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RULE 461 ADVISORY NO. 01-07

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL INSTALLERS/CONTRACTORS OF GASOLINE VAPOR RECOVERY SYSTEMS

CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT

This Advisory provides guidance for Installers/Contractors of gasoline vapor recovery systems at gasoline dispensing facilities (GDFs) to the South Coast Air Quality Management (AQMD) Rule 461 sections (c)(1)(B) pertaining to Installers/Contractors of Phase I vapor recovery systems and section (c)(2)(B) pertaining to Installers/Contractors of Phase II vapor recovery systems.

Rule 461 sections (c)(1)(B) and (c)(2)(B) require Installers/Contractors to:

1. Successfully complete manufacturer's training applicable to the system being installed;
and
2. Successfully complete *a relevant state certification program.*

Currently, the State of California is offering a statewide certification program for all Installers/Contractors who install vapor recovery systems at gasoline dispensing facilities. The certification examination, offered through the International Code Council (ICC), has been available since March 20, 2007. Therefore, all installers and contractors operating in the AQMD must pass this examination prior to installing or making modifications to vapor recovery systems. In order to allow time for taking the examination, the AQMD will enforce the requirements under the above mentioned sections of Rule 461 starting October 1, 2007.

The cost of the examination is \$75 and the cost of the study booklet is \$25. Page two of this advisory contains the list of preparatory materials that can be used for this exam.

The next ICC certification in the gasoline vapor recovery series will be for Testers of gasoline vapor recovery systems.

Please contact Ms. Nola Oriola at (909) 396-2382 if you have any questions on this matter.

Procedures for registering for the certification examination

The nearest ICC office is located at:

International Code Council,

Los Angeles District Office

5360 Workman Mill Road, Whittier, CA 90601-2298

Toll Free (888)422-7233

Website: <http://www.iccsafe.org>

Program Bulletin: <http://www.iccsafe.org/certification/ust-ast/AST-UST-Bulletin.pdf>

Contact person: Mr. Doug Hatch; (888) 422-7233 Ext. 3316 or dhatch@iccsafe.org

The name of the examination is "**Vapor Recovery System Installation and Repair**" and the ICC code number for this examination is VI

Candidates can call ICC to make arrangements for taking the examination at two testing provider locations.

The reference books for this examination are:

A. Vapor Recovery System Examination References:

(A compilation of references including the California Code of Regulations and California Air Resources Board Executive Orders).

Includes a booklet titled *Vapor Recovery System Examination References* and contains the following references:

1. California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Division 3, Chapter 16, Underground Storage Tank Regulations.
2. California Health and Safety Code, Division 20, Chapter 6.7, Underground Storage of Hazardous Substances
3. California Code of Regulations, Title 8, Section 5157, Permit-Required Confined Spaces
4. California Air Resources Board; Executive Order VR-101-E (including Installation, Operation and Maintenance Manual)
5. California Air Resources Board; Executive Order VR-201-A (including Installation, Operation and Maintenance Manual)
6. California Air Resources Board; Vapor Recovery Equipment Defects (VRED) List (2005)
7. California Air Resources Board; CP-201, 2005, Certification Procedures for Vapor Recovery Systems of Gasoline Dispensing Facilities

B. PEI/RP100 (2005) *Recommended Practices for Installation of Underground Liquid Storage Tanks*

C. PEI/RP300 (2004) *Recommended Practices for Installation and Testing of Vapor Recovery Systems at Vehicle Fueling Sites*

D. PEI/RP500 (2005) *Recommended Practices for Inspection of Motor Fuel Dispensing Equipment*

E. EPA 910/B-92/001 *Health and Safety Training for Underground Storage Tank Inspectors, Students Guide*