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Green Stamp Plus Environmental Accreditation

Since the launch of Green Stamp Plus in Victoria last October at VACC House the Environmental Unit has been very busy! Having received many calls regarding the new automotive accreditation program and requests for Green Stamp Plus assessments, VACC has been very happy with its progress to date.

The VACC Environmental Unit is excited to join the other State and Territories Green Stamp success, and looks forward to adding Green Stamp Plus Accredited members to this website. We also look forward to a successful and busy 2011.

And even though this is a time to be merry and celebrate the festivities of Christmas, it is also a time to remain compliant with the law and to remain conscious of your energy and water usage in the workplace. Given that EPA are still keeping an eye on businesses during this time (see news below) it is a good idea to make sure that your workshops are in order. On behalf of the VACC Environmental Unit we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Wake Up Call: EPA blitz on polluters across Melbourne

EPA Victoria's media release on December 3 2010 is a solid reminder that EPA is still keeping an eye on businesses that are not compliant with the law. The media release titled 'EPA blitz on polluters across Melbourne' explains how EPA officers will be inspecting 30 industrial sites, including mechanics that currently have an EPA Pollution Abatement Notice or Clean Up Notice.

The EPA blitz will be focusing on environmental areas such as waste management procedures, chemical and waste containment and treatment systems, environmental management practices, stormwater protection, litter control and general housekeeping.

EPA has the power to issue notices where businesses pose an environmental or pollution risk. EPA may serve a notice to stop or prevent pollution, to clean up a site, to remove an environmental risk or to make improvements to management of the site to protect the environment. The media release also detailed that EPA will be conducting additional blitzes in Melbourne in the New Year.