



# Air Pollution Control Division

## Emissions Technical Center Usage

Emissions Technical Centers (ETCs) are state-operated facilities with duties specified in state law to provide support to various Mobile Sources Program activities. This includes support to the gasoline and diesel emissions inspection programs, fuel sampling and analysis, field inspections and enforcement and the training and testing of inspection and repair technicians, among other responsibilities.

Requests are routinely made by automotive trainers, training committees, vocational schools, industry trade groups, auto clubs, etc. for use of ETCs for various functions. Requests for building use and/or presentations/tours are honored if we determine that the request is related to ETC functions and statutory purpose, if it is of educational benefit to the public or repair industry, and if it is not competing with a role best met by the private sector.

ETCs are not available for marketing or endorsement of products or other such functions where private facilities would be more appropriate. Requests are also not honored for research, development, or evaluation of automotive retrofit (add-on) devices, fuel additives, or other automotive products. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has an established protocol for the evaluation of such devices and additives. All inquiries in regards to fuel additive/retrofit devices should be made to the U.S. EPA.

There are several public and private sector trainers in Colorado who conduct nationally-recognized automotive technician training classes for diagnosing and repairing Inspection/Maintenance emissions failures. The ETCs are available for use by these trainers to train automotive technicians. Depending on class size and the individual ETC location, one or two classes may be scheduled per evening. Due to space limitation, no more than two classes will be scheduled per evening per facility. All scheduling, including training by state employees as part of assigned duties, must be arranged a minimum of one month in advance through the ETC supervisor. A signed application and agreement of ETC use stating purpose of request, curriculum to be taught and obligating the trainer to cover loss of tools and/or equipment, building or vehicle damage, re-keying the facility due to lost or non-returned keys, etc. will be required before use of any ETC is allowed. Violation of policies will result in denial of access and billing to the person or his/her company for losses as cited above.