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**AGRSS COUNCIL TO BEGIN ENHANCED REGISTRATION PROGRAM;
THIRD PARTY VALIDATORS WILL VISIT AGRSS-REGISTERED COMPANIES**

CHICAGO—The Automotive Glass Replacement Safety Standards Council Inc. (the AGRSS Council) has announced that beginning in 2009, AGRSS-registered companies will be required to participate in an enhanced registration program that includes an on-site review by an independent third-party validation company.

These reviews will take place at the AGRSS-registered company and will be designed to validate that the company continues to fulfill its commitment to comply with the AGRSS Standard.

AGRSS-registered companies will undergo such a review at least once during the specified time frame and will be chosen in a random rotation. Companies will be provided 14 days notice before the on-site review is to commence and will be notified of the results of the review. Companies will also have the opportunity to correct any deficiencies before the results are final.

“AGRSS-registered companies are dedicated to the proper installation of auto glass,” said AGRSS Council chairperson Cindy Ketcherside of JC’s Glass. “On-site review is the next logical step in the AGRSS registration program. This is the first such program of its kind in the auto glass or collision repair industries,” she added. “AGRSS-registered companies are going to not only say they follow the Standard, they are going to prove their compliance to an independent validation program.”

During the review process, registered companies will be asked to provide the validation company with documentation that shows compliance with the AGRSS Standard as well as demonstrate the systems and procedures in place that insure proper auto glass installation. Employees will be interviewed as part of the validation process.

AGRSS-registered companies that successfully complete their validation review will be entitled to continue to use the AGRSS-registered company logo and to all rights and privileges of being a registered company.

“Consumers, insurers and other customers can be confident when they see the AGRSS-registered company logo that the company is following the Standard and has proved it to an independent third party. We are very excited about this additional way to provide distinction to AGRSS-registered companies,” said Ketcherside.

Ketcherside said the enhanced registration program will begin early in 2009.

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