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To: Retail Dealers, Nonretail Dealers, and Wholesale Dealers of gasoline in the State of Oregon.

RE: Oregon's Renewable Fuels Standard (RFS)

The 2007 Oregon Legislative Assembly passed House Bill (HB) 2210, which includes a renewable fuel standard (RFS) mandate. HB 2210 mandates use of biodiesel and ethanol in all of Oregon's motor fuels once production capacity levels for these products are met and requires the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) to study and monitor ethanol fuel production, use, and sales in Oregon and to implement the RFS.

A temporary administrative rule has been adopted to implement the blending of gasoline with 10% by volume ethanol in the State of Oregon as mandated by HB 2210. If you are a retail dealer, nonretail dealer, or a wholesale dealer of gasoline in Oregon, this rule will affect you. Please carefully read the enclosed temporary administrative rule for the impact it will have on your business and the effective dates by region.

Important Additional Information That Affects You:

Delivery Documentation and Dispenser Labeling Requirements: Delivery documentation is required to identify that the gasoline is blended with ethanol and the volume percent of ethanol. In compliance with HB 2210, gasoline is mandated to be blended with 10% by volume ethanol and, consequently, identified as such on the delivery documentation. In addition, the gasoline dispensers are required to be labeled that the product contains ethanol. This label is required to be on the upper 50% of the dispenser's front panels, in a position that is clear and conspicuous from the driver's position in type at least 1/2 inch in height and 1/16 inch width of type. Due to the required use of 10% by volume ethanol, the label needs to state the specific amount in the gasoline blend, for example, "THIS PRODUCT CONTAINS 10% ETHANOL".

Storage Tank Preparation: If you are not presently selling gasoline blended with 10% by volume ethanol, you will need to prepare your storage tanks prior to your first delivery. Ethanol acts as a solvent and will quickly absorb any water and contaminants in your tank and dispense that through the system and into the consumer's vehicle. Proper cleaning of tanks to remove all water and sediment is essential. Also during this transition, frequent changing of the dispenser's filters may be required. For information on tank preparation, you may contact the Oregon Department of Energy's website at <http://oregon.gov/ENERGY/RENEW/Biomass/Producing.shtml>, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) web site at www.deq.state.or.us/wmc/tank/ust-lust.htm, or your fuel distributor.

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