



This Advisory is provided to inform you about activities of the District which may affect your operation. It will assist you in your effort to achieve and maintain compliance with state and local air quality rules and regulations.

**ATTENTION: GASOLINE STATION OPERATORS, OWNERS, AND
MAINTENANCE CONTRACTORS**

**SUBJECT: "OUT OF ORDER" TAGS ON BULK FUELING DELIVERY
POINTS**

The California Air Resources Board (ARB) identifies an **inoperative Phase I vapor poppet** to be a **vapor recovery equipment defect (VRED)** that must be tagged out of order.

District inspectors are required by State law to **remove from service** and **tag out of order** all equipment found to have a vapor recovery equipment defect. The current VRED list can be found at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/vapor/title17/vred6-22-05.pdf>.


Effective immediately, District inspectors will remove from service and tag out of order any inoperative Phase I vapor poppet and its associated bulk fueling point. IF THE ASSOCIATED GASOLINE STORAGE TANK IS MANIFOLDED WITH OTHER GASOLINE STORAGE TANKS THEN ALL OTHER MANIFOLDED PHASE I FUELING POINTS WILL ALSO BE TAGGED OUT OF ORDER. No fuel delivery will be allowed at the affected bulk fueling delivery points until the defect(s) has been corrected and the District notified!

If your station's Phase I vapor recovery equipment is tagged out of order by an Inspector, bulk fuel deliveries will not be allowed to your tanks until you repair or replace the defective poppet. Once you've repaired the equipment, call the District's dispatch center at (415) 749-4979 to clear the tags. You may then resume receiving bulk fuel deliveries. **Warning! Removing the tags and resuming fuel delivery without correcting the defect is punishable by civil or criminal penalties up to \$75,000 per day.**

The vapor poppet is part of your station's Phase I vapor recovery adaptor that is located inside of the spill containment bucket. Your bulk fuel delivery driver connects to the adaptor with a vapor recovery hose to recover gasoline vapors from your storage tanks during a fuel delivery.

To prevent your station's Phase I equipment from being tagged out of order, verify that each of your Phase I vapor poppets are functioning properly. An inoperative poppet is one that is (1) not sealing, (2) broken or (3) immobile. Ensure there are no visible gaps between the vapor poppet and the adaptor and that the poppet is not broken or frozen. The plastic bag test is one simple method of determining whether the poppet is leak-free. Call the District for instructions. If any of your vapor poppets are inoperative call a qualified maintenance technician immediately for repairs.

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	Bay Area Air Quality Management District WWW.BAAQMD.GOV (415) 749-4979
Site _____ Date _____ Time _____	OUT OF ORDER Fuel Delivery Prohibited
Station Name _____	
Operator's Name _____	
Station Address _____	
Telephone Number _____	
Inspector _____	
Defect _____	

WARNING	
Use of this device is prohibited by state law and unauthorized removal of this tag or use of this equipment will constitute a violation of the law punishable by a maximum civil or criminal fine of \$75,000 per day.	
I declare under penalty of perjury that the device tagged was not used, nor was the tag removed, until the required repairs were effected and the district notified.	
Repaired by _____ (please print)	
Signature _____	
Title _____	
Date _____ Time _____	
List Repairs Made _____	

BEFORE USING THIS DEVICE, call the Bay Area Air Quality Management District at (415) 749-4979	
Serial Number _____	
Fuel Delivery Prohibited	

Phase I Tag

For further assistance, please call the District at the following numbers:

-  To clear “Out of Order” tags, call (415) 749-4979
-  For compliance assistance, call (415) 749-4999, the Compliance Counselor Hotline.
-  For further questions on the District’s GDF vapor recovery program or on how to do a bag test please contact Ruth Argueta, Air Quality Technician at (415) 749-4778 or email at rargueta@baaqmd.gov.

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