



STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION

Air Pollution Control Division
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Nashville, Tennessee 37243-1531

September 19, 2005

Mr. Bill Kemp
Sumner County Clerk
355 N. Belvedere Dr., Room 111
Gallatin, TN 37066-5410

RE: Clarification for Military Exemptions from Vehicle Emissions Testing

Dear Mr. Kemp:

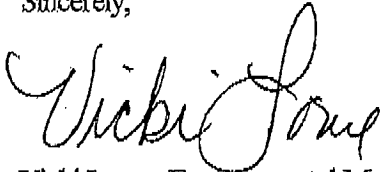
This letter is to provide you with some clarification regarding military exemptions from the vehicle emission testing requirements as specified in the Air Pollution Control Division's, Light-Duty Motor Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Rule 1200-3-29-.04. This rule only exempts tactical military vehicles from the emissions testing requirement; however, division policy allows for vehicles that are out of the testing area to be exempted until it returns to the testing area. I have enclosed a copy of exemption application with instructions. This information is also available on our web site at www.tdec.net/apc/vehicle.

In addition, rule 1200-3-29-.03(6) specifies that a Certificate of Compliance must be presented to the County Clerks' office prior to the issuance of the wheel tax or the vehicle regulatory license. If someone is registered in a county that is required by the Tennessee Air Pollution Control Board to conduct emissions testing, then vehicles as specified in the above mentioned rule must pass an emissions test prior to registration or license renewal. If someone is in the military and their vehicle is registered in a county that requires an emissions test, but the vehicle is not currently located in the testing area because of active status then the vehicle can be exempted until it returns to the testing area. When the vehicle returns to the area the vehicle must be tested and pass an emission test. If the vehicle is currently operating or being driven in the county, then the vehicle must pass an emissions test.

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I am also enclosing copies of the referenced pages of the division rule for your information and I hope this information is helpful. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (615) 532-6811.

Sincerely,



Vicki Lowe, Environmental Manager
Division of Air Pollution Control

Enclosures

cc: Rutherford County Clerk
Williamson County Clerk
Wilson County Clerk