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TO WEIGHTS AND MEASURES OFFICIALS

**SUBJECT: Underground Tank Labels and EVR (Enhanced Vapor Recovery) Upgrades**

Regulations adopted by the Water Resources Board require “spill buckets” and “debris buckets” to be installed around underground tank inlets statewide by April 2005. The purpose of this equipment is to retain any minor spills that happen as the storage tanks are being filled by delivery drivers and to retain debris that gets into the fill area. In most cases the “spill buckets” are not removable after they have been installed. The “debris buckets” are removable, but do not need to be removed to deliver product into the underground storage tanks. Recent inspections at service stations with this equipment installed have revealed that the storage tank labels are being hidden by the “debris bucket”.

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

In order to clarify this issue with regard to the "debris buckets"/"spill buckets", the following guidance is being provided:

All storage tanks **must have the required label plainly visible** such that any driver delivering product into the tank or any weights and measures official can see it when the access cover is removed. This may require the station operator to move existing labels from behind or underneath the buckets to make them plainly visible. The label may consist of a collar inserted into the “debris bucket”, or a tag affixed to the fill pipe inlet.

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  
Director

cc: Ed Williams, Director, County Liaison Office