4/13)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AUTO REPAIR ENFORCEMENT

Leon's Transmission Service, Inc., Reseda

Henry Springer, President/Secretary/Treasurer

Order: ARD is revoked. Respondent shall pay \$21,347.72 to the Bureau for investigative and enforcement costs, which shall be deferred until reapplication for any registration or licenses the Bureau issues. (10/3/13)

Westcoast Collision, Inc., Reseda

Kozloyan Karapet, Owner

Order: ARD is revoked, stayed, suspended for three days and placed on probation for three years. Respondent shall pay \$10,000 to the Bureau for costs of investigation and enforcement. (10/7/13)

November 2013 – Disciplinary Actions

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SMOG CHECK ENFORCEMENT

Another Smog Test Only Center, Santa Rosa

Richard Daniel Fenton, President; Zene Fawn Fenton, Partner

Order: ARD and smog Check Test Only Station licenses are revoked, stayed, and placed on probation for two years. Respondents to pay BAR \$7,755.50 for the costs of investigation and enforcement. (11/7/13)

Mission Auto Services, (Mission Auto Services, Inc.), San Francisco

Ziping Zhong, President

Order: ARD is revoked, stayed, and placed on probation for three years. Respondent to pay BAR \$3,242.50 for cost recovery. (11/21/13)

Order: Smog Check Station license is revoked. (11/21/13)

Ziping Zhong, San Francisco

Technician/Inspector

Order: Advanced Emission Specialist Technician license is revoked. (11/21/13)

Speedee Oil Change & Tune Up (Berg-Weiss Enterprises, Inc.), Watsonville

Robert D. Weissberg, President

Order: ARD and Smog Check Station licenses are revoked, stayed, and placed on probation for three years. Respondent shall pay BAR \$7,212.44 for cost recovery. (11/8/13)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SMOG CHECK ENFORCEMENT

ABC Test Only, Chula Vista

Lorenzo Solorio Sanchez, Owner

Order: ARD and Smog Check Test Only Station licenses are revoked. (11/20/13)

Gabino V. Hernandez, El Centro

Inspector

Order: Smog Check Inspector license is revoked. (11/20/13)

Alfred Abolian, Burbank

Technician/Inspector

Order: Smog Check Repair Technician license and Smog Check Inspector license are revoked, stayed, and placed on probation for three years. During the period of probation, respondent shall attend and successfully complete a 68-hour Bureau-certified training course in diagnosis and repair of emission systems failures and engine performance, applicable to the class of license held by the respondent. Said course shall be completed and proof of completion submitted to the Bureau within 180 days of the effective date of this decision and order. Respondent shall pay BAR \$2,482.50 for the costs of investigation and enforcement. (11/12/13)

N&K Smog Test Only, Riverside

Eduardo Palma Gomez, Owner

Order: ARD and Smog Check Test Only Station licenses are revoked. Respondent shall pay BAR \$15,818.28 for cost recovery. The full payment of costs shall be due and payable to BAR prior to issuance of any license or registration to Eduardo Palma Gomez. (11/12/13)

Smogsters, (Dataserve, Inc.), Reseda

Hemlata Somani, President

Anil Somani, Secretary/Treasurer

Order: ARD and Smog Check Test Only Station licenses are revoked. Respondents shall pay BAR \$16,176.61 for cost recovery prior to issuance of any license previously issued by the Bureau. (11/8/13)

Smog Stop Test Only, Riverside

Abe I. Rabadi, Owner

Order: ARD and Smog Check Test Only licenses are revoked. (11/20/13)

Yousef K. Zeit, Riverside

Technician

Order: Advanced Emission Specialist Technician license is revoked. (11/20/13)

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AUTO REPAIR ENFORCEMENT

Alameda Alfa Auto Repair, Alameda

Raymond Chi Ming Yeung, Owner

Order: ARD is revoked, stayed, suspended for 30 days, and placed on probation for three years. Respondents shall be jointly and severally liable to pay BAR \$48,152.42. (11/12/13)

David Eugene Brown, Auburn

Brake and Lamp Adjuster

Order: Brake Adjuster license and Lamp Adjuster license issued to respondent David Eugene Brown are revoked, stayed, suspended for four days, and placed on probation for three years. Respondent shall pay BAR \$475.69. (11/12/13)

JR S Automotive and Tire Service, Visalia

Juan M. Rodriguez, Partner

Esther H. Rodriguez, Partner

Order: ARD registration is revoked. (11/20/13)

Phoenix Automotive Group, Sacramento

Mark Dwight Lawrence, Partner

Kimberley Lynn Lawrence, Partner

Order: ARD registration is revoked. (11/19/13)

December 2013 – Disciplinary Actions

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SMOG CHECK ENFORCEMENT

A1 Test Only Center, Sunnyvale

William Tong, Owner

Order: ARD and Smog Check Test Only Station licenses are revoked. Respondent shall pay the Bureau \$8,942.15 for its costs of investigation and enforcement, prior to issuance of a new license. (12/27/13)

Dong Q. Pham, San Jose

Technician

Order: Advanced Emission Specialist Technician is revoked. Respondent shall pay the Bureau \$2,822.50 for cost recovery. (12/6/13)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SMOG CHECK ENFORCEMENT

First Smog Test Only, Montebello

Gabriela Flores, Owner

Order: ARD and Smog Check Test Only Station licenses are revoked. (12/27/13)

Jose Luis Flores, Los Angeles

Technician/Inspector

Order: Smog Check Repair Technician license is revoked. (12/27/13)

Order: Smog Check Inspector license is revoked. (12/27/13)

Joe's Smog Test Only, San Bernardino

Yousef K. Zeit, Owner

Order: ARD and Smog Check Test Only Station licenses are revoked. (12/27/13)

Yousef K. Zeit, Riverside

Technician

Order: Advanced Emission Specialist license is revoked. (12/27/13)

Smog Check Only, Bloomington

Frank H. Sakamoto, Owner

Order: ARD and Smog Check Test Only Station licenses are revoked. Respondent shall pay the Bureau \$7,648.87 for costs of investigation and enforcement, prior to reapplication for any registration or license. (12/27/13)

Frank H. Sakamoto, Fontana

Technician

Order: Advanced Emission Specialist license is revoked. (12/27/13)

Z and T Test Only, Riverside

Florida N. Zeit, Owner

Order: ARD and Smog Check Test Only station licenses are revoked. Respondent Florida N. Zeit shall be jointly and severally responsible for costs incurred by the Bureau with co-respondent, Jehad M. El-Abed, and shall pay the Bureau \$8,137.98 for its costs of investigation and enforcement, at the time of application for a new registration or license issued by the Bureau. (12/27/13)

Jehad M. El-Abed, Moreno Valley

Inspector

Order: Smog Check Inspector license issued to respondent Jehad M. El-Abed is revoked. Respondent Jehad M. El-Abed shall be jointly and severally responsible for the costs incurred by the Bureau with co-respondent, Florida N. Zeit, and shall pay the Bureau \$8,137.98 for its costs of investigation and enforcement, at the time of application for a new registration or license issued by the Bureau. (12/27/13)

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AUTO REPAIR ENFORCEMENT

C&C Auto Repair, Stockton

Thai Quoc Nguyen, Owner

Order: ARD Registration is revoked. Respondent Thai Quoc Nguyen shall pay the Bureau \$35,556.12 prior to issuance of any new or reinstated license. (12/27/13)

SML Automatic Performance, San Jose

Santos M. Herrera, Owner

Order: ARD Registration is revoked. Respondent shall pay the Bureau \$60,628.45 for the costs of investigation and enforcement prior to application for a new or reinstated license. (12/27/13)

Stueart Auto Performance, Chico

Bryan Paul Stueart, Owner

Order: ARD Registration is revoked. (12/20/13)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AUTO REPAIR ENFORCEMENT

Drayton Automotive, Santa Barbara

Edward Drayton, Jr., Owner

Order: ARD Registration is revoked. (12/20/13)



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