

## § 80.73

under paragraph (a) of this section, and the effective date for removal.

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### **§ 80.73 Inability to produce conforming gasoline in extraordinary circumstances.**

In appropriate extreme and unusual circumstances (*e.g.*, natural disaster or Act of God) which are clearly outside the control of the refiner, importer, or oxygenate blender and which could not have been avoided by the exercise of prudence, diligence, and due care, EPA may permit a refiner, importer, or oxygenate blender, for a brief period, to distribute gasoline which does not meet the requirements for reformulated gasoline, or does not contain the type(s) and amount(s) of oxygenate required under § 80.69(b)(1), if:

(a) It is in the public interest to do so (*e.g.*, distribution of the nonconforming gasoline is necessary to meet projected shortfalls which cannot otherwise be compensated for);

(b) The refiner, importer, or oxygenate blender exercised prudent planning and was not able to avoid the violation and has taken all reasonable steps to minimize the extent of the nonconformity;

(c) The refiner, importer, or oxygenate blender can show how the requirements for reformulated gasoline will be expeditiously achieved;

(d) The refiner, importer, or oxygenate blender agrees to make up air quality detriment associated with the nonconforming gasoline, where practicable; and

(e) The refiner, importer, or oxygenate blender pays to the U.S. Treasury an amount equal to the economic benefit of the nonconformity minus the amount expended, pursuant to paragraph (d) of this section, in making up the air quality detriment.

[38 FR 1255, Jan. 10, 1973, as amended at 71 FR 26700, May 8, 2006]

### **§ 80.74 Recordkeeping requirements.**

All parties in the gasoline distribution network, as described in this section, shall maintain records containing the information as required in this section. These records shall be retained for a period of five years from the date

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of creation, and shall be delivered to the Administrator of EPA or to the Administrator's authorized representative upon request.

(a) *All regulated parties.* Any refiner, importer, oxygenate blender, carrier, distributor, reseller, retailer, or wholesale-purchaser who sells, offers for sale, dispenses, supplies, offers for supply, stores, transports, or causes the transportation of any reformulated gasoline or RBOB, shall maintain records containing the following information:

(1) The product transfer documentation for all reformulated gasoline or RBOB for which the party is the transferor or transferee; and

(2) For any sampling and testing on RBOB or reformulated gasoline:

(i) The location, date, time, and storage tank or truck identification for each sample collected;

(ii) The identification of the person who collected the sample and the person who performed the testing;

(iii) The results of the tests; and

(iv) The actions taken to stop the sale of any gasoline found not to be in compliance, and the actions taken to identify the cause of any noncompliance and prevent future instances of noncompliance.

(b) *Refiners and importers.* In addition to other requirements of this section, any refiner and importer shall, for all reformulated gasoline and RBOB produced or imported, maintain records containing the following information:

(1) Results of the tests to determine reformulated gasoline properties and characteristics specified in § 80.65;

(2) [Reserved]

(3) The volume of gasoline associated with each of the above test results using the method normally employed at the refinery or import facility for this purpose;

(4) In the case of RBOB:

(i) The results of tests to ensure that, following blending, RBOB meets applicable standards; and

(ii) Each contract with each oxygenate blender to whom the refiner or importer transfers RBOB; or

(iii) Compliance calculations described in § 80.69(a)(8) based on an assumed addition of oxygenate;

(5) In the case of any refinery or importer subject to the simple model