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ADOPTION OF INTERIM ADMINISTRATIVE RULE FOR RENEWABLE FUEL STANDARD

The United States and the State of Oregon have declared states of emergency regarding the outbreak of novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19). In order to reduce transmission of COVID-19, federal, state and local governments, including the City of Portland, have acted to comply with guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, including issuing stay-at-home orders.

The COVID-19 outbreak and its precautionary measures have caused a dramatic decrease in gasoline demand. Decreased demand is preventing regulated parties upstream of retailers from selling winter gasoline in their storage tanks and then filling the tanks with summer gasoline by May 1, 2020. However, current rules prohibit the sale of winter gasoline after May 1, 2020.

Because extreme and unusual decreased demand exists, the interim rule set forth in this order waives the local requirement to sell summer gasoline on and after May 1, 2020. The City's failure to act promptly would result in serious prejudice to the public interest by increasing volatility in gasoline supply and prices.

Pursuant to the authority granted by Section 16.60.020.D of the Code of the City of Portland, I hereby approve the attached interim rule, Exhibit A (Interim Administrative Rules Renewable Fuel Standard - Title 16).

This interim rule is effective May 1, 2020 and will remain in effect for 365 days or until additional administrative rules are issued.

Andrea Durbin
Director

April 22, 2020

