



Advisory

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GROUND VEHICLES

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FUEL REQUIREMENTS FOR AIRPORT GROUND VEHICLES

Recent changes in California's motor vehicle fuel specifications regulations have renewed questions concerning the applicability of these regulations to airport ground vehicles. This advisory has been prepared to clarify and answer questions concerning this issue.

1. The Air Resources Board has adopted additional fuels regulations to its requirements as set forth in Title 13 California Code of Regulations Sections 2250 et seq. These fuels regulations apply to motor vehicles.
2. The definition of "motor vehicle" is found in Health and Safety Code Section 39039 which references Vehicle Code Section 415 and 670. Section 670 states that a vehicle is a device by which any person or property may be propelled, moved, or drawn upon a highway, excepting a device moved exclusively by human power or used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks. Section 415 states that a motor vehicle is a vehicle which is self-propelled. These definitions apply to all vehicles except trains, boats, racing vehicles, and airplanes.
3. Since airport ground vehicles fall under the above definitions in that they are self propelled and are capable of propelling, moving, or drawing people upon a highway, they are considered motor vehicles, regardless of whether or not they are registered to legally operate on a public highway. Airport ground vehicles must therefore use fuels that meet motor vehicle fuels specifications. Fuels not meeting motor vehicle fuels specifications, such as aviation gasoline and transmix, are prohibited from being used.
4. In order to avoid significant penalties for using non-complying fuels please contact your fuel supplier and assure yourself that only fuel that meets Air Resources Board regulations is being supplied.

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