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MEMO

From: Doug Miyamoto

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Re: Winter Blend Gasoline and Diesel Waiver

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Memo: Gasoline and Diesel waiver for April 2020

Since March 24th, the Wyoming Department of Agriculture has received letters requesting waivers of the winter blend requirements. The COVID-19 pandemic has caused a significant decline in gasoline demand, and since fuel storage capacity is limited, we recognize that more time is needed to transition the distribution system in order to come into fuel quality compliance for the summer driving season. This week the EPA announced Steps to Protect the Availability of Gasoline during COVID-19 Pandemic, which essentially provide relief from gasoline RVP requirements for the same reason listed above. According to the Department's Chapter 52 Petroleum and Antifreeze Products Standards and Regulations, Section 4 (i)(C), "Requirements imposed by the EPA shall take precedence over ASTM Standards, where applicable". Therefore, the Wyoming Department of Agriculture is announcing the temporary waiver of the ASTM D4814 and ASTM D975 requirements, consistent with EPA's March 30 announcement. This allows the use of winter blend diesel and gasoline until the transition can be made.

We believe this will assist with the transition to the summertime RVP requirements that will eventually take effect. If there are any questions, please feel free to contact the Wyoming Department of Agriculture.

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