



# Advisory

## Fuel Specifications

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### REID VAPOR PRESSURE OF GASOLINE

The purpose of this advisory is to remind all producers, importers, blenders, distributors, haulers, and retailers of gasoline in California of their responsibilities concerning the Reid vapor pressure (RVP) of such fuel. The RVP regulation is seasonal and geographical, and therefore requires periodic review.

Section 2251.5 of Title 13 of the California Code of Regulations states that during the basic regulatory control period, no person shall sell, offer for sale, dispense, supply, offer for supply, or transport California gasoline which has an RVP exceeding 7.80 pounds per square inch. Section 2251.5 further states that during the additional regulatory control period, gasoline production facilities and import facilities are required to meet the 7.80 psi. RVP limit one month before terminals and retailers.

This table lists the air basins, the basic regulatory control periods, and the additional regulatory control periods for gasoline producers and importers.

<u>Air Basin</u> (see map, reverse)	<u>Basic Regulatory Period</u>	<u>Additional Regulatory Period (producers &amp; importers)</u>
South Coast and Ventura County	April 1 - October 31	March 1 - March 31
San Diego	April 1 - October 31	March 1 - March 31
Southeast Desert	April 1 - October 31	March 1 - March 31
Great Basin Valley	May 1 - September 30	April 1 - April 30
San Francisco Bay Area	May 1 - October 31	April 1 - April 30
San Joaquin Valley	May 1 - October 31	April 1 - April 30
Sacramento Valley	May 1 - October 31	April 1 - April 30
Mountain Counties	May 1 - October 31	April 1 - April 30
Lake Tahoe	May 1 - October 31	April 1 - April 30
North Coast	June 1 - September 30	May 1 - May 31
Lake County	June 1 - September 30	May 1 - May 31
Northeast Plateau	June 1 - September 30	May 1 - May 31
North Central Coast	June 1 - October 31	May 1 - May 31
South Central Coast excluding Ventura Co.	June 1 - October 31	May 1 - May 31

Be advised that the Air Resources Board Compliance Division routinely samples gasoline and tests for Reid vapor pressure and other required specifications. Additionally, it is imperative that all producers, importers, blenders, distributors, and haulers ascertain the intended location for use of the fuel they market and /or transport, and take steps to ensure that all gasoline is sold or supplied according to the requirements of the regulations.

If you have questions regarding this advisory, please contact Roye Jackson of the Field Enforcement Section at 916-322-6033. Written inquiries may be addressed to James J. Morgester, Chief, Compliance Division, P.O. Box 2815, Sacramento, California 95812.

# CALIFORNIA AIR BASINS



HEAVY LINES DELINEATE THE 14 CALIFORNIA AIR BASINS

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February 14, 1994

**To Interested Parties:**

In the fall of 1993, the Air Resources Board (ARB) took emergency action to avoid potential shortages of diesel fuel and alleviate price increases. The ARB amended the regulations limiting the sulfur and aromatic hydrocarbon content of diesel fuel so that they temporarily did not apply to diesel fuel used in off-road motor vehicles such as construction and farm equipment. The suspensions of the regulations were designed to apply to all sales and deliveries of off-road diesel fuel until December 4, 1993, and to all fuelings of off-road vehicles until February 17, 1994.

We recognize that some individuals in the agricultural community will be unable to turn their tanks to fully complying diesel fuel by February 17, 1994, due to low fuel consumption during the off-season. Because of this, agricultural operators who have noncomplying fuel on-hand February 17, 1994, will not be subject to enforcement action for the subsequent use of that fuel provided it was purchased prior to December 4, 1993.

If you have any questions, please contact the ARB's Compliance Division, at (800) 952-5588.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James D. Boyd".

James D. Boyd  
Executive Officercc: James Morgester  
Chief  
Compliance Division  
Air Resources Board