

MEMORANDUM

FROM: Anne Hill, City of Portland renewable Fuel Standards Program Manager
SUBJECT: Temporary B10 Suspension
DATE: March 3, 2010

On July 12, 2006, the Portland City Council adopted a Renewable Fuels Standard (RFS), establishing minimum amounts of biofuels (biodiesel and ethanol) to be blended into transportation fuels sold inside of the City of Portland for on-road motor vehicles. The requirements of the RFS became effective on July 1, 2007. The RFS does not apply to gasoline and diesel sold in the City of Portland for subsequent delivery outside the City of Portland. Generally, the RFS requirements apply to retail vendors selling gasoline or diesel in Portland to the general public. The requirements also apply to card lock operations and to fleet operators who buy wholesale fuel for their fleet vehicles. Biodiesel is required to meet ASTM D 6751 quality standards.

PCC 16.60.020.B states that on or after July 1, 2010, all diesel fuel sold or dispensed in the City of Portland shall contain a minimum blend of 10% biodiesel (B10 fuel). PCC 16.60.030.B goes on to state that the minimum biofuel content requirement of B10 may be temporarily suspended due to temporary infeasibility due to economic and technical circumstances.

On March 3, 2010 the Portland City Council voted to temporarily suspend the B10 minimum biodiesel content requirements of PCC 16.60 due to economic and technical circumstances. Therefore, the B5 minimum biodiesel content requirements of PCC 16.60 will remain in place.

For more information about ASTM D7467 Specification for Diesel Fuel Oil, Biodiesel Blend (B6 to B20) visit the following link: <http://www.astm.org/Standards/D7467.htm>.

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