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PERMIT SERVICES DIVISION
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PERMIT ADVISORY
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DRAIN VALVES ON VAPOR SPILL BOXES NO LONGER ALLOWED

Effective June 1, 2004, drain valves will no longer be allowed on vapor spill boxes within the District. District Regulation 8-7-301.12 requires that all existing Phase I vapor-side drain valves be permanently plugged by this date.


Please note that this requirement **only** applies to spill containment boxes on tank vapor risers. **Drain valves are still allowed on tank fill (product) riser spill boxes.**

District regulations have prohibited the installation of new vapor-side spill boxes with drain valves since June 1, 2000. If your spill boxes were installed prior to this date, you should check your vapor-side spill boxes for drain valves.

If you have drain valves on your vapor-side spill boxes, we recommend that you hire a maintenance contractor to plug them using a method approved by the manufacturer of your spill box. Improperly plugged valves may leak and cause your station to fail the annual leak test. Plugging and/or removing drain valves does not require any authorization from the District.

If you have any further questions about this advisory, please contact Scott Owen, Supervising Air Quality Engineer, at (415) 749-4693 or <mailto:sowen@baaqmd.gov>

If you have any further needs, please call the District at the following numbers:

-  For permit assistance or Authority to Construct application forms, call (415) 749-4990, Engineering Division.
-  For compliance assistance, call (415) 749-4999, the Compliance Counselor Hotline.
-  For questions on the District's GDF vapor recovery program please call John Marvin, Supervising Air Quality Inspector at (415) 749-5190 or <mailto://jmarvin@baaqmd.gov>
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