California Air Resources Board

ADVISORY

(RESPONSIBLE PARTY POLICY)

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Bromine Number and Reid Vapor Pressure of Gasoline
Responsible Party Policy

The purpose of the advisory is to alert jobbers, distributors and retailers marketing gasoline in Ventura County and portions of Santa Barbara County to their responsibility concerning the sale of such fuel. These two regulations are not new nor are they the only motor fuel regulations enforced by the ARB. However, these two regulations are enforced according to geographical regions. They both state that the fuel specification limit applies in the South Coast Air Basin (SCAB) as it was defined on January 1, 1976. Since 1976 the boundries of the SCAB have been changed. The map on the reverse of this Advisory is a reminder of the locations where these regulations are in effect.

Legal Requirements

Bromine Number - Section 2250 of Title 13 of the California Administrative Code states that no person shall sell or supply within the South Coast Basin (as defined on January 1, 1976) as a fuel for motor vehicles a gasoline having a degree of unsaturation greater than that indicated by a Bromine Number of 30.

Reid Vapor Pressure - Section 2251 of Title 13 of the California Admininstrative Code states that no person shall sell or supply as a fuel for motor vehicles a gasoline having a Reid vapor pressure greater than nine pounds per square inch in the South Coast Air Basin (as defined on January 1, 1976) during April 1 through October 31 of each year.

Enforcement Policy

These regulations prohibit jobbers, distributors and retailers from selling gasoline for motor vehicle use within the control area, unless such fuel meets the allowable Bromine Number and Reid Vapor Pressure limit. The ARB Compliance Division will take enforcement action against the party responsible for any violation. If a jobber, distributor or retailer were to purchase fuel intended to be sold outside the control area and sells that fuel for vehicular use inside the control area, then the jobber, distributor or retailer would be the responsible party.

Be advised that it is essential that jobbers, distributors and retailers ascertain the intended location for use of the fuel they purchase, and sell such fuel only in that area. If you have any questions about this enforcement policy or need additional information, please call Mr. Roye Jackson at (916) 322-6033.

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SOUTH COAST

AIR BASIN

(As Defined on January 1, 1976)