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MEMORANDUM

TO: Petroleum Refiners and Marketers

FROM: Jeff M. Witte, Secretary of Agriculture

SUBJECT: Modification of Temporary Waiver of Reid Vapor Pressure (RVP) to Allow for Distribution of Fuel Until Supplies are Depleted

New Mexico Department of Agriculture's (NMDA) Standards and Consumer Services (SCS) division will exercise enforcement discretion regarding state statutes and rules governing gasoline, specifically the Schedule of U.S. Seasonal and Geographical Volatility Classes, found in Table 4 of the current version of ASTM D4814 and Modifications to ASTM Standard Specification for Automotive Spark-Ignition Engine Fuel, 19.15.104.9 NMAC.

As set forth in ASTM D4814-21, Standard Specification for Automotive Spark-Ignition Engine Fuel, during the month of March all gasoline distributed from bulk terminaling facilities to retail sites south of the 34° latitude parallel must meet the C-3 volatility class requirements (maximum RVP: 11.5 psi). Conversely, gasoline distributed to those retail sites north of the 34° latitude parallel must meet the D-4 volatility class requirements (maximum RVP: 13.5 psi).

Effective immediately, NMDA is issuing a waiver of the Schedule of U.S. Seasonal and Geographical Volatility Classes, found in Table 4 of the current version of ASTM D4814 in regards to Reid vapor pressure (RVP) effective through March 31, 2021 or until supplies are depleted.

This waived fuel may continue to be distributed and sold downstream of the refinery (ie. Terminals and retail stations) after March 31, 2021 until such supplies are depleted.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Mr. Raymond Johnson, division director Standards and Consumer Services Division, at (575) 646-1616.