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Memo: Gasoline RVP waiver for April 2020

Since March 24th the Division of Oil and Public Safety has received letters requesting waivers of the gasoline RVP requirements for April and May from Magellan Pipeline, the American Petroleum Institute Colorado and the Colorado Petroleum Association on behalf of their members.

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused a significant decline in gasoline demand, and since gasoline storage capacity is limited, we recognize that more time is needed to transition the distribution system in order to come into compliance for the summer driving season.

This morning the EPA also announced Steps to Protect the Availability of Gasoline during COVID-19 Pandemic, which essentially provide relief from gasoline RVP requirements for the same reason listed above.

Therefore the Division of Oil and Public Safety is providing a waiver of the ASTM D4814 requirement referenced in our Storage Tank Regulations (7 C.C.R 1101-14 Section 1.5-4), that requires the use of Class C-3 (11.5 RVP) gasoline on April 1. This waiver allows the use of ASTM Class D-4 (13.5 RVP) and Class C-3 (11.5 RVP) gasoline throughout the month of April 2020 in Colorado.

We believe this waiver will assist with the transition to the summertime RVP requirements that take effect in May. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Director

