



OAKVILLE SHOPS WARNED OF OFFER FROM CONSULTANTS

Oakville, Ontario shops must meet a new emission reporting standard starting on May 1, 2011. Auto refinish shops are then required to report their VOC emissions and their particulate emissions to the Town of Oakville.

An environmental consultancy firm that offered to handle the paperwork for that reporting for \$20,000 solicited an Oakville shop.

Your association is issuing a warning to Oakville shops, to be very cautious of these offers, especially when the Town of Oakville has said the reporting should not cost a shop anything.

Your association is working with the Town of Oakville on a new reporting structure that can be more easily introduced at a shop level to handle these new requirements.

Although many shops already have the required provincial Certificate of Approval (CofA) for their emissions, lately municipalities have decided they too want a reporting structure. Unfortunately, those municipalities are insisting on different information than was needed for the provincial requirements.

For instance, the provincial rules do not require a shop to identify the volume of VOC emissions, while the City of Toronto does and the Town of Oakville also does, but at a maximum threshold rate of only 10% of the Toronto standard.

Your association urges shops *not* to hire any consultants at the present time, until a cheaper and easier process can be established that is reasonable for shops.

Any questions can be directed to the association at info@ciia.com or 1-866-309-4272.