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Dear Motor Vehicle Inspection Station licensee(s):

The Ontario government recently announced a number of proposed changes to take action on provincial commitments in the Made-In-Ontario Environment Plan to strengthen emission testing standards for heavy diesel commercial motor vehicles, clarify tampering laws and enable stronger on-road enforcement.

In addition to these proposed changes, the province also announced that it is introducing a new integrated vehicle safety and emissions inspection program that will continue to protect Ontario's air and reduce smog-causing pollutants while saving taxpayers' money and modernizing services for drivers and businesses. This new program will integrate Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Park's (MECP) heavy diesel commercial motor vehicle emissions testing program into the Ministry of Transportation's Motor Vehicle Inspection Station (MVIS) program to create a new digital program that is data-supported and risk-based, which will improve program efficiency and effectiveness, and reduce fraud.

It is anticipated that all program changes will be phased in beginning in 2021, with an initial focus of integrating the emissions inspection into the annual safety inspection for heavy diesel commercial motor vehicles. The ministry will be consulting on the details of the proposed program changes and how they will be phased in; a regulatory posting is anticipated to be posted in early 2020 for consultation.

As part of the initial phase of the proposed program changes, current accredited emissions facilities will be onboarded with the new contracts as well as structural inspection stations (ie: Type 6 stations) enabling them to deliver inspection results through a digital solution. A subsequent phase anticipated for early 2022 will support the integrated inspection requirements including the proposed use of electronic On-board Diagnostics (OBD) technology for emissions testing as a part of vehicle safety inspections for heavy-duty diesel vehicles. In situations where this technology cannot be used, the intention is to allow for a separate emissions test that could be performed by an alternative emissions testing provider. The final phase of the modernized program will see all remaining stations onboarded with the ability to enter electronic inspections with real time results being transferred to the MTO.

Other notable program changes being considered at this time that will reduce administrative burden to stations and/or improve service delivery include:

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Current Program	Future Program	Benefits to Stations
Paper-based vehicle inspection certificates sent by mail	Vehicle inspection inputted electronically with real time results submitted digitally	Stations will no longer have to order stock, or have stock on hand to conduct vehicle inspections (An innovative solution is being explored for PMCVI decals)
Annual MVIS station licence and registration of technicians	Multi-year station contracts and no requirement to register technicians	Station owners will no longer have to fill out MVIS licence renewal applications or register technicians on an annual basis
Emission testing of heavy diesel commercial motor vehicles is not part of the annual, semi-annual, or safety inspection	Emission testing of heavy diesel commercial motor vehicles will become part of the annual, semi-annual, and safety inspection	MVIS licensees will have the ability to conduct emissions testing on heavy-duty vehicles using OBD technology. Where OBD technology may not be in place, outsource that work to an emissions testing facility

In an effort to support MVIS licensees through this transition period, the ministry remains committed to providing timely information and resources. At this time, you as a MVIS licence holder are not required to take any further action, but please ensure that your station's(s) email address remains up-to-date. Should you wish to update your station's(s) email, please do one of the following:

1. Complete the MVIS Replacement / Amendment form, which can be accessed through [www.ontario.ca/mvis](http://www.ontario.ca/mvis) and send it in by mail or fax:

Mail	Fax
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2. If you have any further questions, please contact client services by email at [cvor@ontario.ca](mailto:cvor@ontario.ca), or by phone at 1-800-387-7736 or 416-246-7166.

Sincerely,

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