**Section 460.230 Responsibilities of Certified Diesel Emission Tester**

a) Persons interested in becoming a Certified Diesel Emission Tester (CDET) must meet the following requirements:

1) Be a least eighteen years of age; and

2) Possess a valid driver's license.

b) Every applicant must accomplish the following before certification as a CDET to conduct diesel emission inspections is awarded:

1) Pass a written test based on this Part with a passing score of at least 70%.

2) Demonstrate proficiency by properly operating and calibrating the diesel emission inspection equipment at the Station where employed.

c) The Station Owner may request retesting of a CDET applicant who failed the initial examination.

1) A person who failed any part of the initial examination shall wait a period of 15 days before reapplying.

2) A person who fails a second time shall wait a period of 30 days before reapplying.

3) After three failures within one 12 month period, a person is not eligible to take the examination for a period of one year from the date of the last failure.

d) A CDET shall conduct a minimum of ten percent of the Station's diesel emission inspections during any calendar year or may be required to successfully pass the written and proficiency examinations to maintain certification. (See subsection (b) of this Section for examination standards.)

e) If the Official Testing Station where a CDET is employed changes diesel emission inspection equipment, the CDET shall be required to demonstrate proficiency by operating and calibrating the new inspection equipment.

f) If a CDET leaves the employ of one Official Testing Station and is subsequently hired by another, the latter employer shall request in writing to the Department a transfer of the CDET's certification.

1) The CVSS may require the CDET to pass the written and proficiency examinations before the certificate is transferred. (See subsection (b) of this Section for examination standards.)

2) Both tests shall be administered if the lapse in employment at Official Testing Stations exceeds 30 days.

g) The CDET's certificate remains the property of the CVSS and shall be immediately returned to the CVSS or authorized personnel of the Department if the CDET ceases inspecting vehicles or ceases to be employed by the Official Testing Station; or if the certificate is suspended, canceled or revoked; or if the CDET fails to maintain his certification; or if the CDET's driver's license is expired, canceled, suspended or revoked.

h) The diesel emission inspection privileges granted by the CDET's certificate shall be subject to cancellation, suspension or revocation by the Department for any violation of this Part. (See 625 ILCS 5/13-108 and 92 Ill. Adm. Code 450 regarding administrative hearings.)

i) If a CDET's certificate has been suspended for 90 days or more or canceled, the CVSS will require that the CDET pass the written and proficiency examinations prior to recertification.

j) If an Official Testing Station is inoperative for a period of six months or more, all CDET certificates shall be canceled. Any former CDET shall be required to be reexamined before a certificate is issued.

k) Failure of a CDET to pass either the proficiency or written portion of any retest shall automatically cancel his/her certification.

l) Refusal of a CDET to submit to retesting shall automatically cancel his/her certification and his/her certificate shall be immediately surrendered to an authorized representative of the Department.

m) No person shall perform a diesel emission inspection unless that person has been certified as a CDET by the CVSS and that person has been issued a valid certificate by the CVSS. The certificate shall be displayed at the Official Testing Station where the CDET is employed.

n) The CDET shall perform the diesel emission inspection according to procedures established in this Part.

o) The CDET shall have sole physical control of the vehicle being tested during the entire diesel emission inspection.

p) The CDET shall be responsible for documenting all diesel emission inspection results in the manner prescribed in Section 460.330.

q) The CDET who performed the original diesel emission inspection or reinspection shall affix the Validation Certificate to the Diesel Emission Inspection Compliance Card as prescribed in Section 460.330. The Validation Certificate shall be affixed only if the vehicle inspected equals or exceeds all of the requirements of this Part.

r) The CDET shall not accept any gratuity from any person for or in connection with an official diesel emission inspection or for the issuance or giving of proof of a diesel emission inspection.