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MDAQMD BUY-BACK PROGRAM OFFERS \$1,000 FOR PRE' 92 AUTOS

Victorville – Local owners of older, higher polluting vehicles can still get \$1,000 for scrapping their operable 1991 and older cars, vans and light and medium duty trucks through the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District's Voluntary Accelerated Vehicle Retirement program.

“More than 60% of the High Desert's air pollution originates from automobiles,” said Eldon Heaston, Executive Director for the MDAQMD. “Recognizing the enormous health benefits and bang for the buck of removing aging, polluting vehicles from the road, our Governing Board has recently allocated funds for more buybacks.” Heaston added that the VAVR program, which currently has almost \$50,000 available for rebates, represents “a win-win proposition for residents and air quality alike.”

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 be registered and meet Vehicle Status Requirements and a Vehicle Functional and Equipment Eligibility Inspection, which are described in detail on the MDAQMD's website at

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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 State or federal vehicle programs. Unlike the now discontinued "Cash for Clunkers" program, participants in the MDAQMD's program are not required to purchase a replacement vehicle.

The MDAQMD's voluntary program is available to owners of vehicles registered 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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