Rule 461 Advisory No. 01-10

Attention Gasoline Dispensing Facility Owner/Operator:

The purpose of this Advisory is to remind you of the upcoming requirements of the State of California Health and Safety Code and the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) Rule 461 - Gasoline Transfer and Dispensing operations that apply to a gasoline dispensing facility (GDF) equipped with underground storage tank and with 600,000 gallons or more of gasoline throughput per year. Facilities in this category, as of September 1, 2010, will be required to install In-Station Diagnostics (ISD). This integral enhanced vapor recovery component is designed to:

- Identify system failures automatically;
- Notify the station operator of these failures;
- Reduce emissions by early detection and prompt repair; and
- Ultimately provide operational savings to the GDF through timely discovery of system malfunctioning.

You are being sent this Advisory because our records indicate that your facility permit to operate does not include the installation of this very important Enhanced Vapor Recovery component. Your GDF is required to install ISD by September 1, 2010 if your facility had gasoline throughput of 600,000 gallons or more in any 12-month period in past years. As you prepare to comply with the State’s statute, we caution you to be aware of the deadline in order to prevent fines or penalties; and ensure that you hire only reputable contractors that are International Code Council and manufacturer certified to perform the installation.

If you foresee problems meeting the deadline, contact our Chief Prosecutor’s Office at (909)396-3400, to see if you qualify for an Order of Abatement, which would allow for additional time. If you have not applied for a modification to your existing permit, applications for permits should be submitted to SCAQMD, as well as other applicable agencies, prior to the installation of the system.

If you have questions regarding this Advisory, please contact Danny Luong, Sr. Enforcement Manager of the Retail Service Station Unit at (909)396-2622, or the Service Station Hotline at (909) 396-3546.