



C&E Advisory

BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
Compliance & Enforcement Division

August 30, 2004

REMINDER: OPERATORS OF UNDERGROUND GASOLINE TANKS

SUBJECT: ENHANCED VAPOR RECOVERY (EVR) DEADLINES

April 1, 2005 is the compliance deadline for the first stage of the California Air Resources Board's (CARB) new Enhanced Vapor Recovery (EVR) regulations. All vapor recovery equipment at stations operating underground tanks must meet the following standards by this date:

Phase I (tank) Vapor Recovery

All Phase I vapor recovery systems on underground tanks must be replaced with Phase I systems certified for EVR by **April 1, 2005**. Currently, Phil-Tite, OPW, EBW, and CNI manufacture compliant systems. An up-to-date list of certified systems may be found at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/vapor/eo-evrphase1.htm>.

Plan now! Contractors will be hard to find at the last minute.

Phase II (nozzle) Vapor Recovery --- *Update!*

Most vehicles sold since the 1999 model year have been equipped with On-Board Refueling Vapor Recovery (ORVR) controls. Currently, state law requires that all Phase II vapor recovery systems at stations with underground tanks must be compatible with these vehicles by April 1, 2005. **However**, CARB will be considering a one-year extension of the ORVR compatibility deadline at their board meeting on November 18, 2004. Stay tuned! You can find further information at <http://arb.ca.gov/vapor/regulatory.htm>. Phase II systems that meet the ORVR compatibility requirements can be found at <http://arb.ca.gov/vapor/eo-ORVR.htm>.




Permit Requirements

Before beginning any EVR and/or ORVR upgrades (other than component replacement) you must apply for and receive an Authority to Construct from the District prior to constructing. For applications please contact the Engineering Division at (415) 749-4990 or go to <http://www.baaqmd.gov/pmt/forms/index.asp>.

Enhanced Vapor Recovery Regulations

EVR is a program of the California Air Resources Board to improve vapor recovery equipment and reduce emissions from gas stations. These regulations are being phased in according to the EVR timeline found at <http://arb.ca.gov/vapor/evrtime031504.pdf>. General information on the EVR program may be found at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/vapor/advisories/adv321.pdf>

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 Dennis Baker, Air Quality Technician at (415) 749-4717 or <mailto:dbaker@baaqmd.gov>

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