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SEVEN LOCAL FACILITIES EARN 'MOJAVE GREEN' GAS STATION AWARD

Stations show diligence in meeting annual inspections at least three years in a row

It's arguably one of the tougher feats in operating a gas station, but seven facilities in the Mojave Desert Air Basin recently were honored as Mojave Green Gas Stations to help celebrate Air Quality Awareness Week (April 29 to May 3 in 2019) and Clean Air Month (May).

Refueling stations located within the boundaries of the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District (MDAQMD) that meet the District's regulations during the facilities' annual compliance inspections for at least three years consecutively are eligible for the award.

The stations awarded with the honor this year passed their qualifying compliance inspection in 2018.

Caltrans District 8's maintenance station in Vidal was one of the recipients for the 2018 qualifying year. Joanna Lopez, Needles Maintenance Area Superintendent for Caltrans' District 8, said the award is proof of the facility's leadership and staff who are diligent in meeting high-set standards.

"Mr. Staats and his team at the Vidal Maintenance Station have upheld Caltrans' highest standards with station cleanliness, reporting and compliance," Lopez said in reference to Maintenance Supervisor Daniel Staats. "We all are very proud of Dan and his team — they have shown what quality work is all about."

Each station awardee receives a certificate signed by MDAQMD Executive Director/Air Pollution Control Officer Brad Poiriez, a decal for their front door denoting their status as a Mojave Green Gas Station and the qualifying year(s) in which they passed the compliance inspection, and stickers containing the Mojave Green Gas Station logo that are displayed at each of its pumps.

"The Mojave Green Program is a longstanding distinction with the MDAQMD and it's not easy to achieve, as evidenced by the small number of honorees in such a vast pool of gas stations throughout our jurisdiction," Poiriez said. "It's important to recognize these businesses for prioritizing the health of their consumers and our environment."

Aside from Caltrans District 8's Vidal Maintenance Station (not open to the public), stations that received the distinction in 2019 for qualifying year 2018 include:

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- 7-Eleven, 21718 Bear Valley Road, Apple Valley;
- Arco AM/PM #42213, 12750 Main St., Hesperia;
- Chevron USA #9-9752, 2890 Lenwood Road, Barstow;
- Chevron Station #373173, 14217 US Highway 395, Victorville;
- Circle K #6017, 14511 Palmdale Road, Victorville;
- GSE Victorville (76 Gas Station), 15483 Palmdale Road, Victorville.

MDAQMD is the air pollution control authority and permitting agency for the High Desert portion of San Bernardino County and the Palo Verde Valley in Riverside County. It's governed by a board of 13 members representing nine incorporated municipalities and two counties within its boundaries. Visit mdaqmd.ca.gov or follow @MDAQMD on social media.

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