Compliance Assistance





SUBJECT: Enhanced Vapor Recovery Requirements, April 2009 Deadline

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF GASOLINE DISPENSING FACILITIES

(3rd NOTICE)

This advisory pertains to gasoline dispensing facilities (GDFs) with underground storage tanks subject to Phase II vapor recovery requirements. These GDFs will need to upgrade to Enhanced Vapor Recovery (EVR) Phase II vapor recovery by **April 1, 2009.** GDFs operating after this date with non-certified Phase II components will be in violation of SMAQMD Rules and subject to penalties pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Section 42402.

Air pollution control districts have primary authority for regulating GDFs under vapor recovery rules. GDF operators are advised to contact the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (SMAQMD) for specific information on local vapor recovery requirements before modifying their facilities.

CONTRACTOR TRAINING/CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Contractors who install EVR systems must receive required manufacturer training and/or certification. In addition, contractors may be required to obtain ICC certification as an approved vapor recovery installer. Contractors should verify training/certification requirements with the SMAQMD before beginning installation of EVR systems.

NOW IS THE TIME TO PLAN FOR EVR PHASE II UPGRADES

Effective April 1, 2009, all GDFs must have installed Phase II EVR controls. As of this time, there are a number of GDFs within the SMAQMD that still have not upgraded. Given that there are a limited number of contractors and many stations still needing upgrades, we urge you to start your upgrade process as soon as possible.

SMAQMD will begin to enforce the new EVR requirements on April 1, 2009. Any person operating a noncompliant station after this date is subject to a Notice of Violation and penalties.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information on SMAQMD permits, call Isam Boulad at (916) 874-4859. You may also call the Compliance Assistance Hotline at (916) 874-4884 or visit our web site at http://www.airquality.org. Detailed information on the state Vapor Recovery program can be found at the Air Resources Board (ARB) vapor recovery web site at http://www.arb.ca.gov/vapor/vapor.htm or by contacting the ARB Engineering and Certification Branch at (916) 327-0900.