



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. Other requirements may apply due to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) new reformulated gasoline limits which began January 1, 1995. Please contact Michael Ball at 202-233-9005 regarding these Federal regulations.

The following table lists the air basins, the basic regulatory control periods, and the additional regulatory control periods for gasoline producers and importers. The additional regulating period also applies to entities when they transport gasoline directly from a production or import facility.

<u>Air Basin</u> (see map, reverse)	<u>Basic Regulatory Period</u>	<u>Additional Regulatory Period (producers & 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 except 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.

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