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DEQ EXPANDS OUTREACH TO TULSA AUTO BODY SHOPS

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) plans to expand its outreach to auto body repair facilities in Tulsa. Small facilities are often unaware of regulatory requirements outlined in the Autobody Rule. One requirement is that all spray painting be done in a spray booth. The rule also addresses the need to use spray guns and techniques to reduce overspray and other measures to prevent the release of any solvent mist.

DEQ will contact facilities in the Tulsa area to enlist participation in this voluntary outreach. Participation offers an opportunity to interact with DEQ staff in a cooperative atmosphere. There is no charge for participation.

DEQ first initiated outreach associated with the Autobody Rule last year. Initially, agency staff focused on repair facilities in the Oklahoma City metropolitan area.

“Understanding environmental regulations can be challenging,” said Pollution Prevention Program Manager Dianne Wilkins. “Our goal with this outreach is to assist facilities with environmental compliance.”

More information on the Pollution Prevention Program and a copy of the Paint & Auto Checklist is available at <http://www.deq.state.ok.us/LPDnew/p2index.htm>.

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