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Anchorage man pleads guilty to air quality violations David E. Dykstra fined \$1,500, sentenced to 5 days in jail

Dec. 3, 2004--Anchorage— Anchorage resident David E. Dykstra has been fined \$1,500 and sentenced to serve five days in jail for failing to get his motor vehicles' emissions tested and obtaining inspection and maintenance stickers. Based on an out of court settlement, Dykstra pled guilty to 6 offenses. The court's sentence suspended additional fines and jail time contingent upon no additional violations during a three year probation.

Mr. Dykstra was previously found guilty through the Municipality of Anchorage hearings office for similar violations resulting from investigations dating back to 1997. The Municipality and the State cooperatively prepared the case for the recent violations.

“Clean air in Anchorage depends on every vehicle owner doing their part and following the vehicle I/M test rules. Our air quality is very important to the health and well being of Alaskans,” said Tom Chapple, air quality director for the Department of Environmental Conservation.

The I/M program was established as a pollution reduction strategy for Anchorage to meet national public health standards for carbon monoxide. In recent years, the health standard has been met. Properly maintained vehicles and newer cars with lower emission rates will be critical to maintaining clean air as population and vehicle use increase over time.