On April 1, 2005, all GDFs are required to upgrade to meet the California Phase I standards for Enhanced Vapor Recovery (EVR). All existing, non-EVR systems will be decertified for use as of that deadline. Thus, it will be illegal for GDFs with non-EVR Phase I systems to receive bulk tanker deliveries of gasoline beginning April 2, 2005.

Also, it will be illegal for tanker truck drivers and companies to drop gasoline into underground tanks until your tanks have been upgraded. The South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) will be contacting gasoline distributors and delivery companies (and station owners with tanker trucks) to remind them of this requirement. Violation notices will be issued to tank truck drivers or their companies if illegal deliveries are made. For your reference, AQMD had previously sent you an Advisory (#11-03) regarding this requirement and deadline.

After April 1, 2005 AQMD inspectors will be issuing notices of violation to stations that are still in operation and do not have the required EVR upgrades. You must complete the upgrades by April 1, 2005 to continue to receive gasoline deliveries. If you have not already done so, you must complete and submit the necessary AQMD application forms with a fee of $912.37 before the start of any upgrade construction. The processing of the application may be expedited through the AQMD's Voluntary Expedited Permit Program at a total fee of $1,368.56 and subject to staffing availability.

If you have any questions about this notice, please contact your AQMD Inspector or call George Kasper at (909) 396-2378.