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Vehicle Repair Assistance To Start Air Quality Department Program to Begin June 1

Beginning Thursday, June 1, the Clark County Department of Air Quality & Environmental Management (DAQEM) will reintroduce the Voluntary Vehicle Repair Program. The program funded through a grant from the Emissions Control Program of the Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles and Public Safety is designed to assist eligible residents fix cars or light-duty trucks that have failed a smog check and have been identified as a high-emitting vehicle.

It is estimated that 80 percent of carbon monoxide (CO) and about 60 percent of the hydrocarbon (HC) emissions in the Las Vegas Valley originate from motor vehicles. Portions of Clark County are not meeting the federal and state air quality standards set to protect our health. In an effort to reduce vehicle emissions and improve air quality in the Las Vegas Valley, Clark County has adopted the Voluntary Vehicle Repair Program as one of the strategies to meet the requirements of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 by reducing emissions from motor vehicles.

The Voluntary Vehicle Repair Program is intended to provide eligible recipients up to \$650 toward the repair of their vehicle after a \$35 co-payment. The goal of the program is to encourage individuals to make necessary emission-related repairs on their vehicles by absorbing some of the costs. In addition to reducing air pollution, these repairs will make the vehicle street-legal and result in better vehicle performance, extended vehicle life and improved fuel efficiency.

An individual may be eligible to receive assistance through the Voluntary Vehicle Repair Program if:

- The vehicle is a passenger car or light-duty truck that has failed a smog check and has been identified as a high-emitting vehicle;
- The vehicle is currently registered and operating in Clark County;
- The vehicle to be repaired must be registered to the owner/participant;
- Needed repairs cannot be covered by a manufacturer's warranty;
- The estimated repairs cannot exceed the fair market value of the vehicle; and
- The owner meets income eligibility requirements.

Individuals interested in more information on the Voluntary Vehicle Repair Program may call (702) 431-0234. Additional information is available on the Air Quality website at http://www.accessclarkcounty.com/air_quality/community_info.

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