



Gasoline Dispensing Facilities (GDF)

Non-Retail Aboveground Storage Tanks (AST) – Amnesty Program

Compliance Advisory – Effective 01/01/2023

Owners and Testing Companies,

The Butte County Air Quality Management District (District) is pleased to announce an amnesty program for owners and operators of unpermitted non-retail aboveground storage tanks **550-gallons or larger in size** within Butte County only. The amnesty program exempts owners and operators from enforcement action fees if the necessary permit applications and fees are voluntarily filed and paid during the amnesty period of January 1st and March 31st, 2023.

The goal of this program is to remove additional financial burden for small business operators that may or may not have been aware of permitting requirements prior to operating equipment at their facility and who wish to come into compliance with District rules and regulations.

This program is designed for non-retail aboveground storage tanks that currently hold regular (87-grade), premium (91-grade), and or aviation gasoline (AV Gas). Diesel fuel and Jet-A fuel are exempt from permitting requirements from the District.

Only a California Air Resources Board (CARB) certified vapor recovery system shall be installed and used in all gasoline transfer operations. The vapor recovery system shall be leak-free, vapor tight and in good working order. Vent pipes shall be equipped with a CARB certified pressure/vacuum vent valve that also meets the requirements of the applicable CARB Phase I Executive Order. With only one nozzle in operation per supply pump, the dispensing rate shall not exceed ten (10.0) gallons per minute (GPM). Hold-open latches on all gasoline dispensing nozzles shall be maintained in good working order. All tanks shall have a submerged fill pipe installed. The permit holder shall keep a log of hours of operation, fuel used, purchase orders, invoices, and other documents as necessary to support the information to be submitted.

Permit applications can be located on our website at www.bcaqmd.org or at the District Office located at 629 Entler Avenue, Suite 15 in Chico. If you have questions regarding the permit application, please contact District Engineer, Riley Peacock at 530-332-9400, ext. 107 or rpeacock@bcaqmd.org.