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MEMORANDUM

TO: Petroleum Refiners and Marketers

FROM: Jeff M. Witte, Secretary of Agriculture

SUBJECT: Temporary Waiver of Reid Vapor Pressure (RVP)

New Mexico Department of Agriculture, 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.

Standard Specification for Automotive Spark-Ignition Engine Fuel, ASTM D4814, specifically prescribes requirements that require the reduction in the pounds per square inch (PSI) of Reid vapor pressure (RVP) from winter to summer months. The fuel volatility standards are required to shift by April 1st to lower volatility standard from 13.5 RVP to 11.5 RVP Northern of 34 Degree Latitude and 11.5 RVP to 10.0 RVP Southern of 34 Degree Latitude that reflects the changing seasons.

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 June 30, 2020.

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.