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TO WEIGHTS AND MEASURES OFFICIALS

**SUBJECT: Underground Tank Labels and Debris Buckets**

Regulations adopted by the Water Resources Board required "spill buckets" and debris buckets" to be installed around underground tank inlets statewide by April 2005. The "debris buckets", while removable, do not necessarily need to be removed by drivers to hook up to the tank inlet. The "debris bucket", in many cases will hide the required underground tank labels.

Section 13443 of the Business and Professions Code requires that the label for the underground storage tank be plainly visible while the tank is being filled.

In order to clarify this issue with regard to visibility of the required label and the "debris bucket", the following are considered acceptable solutions compliant with Section 13443 – there may also be other options:

- Affix labels both under the debris bucket and to the debris bucket – this will prevent mix up of the debris bucket when removed for emptying and provides label visibility.
- Affix a label that is a collar in the fill opening that will also allow the debris bucket to be removed without interfering with the label.
- Affix a label to the ground outside the fill cover opening that is within reasonable distance from the opening so that it is clear which fill pipe it is identifying.

Questions regarding this notice should be directed to David Lazier, Chief, Weighmaster Enforcement/Petroleum Products Branch at (916) 229-3044.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Cleary'.

Mike Cleary  
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cc: Ed Williams, Director County Liaison Office