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POULSBO AUTO SHOP RECEIVES RECOGNITION FOR PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT:

DME Auto Service In Poulsbo Becomes Kitsap County's First Envirostar Business!

DME Auto Service in Poulsbo has the distinct honor of being the first business in Kitsap County to qualify as an EnviroStar. Shop owner Keith Russell enters the EnviroStars program at the highest level of recognition - 5 stars. EnviroStars recognizes businesses for their commitment to protecting the environment through hazardous waste reduction. Mr. Russell says he became an EnviroStar because, "We need a clean county for our future generations to enjoy."

Mr. Russell was presented with his well-earned EnviroStars certificate, signed by Poulsbo Mayor Mitch Mitchusson and Dr. Willa Fisher, Director of the Bremerton-Kitsap County Health District, at a recent meeting of the Automotive Service Association of Washington. DME Auto Service is located at 19820 B 7th Avenue, Poulsbo and may be contacted at (360) 697-3399. Beginning June 2 and continuing through August, an EnviroStars radio campaign will recognize DME Auto Service for their pollution prevention efforts. Additionally, a Success Story highlighting their efforts to reduce hazardous waste will be written and distributed by the EnviroStars program. On June 5th, DME Auto Service was nominated by EnviroStars for the prestigious *Governor's Award for Outstanding Achievement in Pollution Prevention*.

Keith Russell and his staff have incorporated the reduction and proper management of hazardous waste into all aspects of DME's operations. DME's comprehensive approach to waste management includes setting a hazardous waste reduction goal, identifying ways to reduce their hazardous waste volumes, taking actions to reduce hazardous wastes, and demonstrating their commitment to waste prevention as a leader in their field.

Some of Keith Russell's and his staff's specific accomplishments include: posting articles for employees and customers to read; installing secondary containment and spill control kits; offering re-refined oil; eliminating aerosol carburetor cleaner; switching to a soap and water brake wash; recycling waste oil, antifreeze, and refrigerant; becoming a Green Works "Distinguished Business" (for their aggressive solid waste recycling program); and helping to develop an electric vehicle program in Kitsap County.

EnviroStars in Kitsap County is an effort of the Bremerton-Kitsap County Health District with assistance from the Kitsap County Department of Public Works. EnviroStars businesses are given two to five stars based on their commitment to hazardous waste reduction. There is no charge to participate in the program. For more information about the EnviroStars program, please call Eva Crim, Pollution Prevention Coordinator, at (360) 337-5604.