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## **NCWM Amends Guidelines to Match Up with EPA E15 Rule**

*From OPIS*

The National Conference on Weights and Measures (NCWM) at its annual meeting in Milwaukee recently approved changes to its uniform laws and regulations handbook to reflect EPA's May 31 final rule allowing year-round sales of E15. Ethanol industry trade group Growth Energy in late April asked the standards group to give priority consideration to the change in anticipation of the final EPA rule that granted a 1-pound Reid Vapor Pressure (RVP) waiver to E15.

A Growth spokeswoman on Thursday said the conference approved the change on Wednesday by an "overwhelming majority." Because it did not have such a waiver before June 1, sales of the higher ethanol blend were prohibited in many parts of the U.S. from June 1 through Sept. 15. And because many states adopt the NCWM's handbook by reference, the ethanol industry was concerned that a failure to amend the organization's language could create conflicts that would limit E15 sales.

In a July 10 letter to NCWM Chairman Brett Gurney, for example, Iowa Agriculture Secretary Mike Naig offered his support to Growth's request for changes in the handbook's language. "The current language is NIST Handbook 130 is based on the previous EPA regulation and is not reflective of regulation now in effect," Naig said, adding that Iowa is one of the state's that has adopted the handbook by reference.

"Because the outdated language could be understood to prohibit retailers from selling E15 in our state during the summer driving season, our department has taken steps to provide regulatory clarity by issues a waiver for a portion" of the state's administrative code from June 1 to Sept. 15, 2019, Naig added. Ethanol producer Poet also urged the non-profit group to amend its handbook, explaining that without an update, the handbook language could complicate efforts to sell E15 this summer in states that either do not have specific language or are silent on summer vapor pressure for the fuel "because the EPA

regulation did not provide the allowance prior" to the June 1 final rule.

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## **DEQ Releases Draft Guidance for New UST Regulations Comment Period Open until August 10th**

As we have previously reported Virginia will implement new Underground Storage Tank regulations on January 1, 2021. This week DEQ released regulations that outline the new UST system operation and maintenance requirements. This guidance covers investigating and reporting suspected releases from UST systems.

Please [click here](#) to go to the petroleum program main page to access the draft documents.

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## **Annual Meeting September 22-24 Golf Sponsorships Available**

Registration is open for our first visit to Nemaocolin Woodlands Resort for our 71st Annual Meeting. Those interested in extending their stay before or after our event will have access to our group rate 3 days prior and after our meeting. If you come in early, join us Saturday for a new event this year- an informal cocktail hour honoring and sponsored by our VPCMA Partners!

[Click here](#) to register!

Please note that this year's meeting is one week earlier than usual and the cutoff date for hotel reservations is August 30th. You may call (866) 344-6957 and select option 3 and reference our group event to make these reservations. In the meantime we encourage you to

visit [www.nemacolin.com](http://www.nemacolin.com) to learn more about the resort.

We will have our annual Catterton Memorial Golf Tournament on Monday, September 23 at 12:30pm at the beautiful Mystic Rock Golf Course.



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