ATTENTION: ALL OFFICIAL INSPECTION STATIONS QUALITY ASSURANCE OFFICERS AND PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE

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INSURANCE LAW FACT SHEET

In an effort to better educate our customers concerning Pennsylvania's laws governing vehicle liability insurance, we are requesting your assistance. Enclosed you will find an Insurance Law Fact Sheet. We ask that you display the enclosed fact sheet at your place of business. This fact sheet provides information concerning the insurance law and vehicle registration suspension information. We appreciate your assistance in this matter. Additional copies of this fact sheet may be downloaded by visiting the Driver and Vehicle Services website at www.dmv.state.pa.us.

MV-431, MV-431S AND MV-480 INSPECTION RECORD SHEETS

As a reminder effective December 1, 2003, the MV-431 and MV-480 inspection record forms no longer have to be duplicated or mailed to PennDOT. However, the original copy of MV-431, MV-431S and MV-480 forms must be retained at the station for 2 years. Please do not mail these forms to PennDOT.

VISUAL ANTI-TAMPERING INSPECTION DURING SAFETY INSPECTION

In the course of routine station visits, our Quality Assurance Staff has noticed a number of stations that are not properly administering the visual anti-tampering portion of the safety inspection. Please make sure all inspection personnel are aware that the visual anti-tampering portion of the safety inspection is only to be performed on vehicles registered in one of the 42 non-emissions counties. **Vehicles that are registered in an emissions-affected county should not receive a visual anti-tampering check during their safety inspection.** If you have any questions regarding the need for a particular vehicle to receive the visual anti-tampering check as part of the safety inspection, please contact your Quality Assurance Officer or you can get information online at www.drivecleanpa.state.pa.us by clicking on the "Other Counties" link on the left side of the screen.

VERIFICATION OF INSPECTION MECHANIC LICENSES

As a reminder, station owners and management are responsible for ensuring that employees performing inspections are properly licensed. Inspection personnel must have a <u>valid inspector certification card</u> for the types of vehicles they are required to inspect and possess a <u>valid driver's license</u>. In order to ensure that your inspection personnel have the required licenses, PennDOT encourages you to routinely verify their credentials.

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