



Enforcement Division

Advisory

To: Heavy Duty Diesel Vehicle
Owners, Fleets, Fleet Operators,
Repair Facilities, Dealerships, and
Other Interested Parties.

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ADVISORY ON ARB POLICY REGARDING USE OF CALIFORNIA COUNCIL ON DIESEL EDUCATION AND TECHNOLOGY (CCDET) TRAINED SAE J1667 SMOKE OPACITY TESTERS

The purpose of this advisory is to inform you that the Air Resources Board's (ARB's) policy "recommends" the use of CCDET certified smoke testers when performing any snap acceleration smoke test (SAE J1667) for purposes of complying with ARB's laws and regulations. A CCDET certification assures that the holder is current with the latest developments in diesel related technology, educated in policies related to diesel-exhaust emissions, and knowledgeable in the proper performance of the SAE J1667 snap acceleration smoke test procedure.

ARB policy recommends that certification through CCDET be renewed **every four (4) years**. If you have not attended a CCDET class within the last four years and are performing snap acceleration smoke tests for purposes of compliance with ARB's Heavy Duty Vehicle Inspection Program (HDVIP) or Periodic Smoke Inspection Program (PSIP), you should enroll in a CCDET class to keep your certification current.

If a company is found in violation of the PSIP regulation, the Settlement Agreement will require that at least one of the violating company's employees or officers responsible for smoke emissions testing must complete a CCDET course and obtain a certificate of completion. If smoke emission testing is contracted, the technician performing the smoke emission testing for the contracted company must be currently CCDET (within 4 years) certified.

CCDET Background, Mission and Purpose

The California Council on Diesel Education and Technology (CCDET) is a cooperative venture by the ARB, California Community Colleges Diesel Technology Programs, and the diesel engine and vehicle industries, to assist manufacturers, owners, and operators in complying with air quality regulatory programs, by increasing knowledge of diesel technology, and thereby protecting our environment. It was formed in 1992 to assist trucking and transit industries on how to comply with ARB's Heavy Duty Vehicle Inspection Program and Periodic Smoke Inspection Programs.

The purpose of the CCDET is to promote a better understanding and awareness of the problems of diesel engine and vehicle emissions and how these emissions affect our surrounding environment. It achieves this through the development and oversight of training courses for service and repair personnel in the commercial truck and transit industries. CCDET courses are limited in size and include:

- (1) The health detrimental health effects of diesel exhaust emissions;
- (2) The role of HDVIP in reducing exhaust emissions;
- (3) An overview of levels of violations, penalty structures, and strategies to prevent penalties;
- (4) The Hearing and appeal procedure and rights;
- (5) The HDVIP auditing process; and
- (6) PSIP requirements, recordkeeping and benefits.

Further information about CCDET class schedules and costs can be found at:

www.arb.ca.gov/enf/hdvip/hdvip.htm.

If you have any questions about this policy or would like to know more about the CCDET, you may contact Ms. Shannon Downey by telephone at (916) 229-0504 or by email at

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