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8 **BEFORE THE**  
**DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**  
9 **FOR THE BUREAU OF AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR**  
**STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

10 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. **79/14-87**

11 **FAST EDDIES SMOG;**  
12 **EDWARD RICHARD ORTIZ, Owner**  
13 9519 E. Alondra Blvd, Unit C  
Bellflower, CA 90706

**A C C U S A T I O N**

(Smog Check)

14 Mailing Address  
15 11228 Adoree Street  
Norwalk, CA 90650

16 **Automotive Repair Dealer Registration**  
17 **No. ARD 266412, Smog Check Test Only**  
**Station License No. TC 266412,**

18 **PETER NGOC DIEP**  
19 1110 E. Carson Street, #6  
Long Beach, CA 90807

20 **Advanced Emission Specialist Technician**  
21 **License No. EA 635057 (to be redesignated**  
**upon renewal as EO 635057 and/or EI 635057)**

22 **and**

23 **MINH QUANG TRAN**  
24 13071 Dunklee Avenue  
Garden Grove, CA 92840

25 **Smog Check Inspector License No. EO 147492**  
26 **and Smog Check Repair Technician License**  
27 **No. EI 147492 (formerly Advanced Emission**  
**Specialist Technician License No. EA 147492)**

28 Respondents.

1 Complainant alleges:

2 **PARTIES**

3 1. Patrick Dorais (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in his official capacity as  
4 the Chief of the Bureau of Automotive Repair, Department of Consumer Affairs.

5 **Fast Eddies Smog**

6 2. On or about August 29, 2011, the Director of Consumer Affairs (Director) issued  
7 Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD 266412 to Fast Eddies Smog; Edward  
8 Richard Ortiz, Owner (Respondent Fast Eddies Smog). The Automotive Repair Dealer  
9 Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and  
10 will expire on August 31, 2014, unless renewed.

11 3. On or about August 8, 2012, the Director issued Smog Check Test Only Station  
12 License Number TC 266412 to Respondent Fast Eddies Smog. The Smog Check Test Only  
13 Station License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and  
14 will expire on August 31, 2014, unless renewed.

15 **Peter Ngoc Diep**

16 4. On or about December 20, 2012, the Director issued Advanced Emission Specialist  
17 Technician License Number EA 635057 to Peter Ngoc Diep (Respondent Diep). The Advanced  
18 Emission Specialist Technician License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the  
19 charges brought herein. Respondent Diep's technician license is due to expire on October 31,  
20 2014. Upon timely renewal of the license, the license will be redesignated as EO 635057 and/or  
21 EI 635057.<sup>1</sup>

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26 <sup>1</sup> Effective August 1, 2012, California Code of Regulations, title 16, sections 3340.28,  
27 3340.29, and 3340.30 were amended to implement a license restructure from the Advanced  
28 Emission Specialist Technician (EA) license and Basic Area (EB) Technician license to Smog  
Check Inspector (EO) license and/or Smog Check Repair Technician (EI) license.







**Table 1 (August 15, 2013)**

Test No.	Test Times	Vehicle in EIS Data (License Plate #)	Vehicle Tested (License Plate #)	Certificate Issued
1	1748-1806	2007 Lexus ES350 (5WDR498)	2007 Lexus ES350 (5WDR498)	None
2	1810-1815	2007 Lexus ES350 (5WDR498)	2008 Honda Civic (6EAW508)	XX458983C
3	1819-1825	1995 Ford Mustang (3LCS526)	2008 Honda Civic (6EAW508)	XX458984C
4	1830-1835	1999 Lincoln Navigator (EDERRI)	2008 Honda Civic (6EAW508)	XX458985C
5	1839-1845	1999 Honda Civic (6MAR802)	2008 Honda Civic (6EAW508)	XX458986C
6	1850-1854	2005 BMW 645Ci (6RCZ364)	2008 Honda Civic (6EAW508)	XX458987C
7	1857-1901	1996 Ford Mustang (6TVN208)	2008 Honda Civic (6EAW508)	XX458988C
8	1907-1912	2001 Ford Mustang Coupe (6HYG093)	2008 Honda Civic (6EAW508)	XX458989C
9	1917-1922	2000 Nissan Xterra 4WD (4GUN674)	2008 Honda Civic (6EAW508)	XX458990C
10	1927	1996 Chevrolet Impala (5JEF981)	1994 Chevrolet C1500 pickup (56441C1)	None

19. In fact, on or about August 15, 2013, Respondents performed the smog inspections using the clean piping method by utilizing the tail pipe emissions of vehicles other than the vehicles being certified in order to issue the electronic certificates of compliance. The vehicles certified were not in the test bay at the time of the smog inspections. Specifically, Respondents used the clean piping method to certify and issue certificates of compliance for vehicles by using Respondent Diep's Smog Check Technician confidential access code knowing that Respondent Diep was the only Smog Check Technician assigned at Respondent Fast Eddies Smog's station. Respondent Tran did not use his assigned Smog Check Inspector access code to perform any of these inspections, and could not use his assigned access code because he was not assigned to Respondent Fast Eddies Smog's station. Respondent Tran did use his personal vehicle, a 2008 Honda Civic, for the clean piping of eight (8) of the vehicles listed in Table 1, above.

1 **FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

2 **(Misleading Statements)**

3 20. Respondent Fast Eddies Smog has subjected his registration to discipline under Bus.  
4 & Prof. Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(1), in that on or about August 15, 2013, he made  
5 statements which he knew or which by exercise of reasonable care he should have known were  
6 untrue or misleading when he issued electronic certificates of compliance for the vehicles set  
7 forth in Table 1, above, certifying that those vehicles were in compliance with applicable laws  
8 and regulations when, in fact, the vehicles had been clean piped.

9 **SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

10 **(Fraud)**

11 21. Respondent Fast Eddies Smog has subjected his registration to discipline under Bus.  
12 & Prof. Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(4), in that on or about August 15, 2013, he  
13 committed acts which constitute fraud by issuing electronic certificates of compliance for the  
14 vehicles set forth in Table 1, above, without performing bona fide inspections of the emission  
15 control devices and systems on those vehicles, thereby depriving the People of the State of  
16 California of the protection afforded by the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program.

17 **THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

18 **(Violation of the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program)**

19 22. Respondent Fast Eddies Smog has subjected his station license to discipline under  
20 Health & Saf. Code section 44072.2, subdivision (a), in that on or about August 15, 2013,  
21 regarding the vehicles set forth in Table 1, above, he violated sections of that Code, as follows:

22 a. **Section 44012, subdivision (a):** Respondent Fast Eddies Smog failed to determine  
23 that all emission control devices and systems required by law were installed and functioning  
24 correctly in accordance with test procedures.

25 b. **Section 44012, subdivision (f):** Respondent Fast Eddies Smog failed to perform  
26 emission control tests on those vehicles in accordance with procedures prescribed by the  
27 department.

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1 c. **Section 44015, subdivision (b):** Respondent Fast Eddies Smog issued electronic  
2 certificates of compliance without properly testing and inspecting the vehicles to determine if  
3 they were in compliance with section 44012 of that Code.

4 d. **Section 44059:** Respondent Fast Eddies Smog willfully made false entries for the  
5 electronic certificates of compliance by certifying that those vehicles had been inspected as  
6 required when, in fact, they had not.

7 **FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

8 **(Violations of Regulations Pursuant to the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program)**

9 23. Respondent Fast Eddies Smog has subjected his station license to discipline under  
10 Health & Saf. Code section 44072.2, subdivision (c), in that on or about August 15, 2013,  
11 regarding the vehicles set forth in Table 1, above, he violated sections of the California Code of  
12 Regulations, title 16, as follows:

13 a. **Section 3340.24, subdivision (c):** Respondent Fast Eddies Smog falsely or  
14 fraudulently issued electronic certificates of compliance without performing bona fide inspections  
15 of the emission control devices and systems on those vehicles as required by Health & Saf. Code  
16 section 44012.

17 b. **Section 3340.35, subdivision (c):** Respondent Fast Eddies Smog issued electronic  
18 certificates of compliance even though those vehicles had not been inspected in accordance with  
19 section 3340.42 of that Code.

20 c. **Section 3340.42:** Respondent Fast Eddies Smog failed to conduct the required smog  
21 tests and inspections on those vehicles in accordance with the Bureau's specifications.

22 **FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

23 **(Dishonesty, Fraud or Deceit)**

24 24. Respondent Fast Eddies Smog subjected his station license to discipline under Health  
25 & Saf. Code section 44072.2, subdivision (d), in that on or about August 15, 2013, regarding the  
26 vehicles set forth in Table 1, above, he committed acts involving dishonesty, fraud or deceit  
27 whereby another was injured by issuing electronic certificates of compliance for those vehicles  
28 without performing bona fide inspections of the emission control devices and systems on those



1 vehicles, thereby depriving the People of the State of California of the protection afforded by the  
2 Motor Vehicle Inspection Program.

3 **SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

4 **(Violations of the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program)**

5 25. Respondent Tran has subjected his Smog Check Inspector and Smog Check Repair  
6 Technician licenses to discipline under Health & Saf. Code section 44072.2, subdivision (a), in  
7 that on or about August 15, 2013, regarding the vehicles set forth in Table 1, he violated sections  
8 of that Code, as follows:

9 a. **Section 44012, subdivision (a):** Respondent Tran failed to determine that all  
10 emission control devices and systems required by law were installed and functioning correctly in  
11 accordance with test procedures.

12 b. **Section 44012, subdivision (f):** Respondent Tran failed to perform emission control  
13 tests on those vehicles in accordance with procedures prescribed by the department.

14 c. **Section 44032:** Respondent Tran failed to perform tests of the emission control  
15 devices and systems on those vehicles in accordance with section 44012 of that Code, in that  
16 those vehicles had been clean piped.

17 d. **Section 44059:** Respondent Tran willfully made false entries for the electronic  
18 certificates of compliance by certifying that those vehicles had been inspected as required when,  
19 in fact, they had not.

20 **SEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

21 **(Violations of Regulations Pursuant to the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program)**

22 26. Respondent Tran has subjected his Smog Check Inspector and Smog Check Repair  
23 Technician licenses to discipline under Health & Saf. Code section 44072.2, subdivision (c), in  
24 that on or about August 15, 2013, regarding the vehicles set forth in Table 1, he violated sections  
25 of the California Code of Regulations, title 16, as follows:

26 a. **Section 3340.24, subdivision (c):** Respondent Tran falsely or fraudulently issued  
27 electronic certificates of compliance without performing bona fide inspections of the emission  
28 control devices and systems on those vehicles as required by Health & Saf. Code section 44012.





1 issued to Fast Eddies Smog; Edward Richard Ortiz, Owner;

2 2. Revoking or suspending any other automotive repair dealer registration issued in the  
3 name of Edward Richard Ortiz;

4 3. Revoking or suspending Smog Check Test Only Station License No. TC 266412,  
5 issued to Fast Eddies Smog; Edward Richard Ortiz, Owner;

6 4. Revoking or suspending any additional license issued under this chapter in the name  
7 of Edward Richard Ortiz;

8 5. Revoking or suspending Advanced Emission Specialist Technician License No.  
9 EA 635057 (to be redesignated upon renewal as EO 635057 and/or EI 635057), issued to Peter  
10 Ngoc Diep;

11 6. Revoking or suspending any additional license issued under this chapter in the name  
12 of Peter Ngoc Diep;

13 7. Revoking or suspending Smog Check Inspector License No. EO 147492 issued to  
14 Minh Quang Tran;

15 8. Revoking or suspending Smog Check Repair Technician License No. EI 147492  
16 issued to Minh Quang Tran;

17 9. Revoking or suspending any additional license issued under this chapter in the name  
18 of Minh Quang Tran;

19 10. Ordering Edward Richard Ortiz, Peter Ngoc Diep, and Minh Quang Tran to pay the  
20 Bureau of Automotive Repair the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this  
21 case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3; and

22 11. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

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24 DATED:

January 17, 2014



PATRICK DORAIS  
Chief  
Bureau of Automotive Repair  
Department of Consumer Affairs  
State of California  
*Complainant*

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