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MEMORANDUM

TO: Bob Weiss, Fiscal Research

THROUGH: Commissioner Carol Howard

FROM: Sharon Matthews

SUBJECT: Emissions Exemption for Kit Cars

This is response to your e-mail request concerning exemptions for emissions testing of kit cars. Acting Lt. Colonel John Robinson, Donnie Redmond and Alan Klimek have discussed the issue of emission inspections for kit cars and agreed on the exemption.

DENR rule 2D.1004(b) - Emissions Standards allows exceptions or variances to the standards in accordance with DMV's "Safety, Emissions, Windshield Procedures Manual. DENR (letter dated March 8, 2002 attached) has recommended that these cars be exempt from OBD testing since kit cars have required attention and manpower that far exceeds their contribution to the ozone problem. DMV agrees with this and will not enforce this testing for kit cars. By nature, kit cars are often not regulated by the Federal Environmental Protection Agency and are unlikely to have an OBD system, so they cannot be subjected to an emissions test. Kit cars are driven fewer miles and are primarily used as show cars. Kit cars will be subject to safety inspections.

DMV will notify inspection stations of this exemption prior to July 1, 2002.

I hope this information will assist you and if you have additional questions, please contact me at 861-3031.

cc: Acting Lt. Colonel John Robinson
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