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To: Aircraft, antique vehicles, all-terrain vehicles, racing activity vehicles, snowmobiles, tools or watercraft owners.

RE: Important Information Regarding Ethanol Blended Gasoline.

To address citizen's concerns about Oregon's Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) mandate to blend all gasoline with 10% by volume ethanol, the 2008 Legislature Special Assembly passed Senate Bill (SB) 1079 that provides exceptions to this blending mandate for very specific applications.

A temporary administrative rule has been adopted to immediately implement SB 1079. If you are the owner/user of one of the exemptions and chose to use non-ethanol blended gasoline that meet the specific exceptions provided by SB 1079, this rule affects you.

Renewable Fuel Standard Exceptions

In essence, SB 1079 and this temporary administrative rule allow non-ethanol blended gasoline for the following applications only:

- Aircraft,
- Antique vehicles,
- All-terrain vehicles,
- Racing activity vehicles,
- Snowmobiles,
- Tools including but not limited to lawn mowers, leaf blowers, and chain saws, or
- Watercraft

Refer to SB 1079 for the definitions of these specific exemptions.

Once this rule goes into effect, it will allow wholesale, retail, and non-retail dealers to sell non-ethanol blended gasoline for the specific exemptions listed. This temporary rule also clarifies labeling requirements for dispensers, storage tanks, and posting of exemption information. Locations are not required to offer a non-ethanol blended fuel, but they now have the ability to make a business decision to provide it based on customer demand.

A complete copy of the temporary administrative rules is available on the ODA Measurement Standards Division web site at <http://egov.oregon.gov/ODA/MSD/>

If you have questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact the ODA Measurement Standards Division at 503-986-4670 or e-mail at msd-info@oda.state.or.us

Regards,

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