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## **University's Pollution Prevention Partnership Teams With Stripes for 'Drive Clean, Drive Green' Campaign Events will provide free emissions testing to identify polluting vehicles**

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – The Pollution Prevention Partnership at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi and Stripes convenience stores are partnering for a two-week "Drive Clean, Drive Green" campaign to reduce the number of vehicles on area roads that are discharging harmful emissions into the atmosphere.

"The Pollution Prevention Partnership is tremendously appreciative of Stripes' community leader role hosting this campaign," said Gretchen Arnold, director of the Pollution Prevention Partnership. "Vehicles in Corpus Christi contribute over 30 percent of the pollutants that cause ozone in our community. By Stripes hosting these events, we can remove thousands of pounds of pollutants from the air we breathe."

The campaign will kick off Monday, Aug. 24, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Stripes Support Center at the intersection of Ayers and Gollihar. Nine additional events will be held at various Stripes locations through Friday, Sept. 4. The campaign will consist of free vehicle emissions tests and gas cap seal tests. Polluting vehicles will qualify for free emission-reducing repairs. Leaking gas caps will be replaced at no charge to the driver.

"We at Stripes are very delighted to be partnering with Texas A&M-Corpus Christi on the 'Drive Clean, Drive Green' pollution prevention campaign," said Sam L. Susser, president and CEO for Susser Holdings Corporation, Stripes parent company. "Selling high quality fuel is only part of the equation; making sure our cars and trucks are environmentally friendly is good for our community today and in the future for our children."

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The 'Drive Clean, Drive Green' events are free and open to the public. Funds for the repair of polluting vehicles are made possible by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the Supplemental Environmental Program.

"All drivers need to do is pull into a participating Stripes location and have our staff check their vehicles," stressed Arnold. "The entire process takes less than five minutes and there are no qualifying conditions. We just want to let folks know if their cars are polluting and help them drive a clean running vehicle."

"Drive Clean, Drive Green" events are:

- Monday, Aug. 24 – Stripes Support Center at intersection of Ayers and Gollihar, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Aug. 25 – Stripes at 5702 Kostoryz Road (at the intersection of Holly Road), from 9-11 a.m.
- Wednesday, Aug. 26 – Stripes at 666 Airport Road (at the intersection of Old Brownsville Road), from 9-11 a.m. (Gas cap testing only)
- Thursday, Aug. 27 – Stripes at 7502 S. Staples St. (at the intersection of Yorktown), from 2-4 p.m.
- Friday, Aug. 28 – Stripes at 2781 Rodd Field Road (at the intersection of Saratoga Boulevard), from 2-4 p.m.
- Monday, Aug. 31 – Stripes at 6801 Everhart Road (at the intersection of Grand Junction), from 2-4 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 1 – Stripes at 1050 Nueces Bay Blvd. (at the intersection of I-37), from 9-11 a.m. (Gas cap testing only)
- Wednesday, Sept. 2 – Stripes at 9602 S. Padre Island Drive (at the intersection of Flour Bluff Drive), from 2-4 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 3 – Stripes at 3601 S. Staples St. (at the intersection of Carroll Lane), from 9-11 a.m. (Gas cap testing only)
- Friday, Sept. 4 – Stripes at 4010 Agnes St. (at the intersection of Airport Road, from 9-11 a.m.