



Air Pollution Control Board
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Compliance Reminders for Annual Vapor Recovery Testing

To assist you with compliance, the Air Pollution Control District (District) has compiled a list of commonly encountered compliance issues related to annual testing.

Testing Window:

Annual tests for most gasoline dispensing facilities' vapor recovery systems are required to be conducted and passed at least once per year within 45-days prior to the first day of the District permit expiration month. The types of tests are specified in Attachment A (Healy Systems) or Attachment L (Balance Systems) and Attachment B (for aboveground gasoline tanks) in your Permit to Operate. (Note: Some permits require more frequent tests – e.g. quarterly - all permits require annual tests.)

Testing Notification:

You or your contractor must notify the District 15 calendar days prior to any testing. This allows the District to witness testing as appropriate. Notification can be submitted to the District via fax at (858) 586-2651, electronically to Karen.Wilkins@sdcounty.ca.gov, or in writing.

Submission of Test Data:

All annual test results, pass or fail, must be submitted to the District within 15 calendar days of the testing. Test data must be complete and accurate. Missing data may invalidate your test(s), requiring the test(s) be redone.

Pre-Testing:

You may choose to pre-test your facility prior to scheduled annual tests. Pre-testing will better ensure your system operates within specifications during the annual test. No notification is required for pre-tests; pre-test results do not have to be reported.

Test Cancellation:

Notices of test cancellation must be received by the District at least two working days prior to the scheduled test date. A \$250 test cancellation fee may be assessed for failing to notify at least two working days in advance.

Test notification and test data forms are available on the District website at:

<http://www.sdapcd.org/comply/vapor/VRforms.html>

Test procedures can be obtained on the California Air Resources Board (CARB) website at:

<http://www.arb.ca.gov/vapor/vapor.htm>

In addition, the District recommends all operators subscribe to the CARB e-mail list to be notified of recent or proposed changes in vapor recovery requirements. The sign-up for the CARB e-mail list can be found on the CARB website listed above.

Failure to comply with the above requirements may result in enforcement action and penalties. Should you have questions regarding requirements for annual testing or forms available on the District website please contact Randy Smith at (858) 586-2677.

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