

BUTTE COUNTY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

RULE 221 - PHASE I VAPOR RECOVERY REQUIREMENTS

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- 1 **PHASE I STORAGE TANKS:** No owner or operator shall transfer, permit the transfer, or provide equipment for the transfer of gasoline, unless a California Air Resources Board (CARB)-certified Phase I vapor recovery system is installed on the stationary storage tank and used during the transfer.
- 2 **EXEMPTIONS TO SECTION 1 ABOVE:**
 - 2.1 **Small Tanks:** A gasoline storage tank with a capacity of less than 1.0 cubic meter (260 gallons) located at a retail service station or a tank of 550 gallons or less at all other locations. All small tanks exempted by this Rule shall install a submerged fill pipe when originally installed or relocated.
 - 2.2 **Agricultural Tanks:** A gasoline storage tank used the majority of the time for the fueling of implements of husbandry as defined in Division 16, Chapter 1, of the California Vehicle Code.
 - 2.3 **Facilities with < 25,000 Gallon Monthly Throughput:** A gasoline storage facility installed prior to August 7, 1979 for which the total monthly throughput of the facility continues to not exceed twenty-five thousand (25,000) gallons.
 - 2.4 **Tanks With an Offset Fill Pipe:** An underground gasoline storage tank installed prior to August 7, 1979 which is equipped with an offset fill pipe.

- 3 TANK INSTALLATION:** At the time of tank installation, an CARB-certified Phase I vapor recovery system shall be installed and used thereafter on all tanks at the facility unless exempted from the Phase I requirement pursuant to Section 2.1 or 2.2 of this Rule.

- 4 PROHIBITION OF USE OF DEFECTIVE GASOLINE STORAGE TANK OR PHASE I EQUIPMENT:** Whenever the Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO) or his designee determines that a gasoline storage tank, Phase I vapor recovery system, or any component thereof contains a defect, the APCO or his designee shall mark such system or component "Out of Order". No person shall use or permit the use of such marked component or system until it has been repaired, replaced, or adjusted as required to permit proper operation, and the APCO or his designee has reinspected it or has authorized its use pending reinspection.