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### **Orange County Business Receives State Recognition for Pollution Prevention**

**SACRAMENTO** – The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has recognized Brea Auto Body 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.

The owners of Brea Auto Body, located at 436 N. Berry Street in Brea, Orange County, received a letter of recognition and a certificate from DTSC for implementing greener ways to operate their business. A key change was eliminating the use of hazardous solvent-based paints, thinners and paint gun cleaners. The company now uses water borne solutions that are less volatile and less hazardous. Additionally, Brea Auto Body installed a vacuum sanding system. It not only generates significantly less paint dust, but protects employees and customers, while saving in cleanup time and costs.

“It is exciting to 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. The California Green Station Program offers training and support to automotive repair shops on how to implement pollution prevention measures that eliminate or reduce the generation of hazardous waste and emissions, often saving them money by having to pay less for hazardous waste disposal as well.

By participating in DTSC’s Green Station Program, Brea Auto Body has demonstrated its commitment to being green while aiming for innovation and industry leadership. For more information on the Green Station Certification Program visit

[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.***