This is in response to your recent request for clarification concerning the sale of aftermarket converters for use on OBD II vehicles.

At the present time, the aftermarket converter policy does not specifically address the sales and/or use of the aftermarket converters for OBD II vehicles. Therefore, at this time, it appears to be permissible to market and install aftermarket converters if they meet all the requirements of our policy. Specifically, that the converter manufacturer shall submit an emissions control system emissions certification application to EPA demonstrating compliance with the requirements of the policy for the applicable emissions control standard. The converter shall be available to the manufacturer's customers in a ready-to-install form, without requiring any additional modifications or work to be performed by the customer. The converter installation instructions shall be distributed by the converter manufacturer so that the installation of the converter is consistent with the emissions control system emissions certification application. The converter shall be subject to the same warranty requirements as other emissions control system components that are used in conjunction with the OBD II emissions control system.

For conversion, the converter manufacturer shall be responsible for providing the converter to the installer without any further work required by the installer. Additionally, the converter manufacturer shall be responsible for the warranty of the converter and any required emissions-related work to be performed by the installer. Further, the converter manufacturer shall be responsible for the installation of the converter and any required emissions-related work to be performed by the installer.

I hope this responds to your questions. Please feel free to contact me if you have further questions, comments, or suggestions concerning this issue.

Sincerely,
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