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COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ON STATE VEHICLE EMISSIONS TESTING PROGRAMS

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Washington, DC -- The Manufacturers of Emission Controls Association (MECA) announces that its *I/M Implementation Status Report*, a detailed status report on enhanced vehicle inspection and maintenance (I/M) programs in North America, is now available on its World Wide Web site (www.meca.org). The report summarizes all of the enhanced I/M programs currently being implemented in the United States and Canada.

Enhanced I/M programs are considered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to be one of the most effective way to reduce the emissions from mobile sources which form ground level ozone or "smog." Currently, 37 states have some form of I/M program in place and implementation of these programs is likely to receive greater attention as states continue to explore various control strategies to reduce their emissions inventory to meet increasingly stringent air quality standards adopted by EPA. In Canada, several provinces are implementing I/M programs based on enhanced programs established in the United States.

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The *I/M Implementation Status Report* lists the key aspects of a State or Province's I/M program, including the areas affected, the program design, the number of vehicles affected, emission standards, test fees, waivers, the repair technician/station requirements, and contact persons. The report also includes a summary of heavy-duty diesel testing programs currently being implemented in North America and background on the rules and regulations governing the implementation of I/M programs.

“MECA has made the I/M report available to state and local air quality officials over the past several years and it has proven to be a valuable resource of information,” said S. William Becker, Executive Director of the State and Territorial Air Pollution Program Administrators/Association of Local Air Pollution Control Officials (STAPPA/ALAPCO).

The *I/M Implementation Status Report* is the latest addition to MECA's web site, which contains extensive information on current regulatory and technical issues regarding emission controls for mobile and stationary sources. Visitors to the web site can download fact sheets and reports, as well as read MECA testimony presented to the EPA and the California Air Resources Board (ARB).

The *I/M Implementation Status Report* is posted on the MECA web site in the Publications section as .pdf (portable document format) files and requires the Adobe Acrobat® Reader program. For more information, please contact MECA's Antonio Santos at 202/296-4797.

Founded in 1976, MECA is a national association of companies, which manufacture a variety of mobile source emission control equipment for automobiles, trucks, buses, and off-road vehicles and engines, as well as catalytic controls for select stationary sources.