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## **DTSC Recognizes Two Central Valley Businesses For Pollution Prevention**

**SACRAMENTO, CA** – The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has recognized Don Valens' Autobody and Pro Auto in the Fresno area for taking significant steps to prevent pollution and become known as one of California's 'Green Stations'.

Don Valens' Autobody, located at 297 North Minnewawa in Clovis, and Pro Auto, located at 2345 Stanislaus Street in Fresno, each received an official letter of recognition and a certificate from DTSC for implementing greener ways to operate their businesses. For example, Don Valens Autobody switched from using hazardous solvent-based paints, thinners and paint gun cleaners to using greener, less hazardous water-based and low VOC coatings, thinners, and paint gun cleaners. The company also installed a vacuum sanding system which generates significantly less paint dust, protecting employees and customers, saving cleanup time, and maintaining a cleaner shop.

Pro Auto switched from using hazardous solvents to safer, more environmentally friendly approaches to clean auto parts. The company also switched to absorbent mats and special mops designed to clean up oil and solvent that generate less hazardous waste.

"It is exciting to increasingly see the business community embrace practices that reduce pollution and protect public health and the environment," 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 which offers training and support to automotive repair shops on how to implement pollution prevention measures. Certified Green Stations eliminate or reduce the generation of hazardous waste and emissions, often saving them money by cutting their cost for disposing of hazardous waste and complying with hazardous waste regulations.

By participating in DTSC's Green Station Program, Pro Auto and Don Valens Autobody have demonstrated their 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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