



**Maryland**  
Department of  
the Environment

## ***Facts About...***

### **Certified Emissions Repair Facilities (CERFs) in the Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program**

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Certified Emissions Repair Facilities (CERFs) are vehicle repair businesses that employ highly skilled Master Certified Emissions Technicians (MCETs) and have the equipment necessary to repair vehicles to peak emissions performance. Participation in the CERF program is a voluntary demonstration of commitment to high quality emissions repairs.

#### **CERF Benefits**

- Technical information about the Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program (VEIP)
- Free or low cost training opportunities
- Access to RepairTrak, an internet-based program for entering, retrieving, and managing VEIP repair data and test results
- Newsletters and technical bulletins with program information and troubleshooting tips
- Advertisement online in the VEIP CERF Map and list available to motorists.
- Official CERF sign for outdoor advertising
- Quality assurance checks of diagnostic equipment

#### **CERF Equipment Requirements**

All CERFs must possess the following diagnostic tools:

- Emissions diagnostic and repair information for affected model year vehicles
- On-Board-Diagnostics (OBD) scan tool that meets requirements established by MDE
- Multimeter
- Fuel or hydraulic pressure gauge
- Vacuum gauge
- Vacuum pump
- Compression tester or cylinder leak down tester

#### **Technician Certification**

Each CERF must employ a MCET for which the primary credential is ASE L-1 certification. See the MCET program information at [mde.maryland.gov/veip](http://mde.maryland.gov/veip) for complete certification requirements.

## **Completing the Vehicle Emissions Repair Report**

Customers whose vehicles fail the emissions test will be provided a Vehicle Emissions Inspection Certificate (VEIC) noting the test failure. MCETs employed by your facility are required to complete the "Vehicle Emissions Repair Report" and give it to the customer once the vehicle is repaired. This report can be completed by filling out the reverse side of the VEIC and returning it to the customer, or electronically through RepairTrak, and then printed out and given to the customer after the vehicle has been repaired.

## **Repair Receipts**

Customer receipts must be on an original printed business invoice and must provide, in readable layman terms, a list of all emissions repairs performed and, for each repair, a description of the work performed with the itemized labor costs, and the parts supplied with their itemized costs. The invoice should clearly indicate total parts and total labors costs separately, and identify the facility and the technician who performed the work.

## **Facility Inspection**

MDE conducts periodic unannounced inspections of each CERF. The inspection includes MCET employment verification and equipment checks.

## **Certification Documents**

CERF Certificates must be posted in the area where repairs are being made, together with the Certificates issued to MCETs employed in the facility.

## **Application**

Please go to [www.mde.maryland.gov/veip](http://www.mde.maryland.gov/veip) for a CERF application. Call (410) 537-3270 or 1-800-633-6101 x3270, or send email to [mde.veip@maryland.gov](mailto:mde.veip@maryland.gov) for further information.