



# ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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## Dear Gasoline Dispensing Facility Owner/Operator:

Stage II vapor recovery systems have been required at most Chicago area retail and commercial gasoline dispensing facilities (GDF) located in Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will counties, along with Oswego Township in Kendall County, and Goose Lake and Aux Sable Townships in Grundy County, since the mid-1990's. Recently, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) determined that onboard refueling vapor recovery technology is now present in enough motor vehicles such that the onboard vapor recovery systems on the vehicles can now replace the dispenser-based Stage II equipment. With this determination, the U.S. EPA is allowing states, including Illinois, to no longer require Stage II vapor recovery and to begin decommissioning the existing Stage II vapor recovery systems at affected facilities.

As a result of U.S. EPA's action, the Illinois EPA submitted proposed rule changes to the Stage II program this past summer to the Illinois Pollution Control Board (PCB). On December 19, 2013 the PCB adopted the rules to: (1) eliminate the Stage II equipment installation requirements for new GDFs; and (2) **require existing retail and commercial GDFs that have Stage II systems to decommission the equipment by December 31, 2016.** It is important to note that, while GDF owners or operators can now decommission their Stage II systems, the Stage II equipment and its related components must remain in good working order, with proper maintenance, and stay in service until the day that contractors arrive to decommission the equipment at the site.

At least ten (10) days prior to the start of decommissioning activities at your facility, a **Notice of Intent to Decommission Stage II Vapor Recovery Equipment** form must be submitted to the Illinois EPA. The Stage II systems must be decommissioned using one or more contractors that have the appropriate licenses and registrations with the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal and the Illinois Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Weights & Measures. The necessary forms, general information on the GDF decommissioning and contractor requirements, and applicable rules can be found by clicking on the "Stage II Vapor Recovery Decommissioning" link (right sidebar) on the Illinois EPA's website at [www.epa.state.il.us](http://www.epa.state.il.us).

During the past several years, the Illinois Small Business Environmental Assistance Program (IL SBEAP) at the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity has provided recordkeeping calendars to assist stations in complying with the Stage II regulations. The current calendar ends in March 2014 and new calendars will not be issued due to the program changes. However, log pages will be available on the IL SBEAP's website at [www.iencconnect.com/enviro](http://www.iencconnect.com/enviro) for download and printing to assist GDFs with recordkeeping until the facility's Stage II equipment is decommissioned.

For additional information about the recently adopted Stage II program changes and equipment decommissioning requirements, be sure to visit [www.epa.state.il.us](http://www.epa.state.il.us). For purposes of notification of impacted facilities, this letter is being sent to all GDF's in the affected geographic area. If your GDF has not been subject to the Stage II Vapor Recovery requirements and you do not have Stage II equipment on your gasoline dispensers, you may disregard this notice. For questions or information that is not available online, you can contact the Illinois EPA at [epa.stage2@illinois.gov](mailto:epa.stage2@illinois.gov) or call 217-557-1441. In addition, you may contact the Illinois Small Business Environmental Assistance Program at 800-252-3998.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Darwin J. Burkhart". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Darwin J. Burkhart, Manager  
Clean Air Programs  
Division of Mobile Source Programs

Enclosure