



Ventura County
Air Pollution
Control District

COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE ADVISORY

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR OPERATORS OF GASOLINE BULK PLANTS AND GASOLINE TERMINALS

It has come to the APCD's attention that bulk plant operators may be performing switch loading at their facility. Switch loading is defined as the transfer of diesel fuel into any gasoline delivery vessel that was previously loaded with gasoline. APCD Rule 70.C.3 states, in part, "No person shall switch load at a gasoline bulk plant or at a gasoline terminal unless such transfer is made using a permanently installed CARB-certified vapor recovery system...". Without a vapor recovery system, the gasoline vapors are displaced into the atmosphere when the tank is filled with diesel fuel.

Switch loading, without the use of a vapor recovery system, is a violation of District Rules and Regulations. The facility owner/operator will be subject to enforcement action by the APCD, including monetary penalties.

Facilities that wish to modify or install a vapor recovery system to recover gasoline vapors during switch loading must obtain an Authority to Construct from the Ventura County APCD prior to construction.

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Eric Wetherbee at (805)645-1496. If you would like to obtain more information regarding permit requirements, please contact John Harader at (805) 645-1481.