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California Environmental Protection Agency

U.S. EPA's Compliance Date Extension for the Preparation and Implementation of SPCC Plans

On October 7, 2010, the U.S. EPA amended the date by which facilities must prepare or amend Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plans, and implement those Plans. With few exceptions, the compliance date is now November 10, 2011.

For more details concerning the extension of the compliance date, please use the following link to access the U.S. EPA fact sheet http://www.epa.gov/osweroe1/docs/oil/spcc/spcc_extfs.pdf.

According to U.S. EPA, the decision to extend the compliance dates was made to provide owners or operators of facilities that pose a lower threat of having significant oil spills the opportunity to fully understand the regulatory amendments offered by revisions to the SPCC rule promulgated in 2008 and 2009 and to allow these facilities additional time to make any changes necessary to comply with the revised SPCC requirements.

The new compliance date for preparing and implementing SPCC plans, November 10, 2011, applies to all tank facilities operating in California that are subject to the requirements of the California Aboveground Petroleum Storage Act (APSA).

For more information on APSA, please contact John Paine at (916) 327-5092 or email jpaine@calepa.ca.gov.

DTSC – None

State Water Resources Control Board - None

California Emergency Management Agency

California Accidental Release Prevention (CalARP) Program

The California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA) and the California CUPA Forum are offering public workshops to solicit input and discuss potential changes to the California Code of Regulations, Title 19, Chapter 4.5 (CalARP). These free workshops are open to anyone with an interest in the CalARP program. We are asking for your input, prior to beginning the rulemaking process. Cal EMA staff will provide a presentation on the suggested changes to the regulations. The remaining time will be allotted for comments and questions from the attendees. Local CUPA representatives will also be present to answer any facility specific questions and local requirements.

A matrix of suggested potential regulation amendments can be downloaded from: <http://www.calcupa.net/civica/filebank/blobload.asp?BlobID=3302>.

DATE: December 2, 2010, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Shasta County Library, Community Room A, 1100 Parkview, Redding

Contact: Shasta County Environmental Health Department at (530) 225-5787

DATE: December 9, 2010, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Contra Costa Hazardous Materials Programs, 4585 Pacheco Blvd., Martinez 94553

Contact: Contra Costa County Health Services Department at (925) 335-3200

DATE: December 16, 2010, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

LOCATION: South Coast AQMD, Room CC2, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar

Contact: City of Los Angeles Fire Department at (213) 978-3686

DATE: December 21, 2010, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Woodward Park Regional Library, 944 E. Perrin Avenue, Fresno

Contact: County of Fresno, Environmental Health Division at (559) 445-3271

Please register by December 17, 2010

Office of the State Fire Marshal

Vapor Systems Technologies (VST) Gas Nozzles Update

As follow-up to the State Fire Marshal's mandate to remove the hold-open latch from all Vapor Systems Technologies (VST) gasoline nozzles (Model VST-EVR-NB), all fire departments that had gasoline dispensing facilities with VST systems within their jurisdiction were notified of non-compliant facilities. The fire departments were provided with a list that identified which facilities were in compliance or out of compliance with the mandate.

In order for gasoline stations to be in compliance and maintain fueling operations, they must do one of the following:

Remove the hold-open latches (by qualified personnel) from the existing VST nozzles (see Figures 1a and 1b).

Replace the current VST nozzle with a new VST nozzle (Model VST-EVR-NB or VST-EVR-NB-R) equipped with a Self-Releasing Mechanism (SRM) (see Figure 2). [Note: The model number on the "new" VST nozzle is similar to that of the "old" VST nozzle. The "new" nozzle has a hold-open latch device which will self-release when placed back on the dispenser; the "old" nozzle does not have the secondary hold-open latch release mechanism.]

Replace the current VST nozzle with an EMCO Wheaton nozzle (Model A4005EVR or RA4005EVR) (see Figure 3).

If you have any questions, please contact James Parsegian, Vapor Recovery Program Coordinator, at (916) 445-8415 or James.Parsegian@fire.ca.gov.

California Fire Code

The 2010 California Fire Code (California Code of Regulations, title 24, part 9) is now available for purchase from International Code Council. Visit their Web site at <http://www.iccsafe.org/Store/Pages/default.aspx>.

FIGURE 1a
Old VST Nozzle

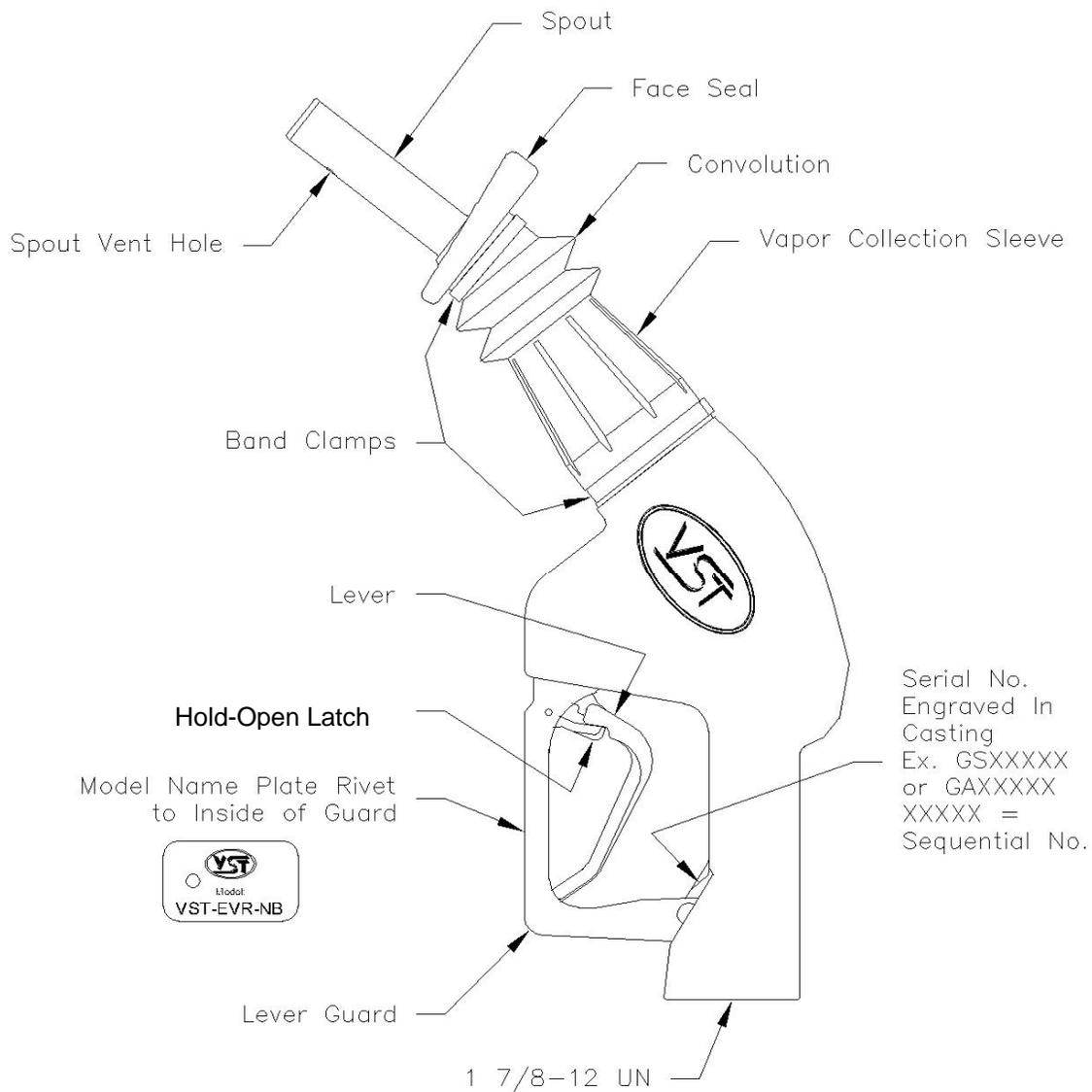


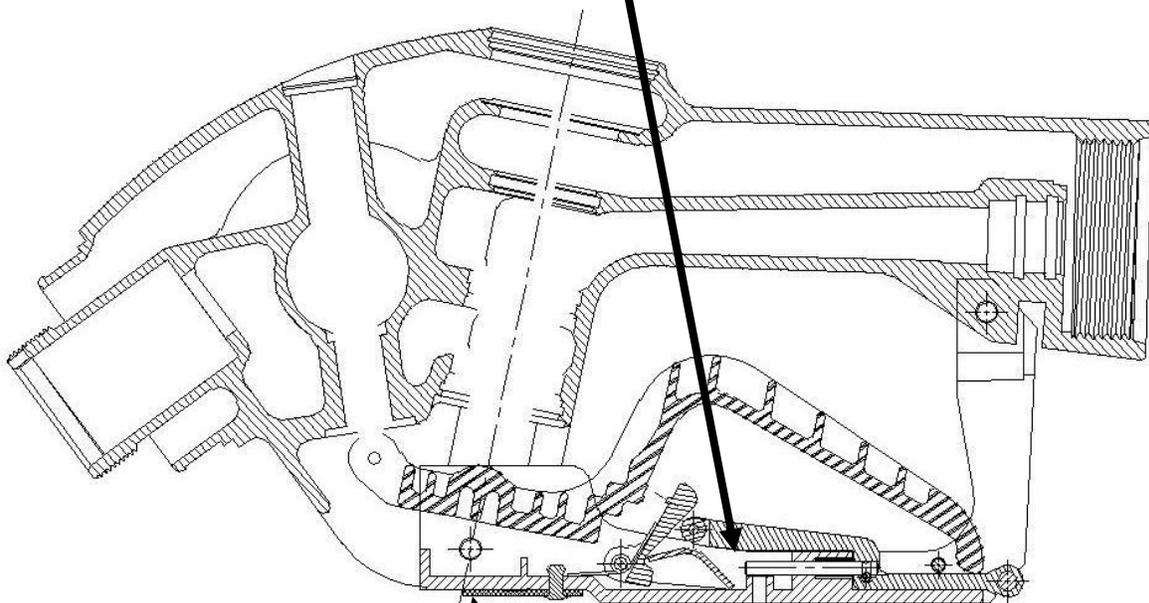
FIGURE 1b
Old VST Nozzle with Hold-Open Latch Removed



FIGURE 2
New VST Nozzle with Secondary Hold-Open Latch Release Mechanism (SRM)



Secondary Hold-Open Latch Release Mechanism (SRM)



Nozzle Identification Plate

FIGURE 3
EMCO Wheaton Nozzle Model A4005EVR

