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Gasoline Specifications

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REID VAPOR PRESSURE OF GASOLINE

The purpose of this advisory is to inform all producers, importers, blenders, distributors, haulers, suppliers, and retailers of gasoline in California of their responsibility for the Reid vapor pressure (RVP) of such fuel. This advisory addresses:

1. The United States Environmental Protection Agency regulation for the Reid vapor pressure of gasoline.
2. The State of California regulation for the Reid vapor pressure of gasoline.

The U.S. EPA RVP Regulation:

The EPA has recently adopted a nationwide RVP regulation that will become effective in the Spring of 1989. This regulation is found in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 40, Part 80, and it specifies dates and locations throughout the nation during which certain RVP limits are in effect. Please become familiar with this regulation.

For information relating to the enforcement of the EPA regulation, please contact:

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The State of California RVP Regulation:

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) has had a statewide RVP regulation in effect for many years (since 1971). The CARB regulation specifies the dates and the locations in California that the RVP limit is applicable.

The Enforcement of the EPA and ARB RVP Regulations:

For a specific geographical location in California, if the EPA RVP Regulation differs from the CARB RVP Regulation with respect to dates when the RVP limits are in effect or with respect to the numerical value of the RVP limit, the more restrictive requirement of the two regulations is applicable. In most cases the California regulation will be more restrictive.

If you have any questions about this advisory or about the State of California RVP Regulation, please telephone Mr. Roye Jackson at (916) 322-6033.

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