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11 LOCAL GAS STATIONS AWARDED FOR COMMITMENT TO CLEANER AIR 'Mojave Green' facilities recognized in passing consecutive tough inspections

Air quality regulations in California aren't exactly easy to meet for many permitted facilities, especially gas stations.

However, for the last three years, and in some cases four years, 11 local gas stations did just that. And in the process, those facilities earned a top distinction in the Mojave Desert Air Basin.

The Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District (MDAQMD) recently named those 11 facilities as Mojave Green Gas Stations. Refueling stations located within the District's boundaries that successfully pass their 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 2019.

The United States Marine Corps Community Services at the Corps' Air Ground Combat Center and Task Force Training Command in Twentynine Palms accepted the Mojave Green award for its MCCS Marine Mart retail gas station located on the base. Marine Corps Community Services Director Brent Norquist said the center is incredibly proud of the designation.

"Our ability to provide our patrons with an affordable and convenient facility to refuel their vehicles with gasoline and diesel fuel while aboard the Combat Center comes with a significant responsibility to ensure that we perform this mission safely and without harming the environment," Norquist said. The base is home to nearly 15,000 residents. "The MCCS Marine Mart team in conjunction with the MCCS Facilities Maintenance Department, the MCAGCC Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs and Public Works Divisions have been working hand-in-hand for the past three years to ensure that we continue to safely deliver fuel to our customers while being good stewards of our environment."

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 showing the Mojave Green Gas Station logo that are displayed at each pump.

"We certainly know the detailed work that our permitted gas stations must go through to meet standards and pass their annual inspections," Poiriez said. "We're happy to award these facilities for their commitment to the health of their consumers and our environment. It deserves our recognition."

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Stations that received their inaugural Mojave Green in 2020 (inspection year 2019), in addition to the MCCA Marine Mart, include:

- Chevron USA, 19180 Bear Valley Road, Apple Valley;
- Chevron, 3260 Wagon Train Road, Phelan (off Interstate 15 in the Cajon Pass);
- Dunes Liquor & Gas, 11500 Bartlett Ave., Adelanto;
- Circle K, 73943 29 Palms Highway, Twentynine Palms;
- 7-Eleven, 73740 29 Palms Highway, Twentynine Palms.

Additionally, these stations received the Mojave Green award for their second year in a row (inspection years 2018 and 2019):

- 7-Eleven, 21718 Bear Valley Road, Apple Valley;
- Arco AM/PM, 12750 Main St., Hesperia;
- Chevron USA, 2890 Lenwood Road, Barstow;
- Chevron, 14217 US Highway 395, Victorville;
- Circle K #6017, 14511 Palmdale Road, Victorville.

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