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### **Rizzoli's Automotive Receives State Recognition for Pollution Prevention**

**SACRAMENTO** – The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has recognized Rizzoli's Automotive as a certified California Green Station. Vehicle service and repair companies, along with auto body and paint shops, earn the California Green Station certification for using fewer toxic products in their daily operations, conserving water and energy, and generating less waste and fewer hazardous emissions.

Rizzoli's Automotive, at 2584 Victoria Avenue in San Luis Obispo, received a letter of recognition and a certificate from DTSC for implementing greener ways to repair vehicles while reducing waste and using less toxic chemicals. For example, Rizzoli's Automotive switched from using hazardous solvents to using safer, more environmentally friendly water-based solutions for cleaning all auto parts and brakes.

"California Green Stations are not only helping keep toxic solvents and fluids out of our landfills, they are allowing consumers to make choices that better protect the environment and public health" said Trina Gonzalez, Deputy Director for DTSC's Office of Pollution Prevention and Green Technology.

DTSC is collaborating with the California Bureau of Automotive Repair to encourage more auto repair shops to participate in the Green Station Program. The California Green Station Program offers training and support to automotive repair shops on how to practice pollution prevention measures that eliminate or reduce the generation of hazardous waste and emissions. These often save businesses money as they may pay less for hazardous wastes.

By participating in DTSC's Green Station Program, Rizzoli's Automotive has demonstrated its commitment to being green while aiming for innovation and industry leadership.

[http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/PollutionPrevention/VSR/VSR\\_P2Model.cfm](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/PollutionPrevention/VSR/VSR_P2Model.cfm)

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***The Mission of DTSC is to protect Californias people and environment from harmful effects of toxic substances by restoring contaminated properties, identifying and promoting safer ingredients in consumer products, and ensuring stewardship through enforcement, regulation and pollution prevention.***