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MEMORANDUM

To: Heads of Fire Department
From: Stephen D. Coan
State Fire Marshal
Date: August 1, 2012
RE: Stage II Vapor Recovery

I am forwarding information to you regarding MassDEP's enforcement discretion to no longer require the installation, operation and maintenance of Stage II Vapor Recovery Systems under certain circumstances. Below is information that was mailed to facilities that have Stage II Vapor Recovery Systems. This is for information purposes only.

Effective July 9, 2012, the Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) will use enforcement discretion to no longer require the installation, operation, and maintenance of Stage II Vapor Recovery systems under the following conditions:

1. A new motor vehicle fuel dispensing facility dispensing gasoline for the first time.
2. An existing facility where:
there is excavation below a shear valve or tank pad to repair or replace a Stage II system or an underground storage tank; **or**
3. An existing facility where 50 percent or more of the dispensers are replaced; **and**

The entire Stage II system is fully decommissioned in accordance with applicable guidance.

Please see <http://www.mass.gov/dep/air/community/stageii.htm> for important related information:

Here are links to the key documents that are posted on the DEP Stage II webpage.

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1. Letter from Commissioner Kimmell: <http://www.mass.gov/dep/air/laws/s2ltr12.pdf>
2. Frequently Asked Questions: <http://www.mass.gov/dep/air/community/s2edfaq.htm>
3. Stage II System Decommissioning Notification Form:
<http://www.mass.gov/dep/air/approvals/stage2dn.pdf>

Have questions or need additional information? Call the Stage II Hotline at 617-556-1035.