

## Attention Automotive Dealerships and Repair Facilities!

We have a few reminders for Service, Parts and Body Shop Managers from the regulatory world:

- **Personal protective equipment (PPE)** must be provided by the employer. OSHA has recently revised their regulations to explicitly address the burden of cost. The regulation (29 CFR 1910.132 (h)(1)) now states, “...the protective equipment, including personal protective equipment (PPE), used to comply with this part, shall be provided by the employer at no cost to employees.”

Please ensure that you are providing affected employees with appropriate personal protective equipment, including nitrile gloves (for handling chemicals), safety glasses (for flying debris and chemical handling), a chemical faceshield (when handling corrosive chemicals), respirators (for paint spraying operations), and a tinted faceshield and protective clothing (for welding/cutting).

- **Spray-on Truck Bedliner** application is regulated by OSHA. The regulation (29 CFR 1910.107(m)) states that, “all spraying operations involving...dual component coatings shall be conducted in approved sprinklered spray booths meeting the requirements of this section.” If your bedliner chemicals have two components, they must be applied inside an approved paint spray booth. Additionally, only supplied air respirators are approved for protection against isocyanates, a class of chemicals commonly found in bedliner coatings.
- **Batteries** should be stored in a designated container that protects from rain intrusion, sparks or other heat producing equipment. Instruct employees to transfer spent batteries to the designated storage area immediately after removing from a vehicle.

Compliance Centre provides automotive dealers exceptional environmental, safety and health services. We employ a team of experts with years of experience in OSHA, EPA and DOT regulatory compliance. Our staff provides training, policy development, recordkeeping, exposure studies and audits to ensure our clients meet requirements established by Federal and State laws. Communication with all levels of management is a critical element to the success of our program.

Compliance Centre carries professional liability, general liability, pollution liability, automotive and workers' compensation insurance. To provide the highest level of protection for our clients, we contract licensed, insured and permitted *processors and refineries* to handle all wastestreams including used oil, parts washers, waste paint, petroleum sludge, fluorescent bulbs, scrap tires and more. This eliminates overhead fees and liability exposure associated with waste *haulers* who claim to “manage” your waste.

While our program is more comprehensive than our competitors, we typically save our clients 50% or more in operational costs. We are local with offices in Orangeburg, SC and Columbia, SC. As profit margins get tougher to maintain and regulations continue to strengthen for automotive dealers, please consider your options regarding environmental, safety and health compliance. For more information, contact Christy Bell.



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