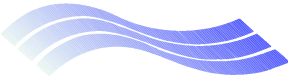


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# Compliance Assistance ADVISORY

**SUBJECT: New Incentive Program for Enhanced Vapor Recovery Requirements**

**Advisory #07-05**

**August 2007**

## **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.