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DMV Audits Inspection Stations

More than a dozen already audited. Are you next?

Based on calls from current clients and conversations with other dealers, Bellavia Gentile & Associates has learned that the Department of Motor Vehicles is involved in a campaign to audit dealership inspection facilities to ensure compliance with the Motor Vehicle Inspection Regulations.

Focus on Emissions Inspections

DMV audits are now focusing on emissions inspections. Areas of concern include,

- **Functionality of equipment** (analyzer, scanner, computer and printer). Make sure your equipment is fully functional. One client was shut down because his printer was malfunctioning!
- **Inspection Sticker Inventory.** Stickers must be issued in consecutive order. Some Inspectors are using stickers out of order resulting in the misreporting of unissued stickers as "damaged" or "stolen".
- **Misuse of Inspectors License.** Inspectors must keep their license in a secure location and not share it with anyone. Unauthorized use can result in a violation issued to the inspector AND the dealership.
- **Improperly Issued Emissions Waiver Certificates.** If a vehicle fails an emissions inspection and the dealer performs \$450 or more in emissions (OBDII) related repairs, the customer may receive a Waiver Certificate and an inspection sticker. The customer and the dealer must sign the waiver and the dealer must retain the certificate for a minimum of two years.

For more information on the DMV audits please call Stevan LaBonte at Bellavia Gentile & Associates (516-873-3000).