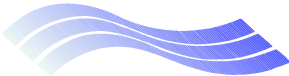


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Compliance Assistance ADVISORY

SUBJECT: New Incentive Program for Enhanced Vapor Recovery Requirements

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF GASOLINE DISPENSING FACILITIES

This advisory pertains to gasoline dispensing facilities (GDFs) with underground storage tanks subject to Phase II vapor recovery requirements. Any person owning or operating a GDF will need to upgrade to Enhanced Vapor Recovery (EVR) Phase II vapor recovery by **April 1, 2009**. GDFs operating after this date with non-certified Phase II components will be in violation of SMAQMD Rules and subject to penalties pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Section 42402.

NOW IS THE TIME TO PLAN FOR EVR PHASE II UPGRADES AND RECEIVE CREDIT FOR EARLY INSTALLATION

Approximately 13,000 GDFs in California will need to obtain permits, purchase EVR Phase II equipment, and arrange for installation by a certified contractor by **April 1, 2009**. To encourage GDF owners to comply with this requirement, the SMAQMD is offering incentives for early compliance. The following is a brief description of the SMAQMD's incentives and benefits of early compliance:

NO AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT (A/C) FEE – In order to ensure that modifications to GDFs will comply with all EVR requirements, an A/C from the SMAQMD is required prior to installing this equipment. The fee for the A/C will be waived by the SMAQMD if you apply before **4/1/2008** and complete construction by **10/1/2008**.

EXPEDITED PERMITS – In general, a permit for complete applications will be issued within 7 days.

NO PERMIT REVISION FEE - Any EVR system which becomes certified after submitting an application for an A/C may be installed if a revised application is submitted, with no fee charge for the revision.

NO LENGTHY SHUTDOWNS - Demand for components/installers will be higher near the **April 1, 2009** deadline.

NO PENALTIES - After **April 1, 2009**, non-certified systems will be in violation of SMAQMD rules and subject to penalties.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information on SMAQMD permits, call Isam Boulad at (916) 874-4859. You may also call the Compliance Assistance Hotline at (916) 874-4884 or visit our web site at <http://www.airquality.org>. Detailed information on the state vapor recovery program can be found at the Air Resources Board (ARB) vapor recovery web site at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/vapor/vapor.htm> or by contacting the ARB Engineering and Certification Branch at (916) 327-0900.