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Mr. Urvan Sternfels
President
National Petroleum Refiners Association
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Dear Mr. Sternfels:

This is in regard to a matter under the reformulated gasoline (RFG) regulations that has recently come to my attention.

As you know, §§ 80.75 and 80.101 require refiners and importers to submit end-of-year reports by the last day of February for the prior year's activity and annual attest (audit) reports by May 31. As a result of regulatory changes that occurred at the end of 1997 in regard to the complex model (62 FR 68207, December 31, 1997) and other reporting issues that have been brought to our attention, we are revising the end-of-year reporting forms as well as individual batch reporting forms. It is my understanding that the necessary revisions will be completed shortly and made available to the industry immediately thereafter.

As a result, as a matter of enforcement discretion, and for 1998 only, EPA will extend the deadline for submitting 1998 end-of-year reports until May 31, 1999, and the deadline for submitting 1998 audit reports until August 31, 1999.

If you have any questions, you may call George Lawrence, Chief of the Mobile Source Enforcement Branch, at (202) 564-1307.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. A. Herman".
Steven A. Herman
Assistant Administrator