



**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE**

ANDY GIPSON
COMMISSIONER

April 7, 2020

To Interested Parties in the State of Mississippi

Re: Intent to file Emergency Rule, RVP requirements

Due to the reduction in demand for motor fuels due to the COVID-19 emergency, The Department will issue a temporary rule to provide a waiver for ASTM Reid Vapor Pressure Specifications related to gasoline and gasoline blended with one or more percent ethanol. The reasoning for this waiver is to avoid supply disruptions for Mississippi and other states affected by the COVID-19 emergency for the time period of May 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020. This should provide a greater supply of gasoline for sale in the state.

For the time period of May 1, 2020 to May 20, 2020, fuel meeting ASTM D4814 volatility class D is allowed. Any fuel stored in terminal storage tanks through May 20, 2020 for distribution to retail outlets and wholesale purchaser-consumers after May 20, 2020, may be distributed and sold until the supply is depleted. Retailers and wholesale purchaser-consumers may continue selling or dispensing gasoline that meets ASTM D4814 volatility Class D after May 20, 2020 until their supplies are depleted. This emergency rule shall repeal June 30, 2020.

These waivers are in response to supply side problems caused by the COVID-19 virus. Because of the volatility of the situation, this waiver may be modified, terminated or extended as deemed necessary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andy Gipson".

Andy Gipson, Commissioner