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(ii) That product transfer documents account for all of the gasoline in the storage tank found in violation and indicate that the gasoline met relevant requirements; and

(iii)(A) That it has conducted a quality assurance sampling and testing program, as described in paragraph (c) of this section; except that

(B) A carrier may rely on the quality assurance program carried out by another party, including the party that owns the gasoline in question, provided that the quality assurance program is carried out properly.

(2)(i) Where a violation is found at a facility which is operating under the corporate, trade or brand name of a refiner, that refiner must show, in addition to the defense elements required by paragraph (b)(1) of this section, that the violation was caused by:

(A) An act in violation of law (other than the Act or this part), or an act of sabotage or vandalism;

(B) The action of any reseller, distributor, oxygenate blender, carrier, or a retailer or wholesale purchaser-consumer supplied by any of these persons, in violation of a contractual undertaking imposed by the refiner designed to prevent such action, and despite periodic sampling and testing by the refiner to ensure compliance with such contractual obligation; or

(C) The action of any carrier or other distributor not subject to a contract with the refiner but engaged by the refiner for transportation of gasoline, despite specification or inspection of procedures and equipment by the refiner which are reasonably calculated to prevent such action.

(ii) In this paragraph (b), to show that the violation "was caused" by any of the specified actions the party must demonstrate by reasonably specific showings, by direct or circumstantial evidence, that the violation was caused or must have been caused by another.

(c) *Quality assurance program.* In order to demonstrate an acceptable quality assurance program for reformulated gasoline at all points in the gasoline distribution network, other than at retail outlets and wholesale purchaser-consumer facilities, a party must present evidence of the following.

(1) Of a periodic sampling and testing program to determine if the applicable maximum and/or minimum standards for oxygen, benzene, RVP, or VOC emission performance are met.

(2) That on each occasion when gasoline is found in noncompliance with one of the requirements referred to in paragraph (c)(1) of this section:

(i) The party immediately ceases selling, offering for sale, dispensing, supplying, offering for supply, storing, transporting, or causing the transportation of the violating product; and

(ii) The party promptly remedies the violation (such as by removing the violating product or adding more complying product until the applicable standards are achieved).

(3) An oversight program conducted by a carrier under paragraph (c)(1) of this section need not include periodic sampling and testing of gasoline in a tank truck operated by a common carrier, but in lieu of such tank truck sampling and testing the common carrier shall demonstrate evidence of an oversight program for monitoring compliance with the requirements of §80.78 relating to the transport or storage of gasoline by tank truck, such as appropriate guidance to drivers on compliance with applicable requirements and the periodic review of records normally received in the ordinary course of business concerning gasoline quality and delivery.

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§ 80.80 Penalties.

(a) Any person that violates any requirement or prohibition of subpart D, E, or F of this part shall be liable to the United States for a civil penalty of not more than the sum of \$25,000 for every day of each such violation and the amount of economic benefit or savings resulting from each such violation.

(b) Any violation of a standard for average compliance during any averaging period, or for per-gallon compliance for any batch of gasoline, shall constitute a separate violation for each and every standard that is violated.

(c) Any violation of any standard based upon a multi-day averaging period shall constitute a separate day of

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violation for each and every day in the averaging period. Any violation of any credit creation or credit transfer requirement shall constitute a separate day of violation for each and every day in the averaging period.

(d)(1)(i) Any violation of any per-gallon standard or of any per-gallon minimum or per-gallon maximum, other than the standards specified in paragraph (e) of this section, shall constitute a separate day of violation for each and every day such gasoline giving rise to such violations remains any place in the gasoline distribution system, beginning on the day that the gasoline that violates such per-gallon standard is produced or imported and distributed and/or offered for sale, and ending on the last day that any such gasoline is offered for sale or is dispensed to any ultimate consumer for use in any motor vehicle; unless

(ii) The violation is corrected by altering the properties and characteristics of the gasoline giving rise to the violations and any mixture of gasolines that contains any of the gasoline giving rise to the violations such that the said gasoline or mixture of gasolines has the properties and characteristics that would have existed if the gasoline giving rise to the violations had been produced or imported in compliance with all per-gallon standards.

(2) For the purposes of this paragraph (d), the length of time the gasoline in question remained in the gasoline distribution system shall be deemed to be twenty-five days; unless the respective party or EPA demonstrates by reasonably specific showings, by direct or circumstantial evidence, that the gasoline giving rise to the violations remained any place in the gasoline distribution system for fewer than or more than twenty-five days.

(e)(1) Any reformulated gasoline that is produced or imported and offered for sale and for which the requirements to determine the properties and characteristics under § 80.65(f) is not met, or any conventional gasoline for which the refiner or importer does not sample and test to determine the relevant properties, shall be deemed:

(i)(A) Except as provided in paragraph (e)(1)(i)(B) of this section to have the following properties:

- Sulfur content—970 ppm
- Benzene content—5 vol %
- RVP (summer)—11 psi
- 50% distillation—250 °F
- 90% distillation—375 °F
- Oxygen content—0 wt %
- Aromatics content—50 vol %
- Olefins content—26 vol %

(B) To have the following properties in paragraph (e)(1)(i)(A) of this section unless the respective party or EPA demonstrates by reasonably specific showings, by direct or circumstantial evidence, different properties for the gasoline giving rise to the violations; and

(ii) In the case of reformulated gasoline, to have been designated as meeting all applicable standards on a per-gallon basis.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph (e)(1) of this section, any refiner or importer that fails to meet the independent analysis requirements of § 80.65(f) may not use the results of sampling and testing that is carried out by that refiner or importer as direct or circumstantial evidence of the properties of the gasoline giving rise to the violations, unless this failure was not caused by the refiner or importer.

(f) Any violation of any affirmative requirement or prohibition not included in paragraph (c) or (d) of this section shall constitute a separate day of violation for each and every day such affirmative requirement is not properly accomplished, and/or for each and every day the prohibited activity continues. For those violations that may be ongoing under subparts D, E, and F of this part, each and every day the prohibited activity continues shall constitute a separate day of violation.

§ 80.81 Enforcement exemptions for California gasoline.

(a) The requirements of subparts D, E, F and J of this part are modified in accordance with the provisions contained in this section in the case of California gasoline.

(b)(1) Any refiner, importer, or oxygenate blender of gasoline that is sold, intended for sale, or made available for sale as a motor fuel in the State of California is, with regard to such gasoline, exempt from the compliance survey provisions contained in § 80.68.