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News Release

Program Aims To Cut Vehicle Pollution In Davis County

(Kaysville, Utah) – Davis County Health Department’s Air Quality Bureau is distributing

“Smoking Vehicle” cards encouraging the public to help clean up their own air. The cards list the contact number at the bureau where individuals can report vehicles they see in their neighborhoods or on the roadways that “smoke.”

Vehicles are one of the major sources of air pollutants in Davis County. The county has been enforcing the requirements of an emission-testing program since the 1990s. With this testing program in place, Davis County has remained within the Environmental Protection Agency’s air quality guidelines.

According to Mark Williams, manager of the health department’s Air Quality Bureau, “The increasing population and number of miles driven in the county make it more and more difficult to keep from violating those guidelines. We all must do our part to cut back on vehicle emissions,” he said. “One way is to avoid unnecessary driving while another way is to report vehicles that are gross polluters.”

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The new “Smoking Vehicle” cards are an easy way for people to report vehicles with excessive exhaust by having a fill-in-the-blank section for essential information such as: time and date of observation, make and model of the vehicle, location of the vehicle at the time of the observation, and license plate number and state. “If someone sees a polluting vehicle and wants to report it, they don’t need one of these cards. The person just needs to call us at 546-8860, extension 12, with as much of that information as possible,” said Williams.

Any Davis County resident identified with a “Smoking Vehicle” will be required to come to the county’s Inspection and Maintenance Tech Center in Kaysville for emission testing. “Information about vehicles registered in another county that requires emission testing will be turned over to that county’s air quality enforcement agency,” Williams said. “Our goal is to eliminate an additional source of air pollution within our county by ensuring these vehicles get fixed or removed from the roads.”

“Smoking Vehicle” cards can be picked up at the Kaysville Tech Center, all 15 city halls, and all Davis County Government offices, libraries, and senior activity centers. For more information, call 546-8860.

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