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To: All Gasoline Importers, Retailers and Other Interested Parties

Re: Summer Fuel Volatility Waiver for North Carolina

Based on the impact COVID-19 has had to business and their employees, resulting in reduced travel for many and the subsequent slower turnover of fuels at retail locations, the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, is waiving volatility specifications in gasoline pursuant to 02 NCAC 42 .0201(a)(1) and in gasoline/alcohol blends pursuant to 02 NCAC 42 .0201(b)(3). This will allow for an increase in the gasoline supply that should not affect the quality of fuel.

Gasoline of vapor pressure/distillation Classes D, C and B (per ASTM D4814-19) are acceptable for delivery to terminals through May 20, 2020. After that date, only gasoline of vapor pressure/distillation class A may be delivered to terminal storage tanks. Any gasoline that meets the conditions of this waiver that is stored at terminals, retailers or wholesale purchaser – consumers, may continue to be sold and distributed after May 20, 2020 until the supply is depleted.

Per 02 NCAC 42 .0201(b), for gasoline blended with 10% or less ethanol there is a vapor pressure tolerance of 1.0 psi and the vapor/liquid ratio specification (TV/L) is waived.

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