

NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF SERVICE STATIONS & REPAIR SHOPS, INC.

Memorandum

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To: Downstate Inspection Stations
From: Association Office, Ralph Bombardiere
Date: 12/10/04
Re: Downstate NYVIP program

Please find attached a memorandum which DMV is sending out to inspection dealers downstate. Points of interest include:

- Stations must be using the new NYVIP equipment as of April 1, 2005
- The cost to stations will be \$1664.02.
- Inspection fees are not expected to change. However, the downstate fee for combined safety emissions inspection can be legally discounted starting the effective date.

We will keep you informed as new developments occur.



STATE OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

Office of Vehicle Safety and Clean Air, 6 Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12228

RAYMOND P. MARTINEZ
Commissioner

MICHAEL P. MAHER
Director

December 10, 2004

Dear Motor Vehicle Inspection Station Operator:

In order to comply with the Federal Clean Air Act, New York State is introducing the New York Vehicle Inspection Program (NYVIP) statewide, which incorporates On Board Diagnostic testing of eligible 1996 and newer vehicles.

In order to maintain your Group 1A license (to inspect vehicles up to 18,000 pounds) with the Department of Motor Vehicles, you will need to purchase a NYVIP unit. The base unit, as described in the materials in the enrollment kit is \$1,664.02. Inspection stations located in the 9 county New York Metropolitan Area (NYMA) will be required to maintain both the NYTEST equipment and the NYVIP equipment for the foreseeable future (at least until April 2007). The NYMA includes the 5 boroughs of New York City, plus the counties of Rockland, Westchester, Nassau and Suffolk.

Stations are to begin using the NYVIP equipment as soon as they have received it. DMV will be monitoring NYVIP installation and facility initialization closely, and will enforce use of the equipment beginning April 1, 2005. If you do not have an installed NYVIP unit by that date, doing inspections will be prohibited. This new program will be in place for a minimum seven years from the official start date of December 1, 2004.

NYS will propose that the emissions portion of the inspection fee remain at \$27 for both NYTEST tailpipe tests and NYVIP OBD inspections. Regulations supporting this fee are currently undergoing clearance, with the expectation that they will be in place before 4/1/05. The total combined safety and emissions fee is expected to stay the same, and remain \$37. As the emissions fee for the NYVIP test in the 53 upstate counties will be \$11 (versus \$27), NYS is also proposing making the inspection fees maximums rather than mandatory. This will allow NYMA stations that choose to offer inspections at a lower cost than \$37, to have the authority to do so. After 4/1/05, only dynamometer, idle and heavy duty gas vehicle testing are to be performed on the NYTEST equipment. All other inspections (safety only, OBD, low enhanced, trailer, and motorcycle) must be completed on the NYVIP equipment. Heavy duty diesel inspections will continue to be performed in the usual manner. We look forward to working with those of you who will be active members in the effort to Drive NY Clean.

Sincerely,

Michael P. Maher
Director

Office of Vehicle Safety and Clean Air