



# Exhaust Notes

## Thanks for your service to the Emission Check Program

After 38 years, Ecology's vehicle emission check program will come to a close on January 1, 2020.

### Why is the program ending?

1) The air is cleaner. Ecology started the Emission Check Program to meet requirements of the federal Clean Air Act. We needed to reduce carbon monoxide (CO) and ozone pollution. The Emission Check Program helped to do just that.

2) Vehicles are cleaner. While the Emission Check Program was identifying vehicles that needed emission-related repairs, vehicle

technology was steadily improving. Resulting in less pollution. This further reduced CO and ozone precursor emissions.

3) Fuels are cleaner. Current formulations of gasoline burn cleaner than gasoline from the 1980s. Due to reduced sulfur content, diesel fuel also burns cleaner.

The success of the Emission Check Program as well as cleaner vehicles and fuels have helped us achieve the cleaner air we enjoy today.

Even after the Emission Check Program ends, as automotive

technicians you have a major role to play in keeping Washington's air clean. Vehicle maintenance is still one of the most important ways to keep vehicles running cleaner. When your customers bring their vehicles to you because their "check engine" light goes on, you are doing your part to protect our air.

Thank you for all you've done (and continue to do) to help Washington breathe easier!

## Training changes ahead

The final year of the Emission Check Program brings changes to the Authorized Emission Specialist (AES) training requirements.

The final AES training sessions took place in December of 2018. If you are current on your training into 2019, talk with your Ecology field staff regarding recertification. If you are not currently an AES, please also contact your Ecology field staff for an appropriate test to obtain certification and inclusion.

If you are not currently an Authorized Emission Specialist and would like to be, contact the field staff person in your area. You may qualify for inclusion in the program if you get an 80% or higher on the AES handbook test. If you have questions or want to request an extension of your certification, contact your area's field staff.

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