USE OF LARGE DIAMETER NOZZLE SPOUT

This advisory amends statements made in Advisories 79 and 81 referring to a prohibition of the use of large diameter nozzle spouts to dispense unleaded gasoline.

The California Health and Safety Code does NOT prohibit the use of large diameter (15/16" O.D.) nozzle spouts to dispense unleaded gasoline. Accordingly, gasoline marketers are allowed to use large diameter nozzle spouts to dispense unleaded gasoline, gasoline represented as unleaded, and gasoline not represented as unleaded but marketed using other names such as "regular".

The Code of Federal Regulations, 40 CFR sec 80.22 (f) & (h), also applies and allows the use of large diameter nozzle spouts to dispense unleaded gasoline as long as more than one grade of unleaded gasoline is offered for sale at a retail outlet and at least one grade of unleaded gasoline is being dispensed through small diameter (13/16" O.D.) nozzle spouts. For further information regarding the CFR, please contact James Caldwell, U.S. EPA, at 202-233-9020.

REMINDER: As of January 1, 1994, all gasoline produced for use in motor vehicles in California must be represented as unleaded and meet all specifications for unleaded gasoline.

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