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FREE VEHICLE EMISSIONS TESTING CLINIC SEPTEMBER 17 TO 19, 2009

The Prince George Air Improvement Roundtable (PG AIR) will be hosting a **FREE** Vehicle Emissions Testing Clinic from **Thursday, September 17 to Saturday, September 19**.

The clinic, which is open to all drivers, will provide participants with free assessment of their vehicle's emissions, as well as information on how to make their vehicle run more cleanly and efficiently. "The clinic will provide a great opportunity for individuals to play a part in helping to improve the air quality in Prince George and reducing greenhouse gas emissions," said PG AIR Idle Free Ambassador, Katherine Lapadat-Janzen. "A well-maintained vehicle will also help drivers save fuel and money."

The three-day clinic will take place at the **CN Centre parking lot** (Ospika Blvd), at the following times:

- ∞ Thursday, September 17 – 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM
- ∞ Friday, September 18 – 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
- ∞ Saturday, September 19 – 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Testing for light-duty vehicles takes about 10 minutes, and includes a tire pressure check and correction, gas cap check, carbon monoxide and hydrocarbon check and fine particulate matter testing. Following testing, participants will be provided with a list of repairs, if any, recommended for their vehicles.

The AirCare ON-ROAD Program (ACOR) will also be available at the clinic to provide free opacity testing of heavy-duty diesel fleet vehicles. ACOR has also generously offered to provide free on-site testing at company yards, on a first-come, first-served basis, for fleets and other heavy duty diesel vehicles unable to attend the clinic. Fleet managers interested in on-site testing are asked to contact PG AIR to book a time for testing.

The clinic is free of charge and **NO FINES** will be assessed for vehicles that do not pass an emissions test.

The emissions testing clinic is being sponsored by Natural Resources Canada, the City of Prince George and the BC Ministry of Environment.

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