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INTER-INDUSTRY RESPONDS POSITIVELY TO I-CAR'S NEWEST ONLINE TRAINING PROGRAM

HOFFMAN ESTATES, IL – December 2, 2008 – Online training program Hazardous Airborne Pollutant Reduction (HAP01) was launched just a few months ago and those who have completed the program are talking positively about it. The program brings collision repair facilities in compliance with EPA regulations to reduce Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) emissions and control waste. Those who have completed the program see its benefits.

Edward Johnson of Doc's Auto Body in Haverstraw, NY said the EPA final rule was on his radar before the program came out. "You need to be up to speed on EPA rules. This program does a very good job of covering VOC and hazardous pollutants, it was very informative. It contains the kind of information shops need to know to comply with EPA standards."

"I tend to trust I-CAR and noticed that the information in the program is straight forward and clear," said Glen Quigley of San Ramon Body and Detail in San Ramon, CA. "I-CAR does a good job of taking the information we need to know and condensing it down. I also took the program to see if we should have other employees take the program too. Now that I have completed it I will have some of our techs complete the program as well."

The program is also helpful for collision repairers who do not need to meet the EPA requirement.

"We learned a new procedure for spray gun cleaning and maintenance. The program offered an alternative method for cleaning spray guns with solvents. This is one of many procedures demonstrated in the program which has given us an alternative method of controlling waste in our shop," explained Danny Valentim of Four Seasons Auto Body Ltd. in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Collision repair facilities can fulfill EPA requirements by taking the Hazardous Airborne Pollutant Reduction (HAP01) I-CAR online training program. EPA standards require that all existing collision repair facilities receive training on hazardous air pollutant reduction. Facilities have up to three years to meet the new rule and the EPA requires that training be completed every five years. New facilities must meet the requirements within 180 days of opening.

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In addition to staying in compliance with the new rule, those who complete this program will learn how to use less refinishing material; reduce the amount of waste during the refinishing and clean-up processes; increase the life of spray booth filters with less overspray; and may increase credibility with environmentally-conscious customers.

The Hazardous Airborne Pollutant Reduction (HAP01) I-CAR online training program takes only 60 minutes to complete and once completed a certificate can be printed and used as proof of completion of the training. Online training is also a tool to help earn and keep the Gold Class Professionals and Platinum Individual designations.

Go to www.i-car.com/online to learn more and complete Hazardous Airborne Pollutant Reduction (HAP01).

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I-CAR, founded in 1979, is an international not-for-profit training organization dedicated to improving the quality, safety, and efficiency of auto collision repair for the ultimate benefit of consumers.



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