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TO WEIGHTS AND MEASURES OFFICIALS

**SUBJECT: Retail Motor Fuel Dispenser, Price Computing Capability**

Due to the recent increase in diesel and gasoline prices we are restating the Division's policy on price computing retail motor fuel dispensers. Section 12510(a)(7) of the California Business and Professions Code requires computing type devices to compute the true mathematical computation of the amount times the price per unit. Price computing dispensers, which are incapable of computing the correct price, cannot be used.

Service station operators who wish to ensure that they are prepared for future price increases should confirm the capabilities of existing equipment and, if necessary, check with equipment suppliers about upgrade options.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Ken Lake, Program Supervisor, at (916) 229-3047.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Cleary". The signature is stylized with a long horizontal stroke and a large, sweeping flourish.

Mike Cleary  
Director

cc: Ed Williams, Director, County Liaison Office