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LOS ANGELES SMOG CHECK STATION'S LICENSE SUSPENDED

Bureau of Automotive Repair alleges fraudulent Smog Checks by C & C Test Only

LOS ANGELES – The Bureau of Automotive Repair has revoked the licenses of a Los Angeles Smog Check station owner and one of his employees for cheating the state's Smog Check inspection program.

Bureau investigators found that Diocelina Gutierrez, the owner of C & C Test Only in Los Angeles, and employee Eric Alexander Turcios' were "clean piping" vehicles to get them through their Smog Check tests.

"Clean piping" is when a vehicle that would not pass a Smog Check on its own, or is not present for testing, is fraudulently certified as passing. To accomplish this, a technician or other individual uses a clean exhaust sample from another vehicle that will pass a Smog Check, but enters the data for the vehicle for which the Smog Check certificate is required.

"Clean piping is illegal," said Bureau Chief John Wallauch. "What's worse is that it hurts our efforts to clean up smog and make California's air more breathable. Whenever we find Smog Check station owners and technicians operating illegally, we will take swift action to stop them and shut them down."

An Administrative Law Judge has granted the Bureau's request for Interim Suspension Orders to immediately suspend the Gutierrez's Automotive Repair Dealer registration and his Smog Check Test Only station license, along with Turcios' Advanced Emission Specialist Technician license. The Bureau will now will proceed with its efforts to permanently revoke all of those licenses.

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An administrative hearing will be held at a later date to address the violations found during the investigation. The Bureau has also submitted the results of the investigation to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's office for possible criminal prosecution.

C & C Test Only is located at [9207 S. Main St. in Los Angeles](#).

The Department of Consumer Affairs promotes and protects the interests of California Consumers. Consumers who wish to file a complaint against an auto repair facility can contact the Department of Consumer Affairs/Bureau of Automotive Repair at (800) 952-5210. Consumers can also file a complaint online at www.autorepair.ca.gov.

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