

Tampered Emission Systems Policy

Federal law prohibits removal, alteration or otherwise tampering with a vehicle's pollution control equipment. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is vigilant in investigating and prosecuting fleets, truck owners and service facilities found violating emissions tampering rules.

“Tampering” includes:

- Removing or disabling any device or component that is part of the emissions system of a vehicle;
- Installing any “defeat device” to bypass or disable a component of the emission system; and
- Falsifying, modifying, or making inaccurate any monitoring device or method required for emissions control, such as vehicle onboard diagnostics or sensors.

Interstate Companies and Subsidiaries will not knowingly work on an emission system that has been tampered with or defeated, unless it is to return the system back to the Original Manufacturer’s EPA Specifications. If during the repair of the emission system on a vehicle, the emission system is found to be tampered or defeated, all work will cease and the technician will notify their supervisor immediately.

The owner of the vehicle will be notified and given two options:

1. The owner will pay to have the emission systems returned to the Original Manufacturer’s EPA Specifications

OR

2. The owner will have the vehicle towed from the shop as is and pay for any work already performed on the vehicle.