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EPA and NC Department of Agriculture Waives Fuel Vapor Regulations For Fuels in NC

SUBJECT: *Waiver of Fuel Vapor Requirements (Hurricane Florence)*
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TO: *NCPCM Members*
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The EPA, in consultation with DOE, has evaluated the impact of disruption of the fuel production and distribution system on fuel supply in the designated areas (NC and SC). Based on this evaluation, the EPA has determined, and DOE concurs, that it is necessary to take the following actions to minimize or prevent further disruption of an adequate supply of gasoline to consumers in the designated areas.

EPA is waiving the federal Reid vapor pressure (RVP) requirements at 40 C.F.R. § 80.27 for the designated areas to minimize or prevent problems with the supply of gasoline. Under this temporary waiver, regulated parties may produce, sell or distribute winter gasoline (including gasoline blendstocks for oxygenate blending (BOBs)) with an RVP of 11.5 pounds per square inch (psi) before the addition of any ethanol in the designated areas.

This waiver of the RVP requirements is effective immediately and will continue through September 15, 2018, which is the end of the high ozone season.

Additionally, EPA is waiving the provisions at 40 C.F.R. § 80.78(a)(7) that prohibit any person from combining any RBOB with any other gasoline, blendstock, or oxygenate, unless certain conditions are met. This waiver covers the prohibitions at 40 C.F.R. § 80.78(a)(7), and applies to all designated areas. 1 This waiver of the comingling prohibition is effective immediately and will continue through October 1, 2018.

Please see the attached letters from NC Department of Agriculture and EPA.

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