



# Compliance Assistance ADVISORY

**SUBJECT: New Testing Requirements for  
Operations Subject to SMAQMD Rule  
448: Gasoline Storage Containers**

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## ***NEW ANNUAL TESTING REQUIRED FOR ABOVE GROUND GASOLINE STORAGE CONTAINERS***

The purpose of this advisory is to alert owners and operators of gasoline dispensing facilities (GDFs) with above ground storage tanks to important new testing requirements. SMAQMD Rule 448 now requires annual reverification testing on above ground tanks with a capacity greater than 250 gallons. The first test must be conducted by February 26, 2010.

Specifically, you must conduct the Static Pressure (Leak Decay) test in accordance with the California Air Resources Board (CARB) test procedure TP-201.3B. Testing contractors can be found in the yellow pages of your local phone book.

If you were previously not required to conduct testing on your system please be advised that you must perform and pass your first annual test by **February 26, 2010**. The District must be notified of the exact date and time of testing at least 7 days prior to testing. To see the full text of Rule 448 you may go to [www.airquality.org](http://www.airquality.org).

Given that violations of air pollution regulations are subject to penalties, you are advised to contact the SMAQMD if you have any questions concerning these requirements. You may call the SMAQMD's *Compliance Assistance Hotline* at (916) 874-4884 for free, confidential assistance on any SMAQMD requirement.