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Yorba Linda Auto Service Receives State Recognition for Pollution Prevention

SACRAMENTO – The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has recognized Yorba Linda Auto Service 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.

Yorba Linda Auto Service, at 801 S. Lakeview Avenue in Yorba Linda, Orange County, received a letter of recognition and certificate from DTSC for implementing greener ways to repair vehicles, while reducing waste and using less toxic chemicals. For example, Yorba Linda Auto Service has eliminated routine use of absorbents for cleaning up hazardous spills, saving money on cost of removal and disposal of hazardous waste. They also are saving energy by their old lights with new, more energy efficient lighting, along with motion sensor activated lights and tinted windows.

“Businesses are increasingly seeing the benefit of incorporating green practices into their daily operations” 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 Green Station Program, Yorba Linda Auto Service has demonstrated its commitment to being green while aiming for innovation and industry leadership.

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.