



SHOPS TO RECEIVE ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEY THIS WEEK PROVIDING A “SNAPSHOT” OF ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE

As part of Ontario’s new proposal to move to an autobody Environmental Registry rather than a formal Certificate of Approval standard that is in use now, the Ministry of Environment is sending a survey questionnaire to almost 3000 shop addresses.

The surveys, which are mailed back anonymously, ask shop owner/operators about their environmental performance.

Questions such as:

- Did you know that you need a Certificate of Approval for your spraypainting?
- Are you using solvent or water base paints?
- Do you segregate your solvent and water base wastes?
- How do you handle spills, complaints and maintenance?

Questions are included on the type of exhaust stack in your shop, spray guns and how many spray booths are in your shop.

Your association is working with the Ministry in the design and implementation of the new “Registry” system and recommends that as many shops as possible complete and send in the questionnaire.

The Registry system is explained in a proposal on the Environmental Bill of Rights web site or on the industry web site at www.autobodyhelp.ca under “News”.

If you have questions on the survey, please call Kelly Pritchard, Senior Policy Advisor, Modernization of Approvals Project at the ministry at 416-325-7560.

If you have comments on the new proposed Registry or questions on the association’s role in these projects please call John Norris at 1-866-309-4272.

Comments and submissions are welcomed until March 4, 2011.