

Appendix B

Criteria for Control of Vapors From Gasoline Transfer at Bulk Plants (Vapor Balance System)

I. Storage Tank Requirements:

A. Drop Tube Specification: Underground tanks must contain a drop tube that extends to within six inches (15.24 cm) of the tank bottom. All top loaded above-ground tanks must contain a similar drop tube. Above-ground tanks using bottom loading, where the inlet is flush with the tank bottom, must meet the submerged fill requirement.

B. Size of Vapor Lines from Storage Tanks to Loading Rack: See nomograph (Attachment 1). NOTE: Affected sources are free to choose a pipe diameter different from the one suggested by the nomograph if sufficient justification and documentation is presented.

C. Pressure Relief Valves: All pressure relief valves and valve connections must be checked periodically for leaks, and be repaired as required. The relief valve pressures should be set in accordance with Sections 2-2.5.1 and 2-2.7.1 inclusive of the current National Fire Protection Agency Pamphlet No. 30.

D. Liquid Level Check Port: Access for checking liquid level by other than a vapor-tight gauging system shall be vapor-tight when not being used. Tank level shall be checked prior to filling to avoid overfills.

E. Miscellaneous Tank Openings: All other tank openings, e.g., tank inspection hatches, must be vapor tight when not being used, and must be closed at all times during transfer of fuel.

F. Storage Tank Overfill Protection: Except for concentric (coaxial) delivery systems, underground tanks must have ball check valves (stainless steel ball). Tanks with concentric delivery systems must have Division-approved overfill protection, (e.g., cutoff pressure-switch in vent line).

II. Loading Rack Requirements:

A. Loading Specification: A vapor-tight bottom-loading or top-loading system using submerged fill with a positive seal, e.g., the Wiggins (tm) system, is required. NOTE: Bulk plants

delivering solely to exempt accounts are required to have submerged fill, but loading need not be vapor-tight.

B. Dry-Break on Storage Tank Vapor Return Line: A dry-break is required to prevent ground-level gasoline vapor emissions during periods when gasoline transfer is not being made. This device keeps the tank sealed until the vapor return hose is connected.

III. Tank Truck* Requirements:

A. Vapor Return Modification: Tank trucks must be modified to recover vapors during loading and unloading operations. NOTE: Tank trucks making deliveries solely to exempt accounts do not require this modification. However, 97% submerged fill is required when top loading.

B. Loading Specifications: Bottom loading or top loading using submerged fill with a positive seal is required for tank trucks modified for vapor recovery. NOTE: When loading a tank truck with this modification without the vapor return hose connected (this is allowed at bulk plants servicing exempt accounts returning without collected vapors in the tank), the requirements of National Fire Protection Agency Pamphlet No. 385, "Loading and Unloading Venting Protection in Tank Vehicles, Section 2219, Paragraph c", must be met.

C. Vapor Return Hose Size: A minimum three-inch (7.6 cm) ID vapor return hose is required.

D. Tank Truck Inspection: Tank trucks are required to be vapor-tight and have valid leak-tight certification. Periodic visual inspection is necessary to insure properly operating manifolding and relief valves.

* The term "tank truck" is meant to include all trucks with tanks used for the transport of gasoline, such as tank wagons, account trucks and transport trucks.