



Air Resources Board



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To All City/County Planning Departments:

I am writing to request your help in implementing the Enhanced Vapor Recovery (EVR) program.

Effective April 1, 2009, approximately 12,000 gasoline dispensing facilities (GDF) statewide must upgrade their Phase II vapor recovery systems to meet EVR standards. Your local air pollution control districts have the primary authority for regulating GDFs under the vapor recovery rules. With the additional upgrade requirement to install vapor processors, GDFs may also need to obtain a permit from your agency prior to construction. We need your help to assist in streamlining the permitting process to meet the April 2009 deadlines.


First, we would like you to identify the city/county staff that can assist GDF operators to obtain EVR information and process permits.

Secondly, we, in conjunction with the local air quality agency, would like to meet with your staff to explain the EVR program, the standards, the issues, and to hear from you any concerns you may have in the implementation of this program. We can schedule a city/county forum to discuss the EVR program or perhaps you could include us as an agenda item in one of your regular planning meetings.

Our goal is to provide as much information as necessary to streamline the permit process for the approximately 12,000 GDFs in California. The key is educating all parties involved on the EVR requirements through face to face interaction if possible to ensure meeting the April 2009 deadline. I have included our latest brochure entitled, "Enhanced Vapor Recovery (EVR) and the April 2009 Phase II Deadline," for your information.

Thank you in advance for your assistance. Please forward the city/county contact information to Sue Wyman at swyman@arb.ca.gov or (916) 327-4731. If you have specific questions regarding the EVR program, please contact Cindy Castronovo at ccastron@arb.ca.gov or (916) 322-8957. We greatly appreciate your efforts.

Sincerely,


William V. Loscutoff, Chief
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Enclosure

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The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>.

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