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**BEFORE THE
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
FOR THE BUREAU OF AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:
**LORENZO SOLORIO SANCHEZ –
OWNER, DBA ABC TEST ONLY
2446 Main Street, Suite D
Chula Vista, CA 91911**
**Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No.
ARD 263213
Smog Check-Test Only Station License No.
TC 263213**
GABINO V. HERNANDEZ
**1035 South 14th Street
El Centro, CA 92243**
**Smog Check Inspector License No. EO20707
(formerly Advanced Emission Specialist
Technician License No. EA20707)**
Respondents.

Case No. 79/14-22

OAH No. 2013080956

DEFAULT DECISION AND ORDER

[Gov. Code, §11520]

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On September 17, 2013, Complainant Patrick Dorais, in his official capacity as the Acting Chief of the Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR), Department of Consumer Affairs (Department), filed Accusation No. 79/14-22 against Lorenzo Solorio Sanchez – Owner, DBA ABC Test Only before the Director of Consumer Affairs (Director). (Accusation attached as Exhibit A.)

1 **Automotive Repair Dealer Registration**

2 2 On September 8, 2010, the BAR issued Automotive Repair Dealer Registration
3 Number ARD 263213 (registration) to Lorenzo Solorio Sanchez – Owner, DBA ABC Test Only
4 (Respondent ABC). The registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the
5 charges brought herein and expired on September 30, 2013.

6 **Smog Check Test-Only Station License**

7 3. On September 22, 2010, the BAR issued Smog Check-Test Only Station License
8 Number TC 263213 (station license) to Lorenzo Solorio Sanchez – Owner, DBA ABC Test Only
9 (Respondent ABC). The station license was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the
10 charges brought herein and expired on September 30, 2013.

11 **Smog Check Inspector License**

12 4. In 2002, the BAR issued Advanced Emission Specialist Technician License No. EA
13 20707 to Respondent Gabino V. Hernandez. Respondent’s technician license was due to expire
14 on February 28, 2013. Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 16 (Regulations), section
15 3340.28, subdivision (e), Respondent Hernandez’s technician license was renewed pursuant to
16 Respondent Hernandez’s election as Smog Check Inspector License No. EO 20707 (inspector
17 license), effective February 28, 2013.¹ The inspector license was in full force and effect at all
18 times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on February 28, 2015, unless
19 renewed.

20 5. On September 4, 2013, Complainant’s Business and Professions Code (Code) section
21 494 Petition for an Interim Suspension Order (ISO) was granted by the Office of Administrative
22 Hearings (OAH) and Respondents’ registration and licenses were suspended. The ISO was
23 affirmed by OAH on September 26, 2013. This suspension in licensure, however, pursuant to
24 Code section 118(b) does not deprive the BAR of its authority to institute or continue this
25 disciplinary proceeding.

26 ¹ Effective August 1, 2012, Regulations, sections 3340.28, 3340.29, and 3340.30 were
27 amended to implement a license restructure from the Advanced Emission Specialist Technician
28 (EA) license and Basic Area (EB) Technician license to Smog Check Inspector (EO) license
 and/or Smog Check Repair Technician (EI) license.

1 6. On September 18, 2013, Respondents were served by Certified and First Class Mail
2 copies of Accusation No. 79/14-22, Statement to Respondent, Notice of Defense, Request for
3 Discovery, and Discovery Statutes (Government (Gov.) Code sections 11507.5, 11507.6, and
4 11507.7) at Respondents' addresses of record which, pursuant to Code section 136, are required
5 to be reported and maintained with the BAR. Respondents' addresses of record were and are:
6 Lorenzo Solario Sanchez, ABC Test Only 2446 Main Street, Suite D, Chula Vista, CA 91911;
7 and Gabino V. Hernandez, 1035 South 14th Street, El Centro, CA 92243.

8 7. On September 23, 2013, the certified mail receipt cards signed by Respondents
9 Sanchez and Hernandez on September 20 and September 21, 2013, respectively, were returned to
10 the Office of the Attorney General.

11 8. Service of the Accusation was effective as a matter of law under the provisions of
12 Gov. Code section 11505, subdivision (c) and/or Code section 124.

13 9. Gov. Code section 11506 states, in pertinent part:

14 (c) The respondent shall be entitled to a hearing on the merits if the respondent
15 files a notice of defense, and the notice shall be deemed a specific denial of all parts
16 of the accusation not expressly admitted. Failure to file a notice of defense shall
constitute a waiver of respondent's right to a hearing, but the agency in its discretion
may nevertheless grant a hearing.

17 10. Respondents each failed to file a Notice of Defense within 15 days after service upon
18 them of the Accusation, and therefore waived their right to a hearing on the merits of Accusation
19 No. 79/14-22.

20 11. Gov. Code section 11520 states, in pertinent part:

21 (a) If the respondent either fails to file a notice of defense or to appear at the
22 hearing, the agency may take action based upon the respondent's express admissions
23 or upon other evidence and affidavits may be used as evidence without any notice to
respondent.

24 12. Pursuant to his authority under Gov. Code section 11520, the Director after having
25 reviewed the proof of service dated September 18, 2013, and the signed certified mail receipt
26 cards received by the Attorney General's office, finds Respondents are in default. The Director
27 will take action without further hearing and, based on Accusation, No. 79/14-22, proof of service
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1 and on the Affidavit of BAR Program Representative II Pete Kaliszewski, finds that the
2 allegations in Accusation No. 79/14-22 are true.

3 13. Taking official notice of its own internal records, pursuant to Code section 125.3, it is
4 hereby determined that the reasonable costs for investigation and enforcement are \$7,473.62 as of
5 October 10, 2013.

6 DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

7 1. The agency has jurisdiction to adjudicate this case by default.

8 2. Based on the foregoing findings of fact, Respondent Lorenzo Solorio Sanchez –
9 Owner, DBA ABC Test Only has subjected his Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD
10 263213 to discipline.

11 3. The Director is authorized to revoke Respondent ABC's Automotive Repair Dealer
12 Registration based upon the following violations alleged in the Accusation which are supported
13 by the evidence contained in the affidavit of BAR Representative Pete Kaliszewski, Program
14 Representative II in this case:

15 a. Respondent ABC's registration is subject to discipline under Code section 9884.7,
16 subdivision (a)(1), in that its employee Respondent Hernandez made statements which he knew
17 or which by exercise of reasonable care should have been known to be untrue or misleading when
18 he issued electronic certificates of compliance certifying that vehicles were in compliance with
19 applicable laws and regulations when, in fact, those vehicles had been clean-plugged.

20 b. Respondent ABC's registration is subject to discipline under Code section 9884.7,
21 subdivision (a)(4), in that its employee committed acts constituting fraud by issuing electronic
22 certificates of compliance for vehicles without performing bona fide inspections of the emission
23 control devices and systems on the vehicles, thereby depriving the People of the State of
24 California of the protection afforded by the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program.

25 c. Respondent ABC's registration is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code
26 section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6) and Health & Safety (H&S) Code section 44072.2, subdivision
27 (c), in that said Respondent failed to comply with the following sections of the Regulations:
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1 i. Section 3340.35, subdivision (c): Respondent issued electronic certificates of
2 compliance for vehicles that had not been inspected in accordance with section 3340.42.

3 ii. Section 3340.42: Respondent issued electronic certificates of compliance for
4 vehicles that had not been inspected in accordance with BAR specifications.

5 iii. Section 3373: In issuing electronic certificates of compliance for vehicles,
6 Respondent inserted therein information causing those certificates to be false or misleading, with
7 the tendency or effect to mislead or deceive customers, prospective customers, or the public.

8 4. Based on the foregoing findings of fact, Respondent Lorenzo Solorio Sanchez –
9 Owner, DBA ABC Test Only has subjected his Smog Check-Test Only Station License Number
10 TC 263213 to discipline.

11 5. The Director is authorized to revoke Respondent ABC's Smog Check-Test Only
12 Station License based upon the following violations alleged in the Accusation which are
13 supported by the evidence contained in the affidavit of BAR Representative Pete Kaliszewski,
14 Program Representative II in this case:

15 a. Respondent ABC's station license is subject to discipline under H&S Code section
16 44072.2, subdivision (a), in that Respondent failed to comply with the following sections of that
17 Code:

18 i. Section 44012, subdivision (f): Respondent failed to test and inspect vehicles in
19 accordance with the procedures prescribed by the Department.

20 ii. Section 44015, subdivision (b). Respondent issued electronic certificates of
21 compliance for vehicles without properly testing and inspecting the vehicles to determine if they
22 were in compliance with section 44012 of that Code.

23 b. Respondent ABC's station license is subject to discipline under H&S Code section
24 44072.2, subdivision (c), in that said Respondent failed to materially comply with the following
25 sections of the Regulations:

26 i. Section 3340.35, subdivision (c): Respondent issued electronic certificates of
27 compliance for vehicles even though the vehicles had not been tested and inspected in accordance
28 with the procedures specified in section 3340.42 of that Code.

1 ii. Section 3340.42: Respondent failed to conduct the required smog tests and
2 inspections on vehicles in accordance with the BAR's specifications.

3 c. Respondent ABC's station license is subject to discipline under H&S Code section
4 44072.2, subdivision (d), in that Respondent committed acts involving dishonesty, fraud, or deceit
5 whereby another was injured by issuing electronic certificates of compliance for vehicles without
6 performing bona fide inspections of the emission control devices and systems on those vehicles,
7 thereby depriving the People of the State of California of the protection afforded by the Motor
8 Vehicle Inspection Program.

9 6. Based on the foregoing findings of fact, Respondent Gabino V. Hernandez has
10 subjected his Smog Check Inspector License No. EO 20707 to discipline.

11 7. The Director is authorized to revoke Respondent Hernandez's Smog Check Inspector
12 License based upon the following violations alleged in the Accusation which are supported by the
13 evidence contained in the affidavit of BAR Representative Pete Kaliszewski, Program
14 Representative II in this case:

15 a. Respondent Hernandez's inspector license is subject to discipline under H&S Code
16 section 44072.2, subdivision (a), in that he violated the following sections of that Code:

17 i. Section 44012, subdivision (f): Respondent failed to perform smog inspections on
18 vehicles in accordance with procedures prescribed by the department.

19 ii. Section 44032: Respondent failed to perform tests of the emission control
20 devices and systems on vehicles in accordance with H&S Code section 44012.

21 b. Respondent Hernandez's inspector license is subject to discipline under H&S Code
22 section 44072.2, subdivision (c), in that he failed to materially comply with the following sections
23 of the Regulations:

24 i. Section 3340.30, subdivision (a): Respondent failed to perform tests and
25 inspections of vehicles in accordance with H&S Code section 44012, and Regulations section
26 3340.42.

27 ii. Section 3340.41, subdivision (c): Respondent falsely entered into an EIS unit
28 vehicle identification information or emission control system information for vehicles other than

Exhibit A

Accusation No. 79/14-22

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ACCUSATION
(SMOG CHECK)

15 **Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No.**
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16 **Smog Check-Test Only Station License No.**
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and

17 **GABINO V. HERNANDEZ**
1035 South 14th Street
18 El Centro, CA 92243

19 **Smog Check Inspector License No. EO20707**
(formerly Advanced Emission Specialist
20 **Technician License No. EA20707)**

21 **Respondents.**

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23 Complainant Patrick Dorais alleges:

24 **PARTIES**

25 1. Complainant brings this Accusation solely in his official capacity as the Acting Chief
26 of the Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR), Department of Consumer Affairs.
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(b) Except as provided for in subdivision (c), if an automotive repair dealer operates more than one place of business in this state, the director pursuant to subdivision (a) shall only suspend, revoke, or place on probation the registration of the specific place of business which has violated any of the provisions of this chapter. This violation, or action by the director, shall not affect in any manner the right of the automotive repair dealer to operate his or her other places of business.

(c) Notwithstanding subdivision (b), the director may suspend, revoke, or place on probation the registration for all places of business operated in this state by an automotive repair dealer upon a finding that the automotive repair dealer has, or is, engaged in a course of repeated and willful violations of this chapter, or regulations adopted pursuant to it.

11. H&S Code section 44012 states:

The test at the smog check stations shall be performed in accordance with procedures prescribed by the department and may require loaded mode dynamometer testing in enhanced areas, two-speed idle testing, testing utilizing a vehicle's onboard diagnostic system, or other appropriate test procedures as determined by the department in consultation with the state board. The department shall implement testing using onboard diagnostic systems, in lieu of loaded mode dynamometer or two-speed idle testing, on model year 2000 and newer vehicles only, beginning no earlier than January 1, 2013. However, the department, in consultation with the state board, may prescribe alternative test procedures that include loaded mode dynamometer or two-speed idle testing for vehicles with onboard diagnostic systems that the department and the state board determine exhibit operational problems. The department shall ensure, as appropriate to the test method, the following:

(a) Emission control systems required by state and federal law are reducing excess emissions in accordance with the standards adopted pursuant to subdivisions (a) and (c) of Section 44013.

(b) If a vehicle meets the requirements of Section 44012, a smog check station licensed to issue certificates shall issue a certificate of compliance or a certificate of noncompliance.

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(f) A visual or functional check is made of emission control devices specified by the department, including the catalytic converter in those instances in which the department determines it to be necessary to meet the findings of Section 44001. The visual or functional check shall be performed in accordance with procedures prescribed by the department.

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12. H&S Code section 44015 states in pertinent part:

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(b) If a vehicle meets the requirements of Section 44012, a smog check station licensed to issue certificates shall issue a certificate of compliance or a certificate of noncompliance.

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13. H&S Code section 44032 states:

No person shall perform, for compensation, tests or repairs of emission control devices or systems of motor vehicles required by this chapter unless the person performing the test or repair is a qualified smog check technician and the test or repair is performed at a licensed smog check station. Qualified technicians shall perform tests of emission control devices and systems in accordance with Section 44012.

14. H&S Code section 44072.2 states, in pertinent part:

The director may suspend, revoke, or take other disciplinary action against a license as provided in this article if the licensee, or any partner, officer, or director thereof, does any of the following:

(a) Violates any section of this chapter and the regulations adopted pursuant to it, which related to the licensed activities.

(b) Is convicted of any crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the license-holder in question.

(c) Violates any of the regulations adopted by the director pursuant to this chapter.

(d) Commits any act involving dishonesty, fraud, or deceit whereby another is injured.

15. H&S Code, section 44072.8 of the H&S Code states:

When a license has been revoked or suspended following a hearing under this article, any additional license issued under this chapter in the name of the licensee may be likewise revoked or suspended by the director.

REGULATORY PROVISIONS

16. CCR section 3340.30 states in pertinent part:

A licensed smog check inspector and/or repair technician shall comply with the following requirements at all times while licensed:

(a) Inspect, test and repair vehicles, as applicable, in accordance with section 44012 of the Health and Safety Code, section 44035 of the Health and Safety Code, and section 3340.42 of this article.

17. CCR section 3340.35 states in pertinent part:

(c) A licensed station shall issue a certificate of compliance or noncompliance to the owner or operator of any vehicle that has been inspected in accordance with the procedures specified in section 3340.42 of this article and has all the required emission control equipment and devices installed and functioning

correctly.

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18. CCR section 3340.41 states in pertinent part:

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(c) No person shall enter into the emissions inspection system any vehicle identification information or emission control system identification data for any vehicle other than the one being tested. Nor shall any person knowingly enter into the emissions inspection system any false information about the vehicle being tested.

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19. CCR section 3340.42 states:

With the exception of diesel-powered vehicles addressed in subsection (f) of this section, the following emissions test methods and standards apply to all vehicles:

(a) A loaded-mode test, except as otherwise specified, shall be the test method used to inspect vehicles registered in the enhanced program areas of the state. The loaded-mode test shall measure hydrocarbon, carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide and oxides of nitrogen emissions, as contained in the bureau's specifications referenced in subsection (b) of Section 3340.17 of this article. The loaded-mode test shall use Acceleration Simulation Mode (ASM) test equipment, including a chassis dynamometer, certified by the bureau.

On and after March 31, 2010, exhaust emissions from a vehicle subject to this inspection shall be measured and compared to the emissions standards shown in the VLT Row Specific Emissions Standards (Cutpoints) Table, dated March 2010, which is hereby incorporated by reference. If the emissions standards for a specific vehicle is not included in this table then the exhaust emissions shall be compared to the emissions standards set forth in TABLE I or TABLE II, as applicable. A vehicle passes the loaded-mode test if all of its measured emissions are less than or equal to the applicable emission standards specified in the applicable table.

(b) A two-speed idle mode test, unless a different test is otherwise specified in this article, shall be the test method used to inspect vehicles registered in all program areas of the state, except in those areas of the state where the enhanced program has been implemented. The two-speed idle mode test shall measure hydrocarbon, carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide emissions at high RPM and again at idle RPM, as contained in the bureau's specifications referenced in subsection (b) of Section 3340.17 of this article. Exhaust emissions from a vehicle subject to this inspection shall be measured and compared to the emission standards set forth in this section and as shown in TABLE III. A vehicle passes the two-speed idle mode test if all of its measured emissions are less than or equal to the applicable emissions standards specified in Table III.

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(c) In addition to the test methods prescribed in this section, the following tests shall apply to all vehicles, except diesel-powered vehicles, during the Smog Check inspection:

(1) A visual inspection of the vehicle's emissions control systems. During the visual inspection, the technician shall verify that the following emission control devices, as applicable, are properly installed on the vehicle:

- 1 (A) air injection systems,
2 (B) computer(s) and related sensors and switches,
3 (C) crankcase emissions controls, including positive crankcase ventilation,
4 (D) exhaust gas after treatment systems, including catalytic converters,
5 (E) exhaust gas recirculation (EGR) systems,
6 (F) fuel evaporative emission controls,
7 (G) fuel metering systems, including carburetors and fuel injection,
8 (H) ignition spark controls, and
9 (I) any emissions control systems that are not otherwise prompted by the
Emissions Inspection System, but listed as a requirement by the vehicle manufacturer.

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11 20. CCR section 3373 states:

12 No automotive repair dealer or individual in charge shall, in filling out an
13 estimate, invoice, or work order, or record required to be maintained by section
14 3340.15(f) of this chapter, withhold therefrom or insert therein any statement or
15 information which will cause any such document to be false or misleading, or where
16 the tendency or effect thereby would be to mislead or deceive customers, prospective
17 customers, or the public.

16 COST RECOVERY

17 21. Code section 125.3 provides, in pertinent part, that a Board may request the
18 administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of
19 the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and
20 enforcement of the case.

21 I. DECEMBER 15, 2012 – JULY 30, 2013 VID REVIEW

22 22. From December 15, 2012, and continuing through July 30, 2013, a BAR Program
23 Representative (representative) reviewed the VID data for all smog check inspections requiring
24 the OBD II functional test performed at ABC Test Only.² That review, as well as Respondents'

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26 ² The On Board Diagnostic, generation II ("OBD II"), functional test is an automated
27 function of the BAR-97 Emissions Inspection System analyzer ("EIS"). The EIS includes a
28 computer based, five-gas analyzer that tests vehicles under simulated driving conditions to detect
oxides of nitrogen, hydrocarbons, and carbon monoxide emissions. During the OBD II functional
test, the technician is required to connect an interface cable from the EIS to a Diagnostic Link
(continued...)

1 records, revealed that ABC Test Only, through Respondent Hernandez, issued 11 fraudulent
 2 electronic certificates of compliance using clean-plugging methods. "Clean-plugging" means
 3 using the on-board computer from a vehicle known to be in compliance with California's smog
 4 testing standards or an outside source to substitute for the on-board computer of a vehicle known
 5 not to pass a California smog inspection.³ All 11 smog check inspections were performed by
 6 Respondent Hernandez. None of the 11 vehicles should have been issued certificates of
 7 compliance because all 11 of them had OBD II fault codes that did not apply to them, as shown in
 8 the table below. In fact, the first ten of the 11 unsupported codes were identical.

a	Time of Certification			Vehicle Certified				Unsuppo rted Code(s) / Monitor s1	Certificate #
	Date	Start	End	Year	Make	Model	VIN		
1	12/15/2012	1337	1349	2002	Nissan	Maxima	JN1DA31A42T303679	P0325	XP249303C
2	12/27/2012	1736	1746	2003	Volvo	S40	YV1VS29543F932756	P0325	XP353770C
3	01/07/2013	1714	1721	2000	Hyundai	Accent	KMHCF35G4YU044389	P0325	XP456825C
4	01/11/2013	1659	1712	2002	Nissan	Sentra	3N1AB51D62L701423	P0325	XP675551C
5	02/07/2013	1607	1616	2001	Hyundai	Tiburon	KMHJG25F81U222309	P0325	XR133859C
6	03/01/2013	1742	1754	2002	Nissan	XTerra 2WD	5N1ED28T82C600217	P0325	XR514909C
7	03/21/2013	1837	1844	2004	Nissan	Sentra	3N1CB51A741562047	P0325	XR897768C
8	04/01/2013	1737	1749	2002	Subaru	Impreza AWD	JF1GG68572G800114	P0325	XT054832C
9	04/23/2013	1627	1646	2001	Kia	Sportage 2WD	KNDJB723815052897	P0325	XT336395C
10	04/27/2013	1125	1133	2003	Subaru	Impreza AWD	JF1GD29693G506479	P0325	XT556309C
11	07/16/2013	1623	1631	2002	Volkswagen	Jetta Wagon	WVWSK61J62W573627	P0735	XV900072C

19 23. After completing his review of the VID data for the first ten fraudulently issued
 20 certificates of compliance, on June 5, 2013, the representative went to ABC Test Only, met with

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 22 Connector (DLC) which is located inside the vehicle. Through the DLC, the EIS automatically
 23 retrieves information from the vehicle's on-board computer about the status of the readiness
 24 indicators, trouble codes, and the MIL (malfunction indicator light). If the vehicle fails the OBD
 25 II functional test, it will fail the overall inspection.

26 ³More specifically, clean-plugging is the use of the OBD II readiness monitor status and
 27 stored code status of a passing vehicle for the purpose of illegally issuing a smog certificate to
 28 another vehicle that is not in compliance due to the noncompliant vehicle's failure to complete
 the minimum number of self tests, known as monitors, or due to the presence of a stored fault
 code that indicates an emission control system or component failure. Clean-plugging occurs
 during the inspection of a vehicle that has an OBD II system. To clean-plug a vehicle, the smog
 technician enters information into the EIS for the vehicle the technician wishes to certify and
 then plugs the OBD II system connector from the EIS into another vehicle that has a properly
 functioning OBD II system in order to obtain a "Passing" OBD II functional test result.

1 Respondent Hernandez, and asked him to provide all invoices and VIRs from December 15,
2 2012, to the date of his visit. Respondent Hernandez did so and the representative reviewed the
3 first ten records and their compilation with him, and explained to Respondent Hernandez that the
4 ten OBD II fault codes were not supported by the vehicles tested. Respondent Hernandez could
5 not explain why the ten vehicles tested contained fault codes unsupported by them.

6 24. On July 30, 2013, the representative reviewed the VID data for all smog check
7 inspections requiring the OBD II functional test performed at ABC Test Only for the period from
8 July 12, 2013, through July 20, 2013. That review revealed that on July 16, 2013, between 1623
9 and 1631 hours, ABC Test Only, through Respondent Hernandez, issued one more fraudulent
10 electronic certificate of compliance using clean-plugging methods, as detailed in item 11 of the
11 table above.

12 **FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

13 **(Untrue or Misleading Statements)**

14 25. Respondent ABC's registration is subject to discipline under Code section 9884.7,
15 subdivision (a)(1), in that its employee Respondent Hernandez made statements which he knew
16 or which by exercise of reasonable care should have been known to be untrue or misleading when
17 he issued electronic certificates of compliance for the vehicles set forth in paragraphs 22—24
18 above, certifying that those vehicles were in compliance with applicable laws and regulations
19 when, in fact, those vehicles had been clean-plugged.

20 **SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

21 **(Fraud)**

22 26. Respondent ABC's registration is subject to discipline under Code section 9884.7,
23 subdivision (a)(4), in that its employee committed acts constituting fraud by issuing electronic
24 certificates of compliance for the vehicles set forth in paragraphs 22 --24 above, without
25 performing bona fide inspections of the emission control devices and systems on the vehicles,
26 thereby depriving the People of the State of California of the protection afforded by the Motor
27 Vehicle Inspection Program.

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1 THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

2 (Failure to Comply with Regulations Pursuant to the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program)

3 27. Respondent ABC's registration is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code
4 section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6) and H&S Code section 44072.2, subdivision (c), in that said
5 Respondent failed to comply with the following sections of the CCR:

6 a. **Section 3340.35, subdivision (c):** Respondent issued electronic certificates of
7 compliance for the vehicles set forth in paragraphs 22—24 above, even though the vehicles had
8 not been inspected in accordance with section 3340.42.

9 b. **Section 3340.42:** Respondent issued electronic certificates of compliance for the
10 vehicles set forth in paragraphs 22—24 above, even though the vehicles had not been inspected in
11 accordance with BAR specifications.

12 c. **Section 3373:** In issuing electronic certificates of compliance for the vehicles set forth
13 in paragraphs 22—24 above, Respondent inserted therein information causing those certificates to
14 be false or misleading, with the tendency or effect to mislead or deceive customers, prospective
15 customers, or the public.

16 FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

17 (Failure to Comply with Chapter Requirements)

18 28. Respondent ABC's station license is subject to discipline under H&S Code section
19 44072.2, subdivision (a), in that said Respondent failed to comply with the following sections of
20 that Code

21 a. **Section 44012, subdivision (f):** Respondent failed to test and inspect the vehicles set
22 forth in paragraphs 22—24 above, in accordance with the procedures prescribed by the
23 department.

24 b. **Section 44015, subdivision (b):** Respondent issued electronic certificates of
25 compliance for the vehicles set forth in paragraphs 22—24 above, without properly testing and
26 inspecting the vehicles to determine if they were in compliance with section 44012 of that Code.

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1 **FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

2 **(Failure to Comply with Regulations)**

3 29. Respondent ABC's station license is subject to discipline under H&S Code section
4 44072.2, subdivision (c), in that said Respondent failed to materially comply with the following
5 sections of the CCR:

6 a. **Section 3340.35, subdivision (c):** Respondent issued electronic certificates of
7 compliance for the vehicles set forth in paragraphs 22—24 above, even though the vehicles had
8 not been tested and inspected in accordance with the procedures specified in section 3340.42 of
9 that Code.

10 b. **Section 3340.42:** Respondent failed to conduct the required smog tests and inspections
11 on the vehicles set forth in paragraphs 22—24 above, in accordance with the Bureau's
12 specifications.

13 **SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

14 **(Dishonesty, Fraud, or Deceit)**

15 30. Respondent ABC's station license is subject to discipline under H&S Code section
16 44072.2, subdivision (d), in that said Respondent committed acts involving dishonesty, fraud, or
17 deceit whereby another was injured by issuing electronic certificates of compliance for the
18 vehicles set forth in paragraphs 22—24 above, without performing bona fide inspections of the
19 emission control devices and systems on those vehicles, thereby depriving the People of the State
20 of California of the protection afforded by the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program.

21 **SEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

22 **(Failure to Comply with Chapter Requirements)**

23 31. Respondent Hernandez's inspector license is subject to discipline under H&S Code
24 section 44072.2, subdivision (a), in that he violated the following sections of that Code:

25 a. **Section 44012, subdivision (f):** Respondent failed to perform the smog inspections
26 on the vehicles set forth in paragraphs 22—24 above, in accordance with procedures prescribed
27 by the department.
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1 Sanchez upon a finding that he has, or is, engaged in a course of repeated and willful violation of
2 the laws and regulations pertaining to an automotive repair dealer.

3 35. Pursuant to H&S Code section 44072.8, if Smog Check Test Only Station License
4 Number TC 263213 issued to Lorenzo Solorio Sanchez, is revoked or suspended, any additional
5 license issued under this chapter in the name of said licensee may be likewise revoked or
6 suspended by the director.

7 36. Pursuant to H&S code section 44072.8, if Smog Check Inspector License Number EO
8 20707 (formerly Advanced Emission Specialist Technician License No. EA20707), issued to
9 Respondent Hernandez is revoked or suspended, any additional license issued under this chapter
10 in the name of said licensee may be likewise revoked or suspended by the Director.

11 **PRAYER**

12 **WHEREFORE**, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged,
13 and that following the hearing, the Director of Consumer Affairs issue a decision:

14 1. Revoking, suspending or placing on probation Automotive Repair Dealer Registration
15 No. ARD 263213, issued to Lorenzo Solorio Sanchez – Owner, DBA ABC Test Only;

16 2. Revoking, suspending or placing on probation any other automotive repair dealer
17 registration issued to Lorenzo Solorio Sanchez – Owner, DBA ABC Test Only;

18 3. Revoking, suspending or placing on probation Smog Check Test Only Station
19 License Number TC 263213, issued to Lorenzo Solorio Sanchez – Owner, DBA ABC Test Only;

20 4. Revoking, suspending or placing on probation any additional license issued under
21 Chapter 5 of the Health and Safety Code in the name of Lorenzo Solorio Sanchez;

22 5. Revoking or suspending Smog Check Inspector License Number EO 20707 (formerly
23 Advanced Emission Specialist Technician License No. EA20707) issued to Gabino V.
24 Hernandez;

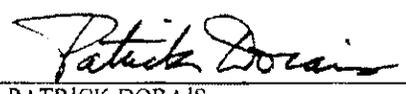
25 6. Revoking, suspending or placing on probation any additional license issued under
26 Chapter 5 of the Health and Safety Code in the name of Gabino V. Hernandez;

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7. Ordering Lorenzo Solorio Sanchez and Gabino V. Hernandez, jointly and severally,
to pay the Director of Consumer Affairs the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement
of this case, pursuant to Code section 125.3; and

12. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: September 17, 2013 
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