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AQMD Rule 461 Advisory No. 02-09

New Certification Requirements for Testing and Repair of Gasoline Vapor Recovery Systems

Certification Requirements:

Starting March 1, 2010, AQMD Rule 461 section (c)(3)(D) requires any owner or operator of a gasoline dispensing facility (GDF) within the AQMD to have successfully completed the International Code Council (ICC) Vapor Recovery System Repair (VR) certification examination in order to repair or replace defective hanging hardware components of the GDF's vapor recovery system. The allowed repair or replacement is limited to only whip hoses, breakaways, hoses, and nozzles. (Note: Any third party person who wishes to install or replace any component of a vapor recovery system must have passed the certification examination titled Vapor Recovery System Installation and Repair (VI). This requirement is already in effect.)

Similarly, starting March 1, 2010, AQMD Rule 461 section (e)(3)(G) requires a person who wishes to conduct performance or reverification tests at GDFs within the AQMD to have successfully completed the ICC Tester (VT) certification examination.

Availability of Certification Examinations

This Advisory provides notices to all owners, operators, and testers of vapor recovery systems at GDFs of the availability of new certification examinations from the ICC and the requirements under the Rules and Regulations of the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) for such certifications while performing certain tasks at GDFs within the AQMD.

As of September 1, 2009, the following certification examinations are available from the ICC:

- Vapor Recovery System Testing (VT)

Certification for persons who wish to conduct tests of vapor recovery systems to verify performance of such systems; and

- Vapor Recovery System Repair (VR)

Certification for owners or operators of GDFs who wish to repair or replace defective hanging hardware components of their vapor recovery systems.

Effective Date for Certification Requirement:

March 1, 2010

Further information on the above certifications is available at the ICC website:

<http://www.iccsafe.org/accreditation/bulletins/2009ust-ast.pdf>

Please note updated reference books are available for study prior to testing.

If you have further questions on this matter please call the Rule 461 Hotline at (909) 396-3546.

Contact Information:

International Code Council - (888) 422-7233

Pearson VEU - (800) 275-8301 for testing locations