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TO: Petroleum Vehicle Tank Owners/Operators
FROM: Jeff M. Witte, Director/Secretary
SUBJECT: Marking of Petroleum Vehicle Tanks (SCS 2014 E-5)

This external policy supersedes SCS 2012 E-5 dated March 30, 2012.

In accordance with the provisions of the Petroleum Products Standards Act (Chapter 57, Article 19, Section 31, NMSA 1978), all vehicle tanks used as measures to transport motor fuel or other petroleum products in the state of New Mexico shall be marked as follows:

1. Identification of compartments and compartment capacity shall be in accordance with the provisions of Section S.4. Marking of Compartments, Vehicle Tanks Used as Measures Code, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Handbook 44.

S.4. MARKING OF COMPARTMENTS.

S.4.1. COMPARTMENT IDENTIFICATION. – Each compartment of a multiple-compartment tank shall be conspicuously identified by a letter or number marked on the dome or immediately below the fill opening. Such letters or numbers shall be in regular sequence from front to rear, and the delivery faucets or valves shall be marked to correspond with their respective compartments.

S.4.2. COMPARTMENT CAPACITY, SINGLE INDICATOR. – A compartment provided with a single indicator shall be clearly, permanently, and conspicuously marked with a statement of its capacity as defined by its indicator.

S.4.3. COMPARTMENT CAPACITY, MULTIPLE INDICATORS. – A compartment provided with two or more indicators shall be clearly, permanently, and conspicuously marked with a statement identifying:

(a) each indicator by a letter or number, and immediately adjacent thereto,

(b) the capacity of the compartment as defined by the particular indicator.

2. The identification required in Section S.4. must be displayed on the curb side rail, but may be displayed on both side rails.
3. The delivery faucets or valves shall be marked to correspond with their respective compartments and on vehicle tanks equipped for bottom loading, on or immediately adjacent to the faucet or valve marking as specified in Section S.4.

4. The New Mexico Permit Number is to be permanently marked on the rear of the tank.
   
   Example: NM 02805

5. The total capacity of the tank is to be permanently marked on the rear of the tank and must indicate whether the calibration is WET LINE (WL) or DRY LINE (DL).
   
   Example: CAP 9500 WL

6. These markings are in addition to any markings required by any other state or federal agencies.

If you have any questions about this matter, please refer them to:

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