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MDAQMD LAUNCHES VEHICLE BUY BACK PROGRAM
Residents Offered \$1,000 to Scrap Eligible Cars

Victorville – In an effort to help get older, higher polluting vehicles off the road, the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District is now offering \$1,000 for operating and registered 1989 and older cars, truck and vans, officials at the local air agency have announced.

“More than 60% of the High Desert’s air pollution originates from automobiles,” said Eldon Heaston, Executive Director for the MDAQMD. “The Voluntary Accelerated Vehicle Retirement Program represents a win-win solution for residents and for air quality.”

Under the program, eligible vehicles must be driven to a contracted vehicle dismantler and pass the most recent biennial Smog Checks required by the Department of Motor Vehicles. Eligible vehicles must also meet Vehicle Status Requirements and a Vehicle Functional and Equipment Eligibility Inspection, which are described in detail on the MDAQMD’s website at www.mdaqmd.ca.gov.

Incentives for eligible vehicles will be awarded on a first-come, first served basis until available funds are exhausted. The MDAQMD’s scrap program is not affiliated with other

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state or federal vehicle programs, such as “Cash for Clunkers,” which has different vehicle eligibility criteria. For example, the VAVR program targets vehicles 20 years and older, while “Clunkers” accepts only vehicles less than 25 years in age. “Clunkers” also requires that another vehicle be purchased in place of the retired vehicle, while the MDAQMD’s program does not. Thus, many vehicles which do not qualify for the Clunkers program are eligible for buy back under the VAVR program.

The MDAQMD’s voluntary program is available to owners of light-duty vehicles within the air district’s jurisdiction, which includes the High Desert portion of San Bernardino County and Riverside County’s Palo Verde Valley.

To sell your vehicle, or to get more information on the VAVR program, call 1-800-717-7624.

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