

Gasoline Bulk Plant: Compliance Reminder

This Advisory is provided to inform you about activities of the Air District which may affect your operation. It will help you achieve and maintain compliance with applicable air pollution rules and regulations.

ATTENTION: BAY AREA GASOLINE BULK PLANTS

SUBJECT: UPCOMING GASOLINE BULK PLANT MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR REQUIREMENT

On April 15, 2009, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (Air District) adopted amendments to Regulations 8, Rule 39, Gasoline Bulk Plants and Gasoline Cargo Tanks. The amendments further reduce “smog forming” emissions through more stringent standards for gasoline cargo tank loading operations and improved facility operations. While most of the amendments are already in effect, there is an upcoming requirement that Bulk Plant operators should be aware of in order to take the steps necessary to comply.

Effective January 10, 2012 a new ‘Maintenance and Repair’ requirement takes effect:

- *Prior to any operational procedure, maintenance and/or repair on the product or vapor hoses that requires opening the hoses to the atmosphere, a gasoline bulk plant owner or operator shall transfer any retained liquid gasoline in these hoses to either a **Portable Maintenance Container**¹ equipped with liquid and vapor hose connectors or to a **slop tank**² through fixed piping or a liquid hose connector. The cover, seal, lid, or connector shall be in a closed position at all times except when the device is in use for liquid transfer, inspection, maintenance, or repairs. (8-39-305.2)*
- *Any Portable Maintenance Container or slop tank hose connectors shall be vapor leak free and liquid leak free. (8-39-305.3)*

More information can be obtained from the following sources:

- ☎ For a copy of Regulation 8, Rule 39, please visit the District website at: <http://www.baaqmd.gov/rules>
- ☎ For questions regarding this Advisory contact: Mike Wall, Supervising Air Quality Specialist at mwall@baaqmd.gov or (415) 749-4903.
- ☎ For compliance assistance call the Compliance Counselor Hotline at (415) 749-4999.

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¹ A portable vessel or tank with a capacity of less than 250 gallons, equipped with liquid and vapor hose connectors that temporarily stores gasoline. (8-39-208)

² Any permanent or fixed container that has the primary function of temporarily storing petroleum product and other liquids that have been collected during maintenance or loading operations and are not loaded into a gasoline cargo tank. (8-39-210)