



Ministry of Environment proposes new Registry program for collision repair shops.

New regulation proposal released and available for comment on www.autobodyhelp.ca

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The Ontario Ministry of Environment has posted on the Environmental Bill of Rights Registry (and is available on www.autobodyhelp.ca) a new approach to reporting on environmental activities within the auto refinish sector.

The Hamilton District Autobody Repair Association and ciia.com, have been working towards this new Registry acceptance and first suggested it to the Ministry in the 1990's.

Because of the association's past positive relationship with the Ministry, and that emission reductions since 2001 were significant and that emissions from auto refinish shops are consistent, known and low-risk, this industry is the first in Canada to use this new Registry process. Legislation to allow for these changes was passed in October 2010. Comment on the regulation proposal was accepted until May 13, 2011.

The Registry would replace the currently required individual Certificate of Approval process for facilities that meet certain standards. Those standards relate to amount of paint used per hour, stack height, noise impacts, and minimum setback requirements if larger amounts of paint are being sprayed.

There are also requirements involving times that the shops is painting, type of spray guns and paint used, booth filters and training.

The collision repair trade association is a strong supporter of the new Registry process.

Technical working sessions and a possible information campaign in the summer or fall months to better inform shops is being discussed.

Currently the collision repair trade association, handles close to 80% of all environmental approvals for bodyshops in Ontario and this new Registry process will help make the options for shops to meet compliance, both easier and less expensive. Shops that do not qualify to be accepted in the Registry can still use the simplified online tools to generate an application that are included at www.autobodyhelp.ca

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