Low Enhanced Inspection & Maintenance

SB 215 Amendments
Section 8 – Certified Emission Repair Technicians

Public Workshops
March 28, 29 and 31, 2011
Materials

- **Handouts**
  1. Meeting agenda.
  2. Workshop presentation.
  4. Regulation 1131 - Section 8.0 proposed language.
  5. Draft application.
Background

- SB 215 Authorizing Legislation
- Delaware’s Inspection & Maintenance Program
  - Regulation 1131
- Certified Emission Repair Technicians
  - Training
  - Certification
  - Permits
SB 215 – Authorizing Legislation

On June 15, 2010 Delaware’s governor signed SB 215 as presented by the 145th Delaware General Assembly. SB 215 provides an exception to Title 21 vehicle registration requirements for vehicles being driven by Delaware Emission Education Program ("DEEP") certified emission repair technicians during drive cycle testing.

SB 215 also added to Title 7 a new section 6709, Permits for operation of motor vehicles during testing. Section 6709 provides for this vehicle registration exception to be administered by DNREC through the establishment of a new permitting program.

The purpose of this action is to update 7 DE Admin Code 1131 to establish the permitting program stipulated by SB 215. In addition the regulations format will be updated to conform with the style requirements of the Delaware Register of Regulations.
Regulation 1131 Section 8.0

- Required certified emission repair technicians to repair vehicles failing emission inspection in order for vehicle owner to obtain a waiver from the inspection requirements at DMV.
  - Waiver for repairs covering cost of parts & labor requires a certified emission repair technician.
  - Waiver for repairs covering cost of parts only can be performed by a non-certified technician.
  - Waivers for 1996 and newer vehicles must be performed by certified emission repair technicians.
Workgroup Formed

- Representatives included Delaware Automotive Service Professionals Association, DNREC, DMV and DelTech.
  - Meetings
    - Nov 9, 2010, DAQ’s New Castle Office
    - January 18, 2011, DAQ’s Dover Office

- Purpose of workgroup was to brainstorm on how to incorporate SB215 permit requirements with our current DEEP program.
Options Considered by Workgroup

Options discussed

1. DelTech sponsor training every 2-3 years
   - BUT DelTech is unable to provide training at this time.

2. DNREC hire a consultant to conduct training every 2-3 years at DelTech or other location
   - BUT current fiscal constraints prohibit DNREC from sponsoring DEEP training in the near term.

3. SO…Accept ASE L1 certificates
   - New techs to obtain ASE L1
   - Waive ASE L1 requirement for current DEEP certified techs for the first 5 years…
Link the Certification to SB 215 Permit

- ASE L1 expires every 5 years.
- ASE L1 is the industry standard.
- Link ASE L1 expiration to the permit.

- DEEP certificates have no expiration.
- Last time DEEP training occurred was 2006.
- Waive ASE L1 requirement for current DEEP certified technicians for the first 5 years.
How do we train a Certified Emission Repair Technician?

- Delaware Emission Education Program (DEEP).
  - Training provided by DelTech in 1993-2000.
    - Cost per student ~$1000 for 100 hours of training.
    - No longer available.
  - Training provided by DNREC in 2006.
    - Cost per student ~$200 for 15 hours of “refresher” training.
    - Grant helped to offset costs.

- ASE L1 training accepted in lieu of DEEP training.
  - ASE L1 pre-requisites (A1-A8).
  - Cost per student L1 test only ~$60.
## ASE Test Sequence

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DISCUSS OTHER IDEAS…
NOW FOR THE EASY PART...
Why get a SB 215 permit?

- In order to drive cycle test vehicles* that have expired or no registration and not be in violation of Title 21.

*OBD II equipped vehicles only.
Who needs a SB 215 permit?

- All emission repair technicians who wish to become DEEP certified technicians,
- Are currently DEEP certified,
- Or ASE L1 certified.
Why do I need a SB 215 permit if I am already a DEEP certified technician?

- This proposal requires ALL current DEEP certified technicians to obtain a permit in order to maintain their certification and to drive cycle OBD II vehicles with expired registrations.

- Failure to obtain a permit will result in your certification becoming invalid.
  - Your name and the Auto Repair Shop you work for will not be listed as DEEP certified by DMV & DNREC for repairing vehicles.
How do I obtain the SB 215 permit if already DEEP certified?

A. If DEEP trained and certified
   1. Submit DEEP Certification / Permit Application to DNREC.
   2. Submit $125 for the 5 year permit.

B. IF currently ASE L1 trained and certified
   1. Submit DEEP Certification / Permit Application to DNREC.
   2. Submit $25/year for each year remaining on your current ASE L1 certificate.
How do I become certified if not currently DEEP certified?

1. Obtain an ASE L1 certificate.
2. Submit a DEEP Certification / Permit application to DNREC.
3. Submit permit application fee of $125.

DEEP CERTIFICATION = SB 215 PERMIT
How do I get a permit?

- Submitting the application for initial DEEP certification or a renewal of your DEEP certification.
- Permit is automatically issued with the DEEP certification.

DEEP CERTIFICATION = SB 215 PERMIT
WE WILL WALK THRU THE PROPOSED APPLICATION PROCESS...
ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS, THOUGHTS OR COMMENTS?
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