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§ 80.520 What are the standards and dye requirements for motor vehicle diesel fuel?

(a) Standards. All motor vehicle diesel fuel is subject to the following per-gallon standards:

(1) Sulfur content. 15 parts per million (ppm) maximum, except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section;

(2) Cetane index and aromatic content.
   (i) A minimum cetane index of 40; or
   (ii) A maximum aromatic content of 35 volume percent.

(b) Dye requirements. (1) All motor vehicle diesel fuel shall be free of visible evidence of dye solvent red 164 (which has a characteristic red color in diesel fuel), except for motor vehicle diesel fuel that is used in a manner that is tax exempt under section 4082 of the Internal Revenue Code. All motor vehicle diesel fuel shall be free of yellow solvent 124.

(2) Until June 1, 2010, any #1D or #2D distillate, or NP diesel fuel that does not show visible evidence of dye solvent red 164 shall be considered to be motor vehicle diesel fuel and subject to

§ 80.513 What provisions apply to transmix processing facilities?

For purposes of this section, transmix means a mixture of finished fuels that no longer meets the specifications for a fuel that can be used or sold without further processing. This section applies to refineries that produce diesel fuel from transmix by distillation or other refining processes but do not produce diesel fuel by processing crude oil. This section only applies to the volume of diesel fuel produced by such a transmix processor using these processes, and does not apply to any diesel fuel produced by the blending of blendstocks.

(a) From June 1, 2006 through May 31, 2010, motor vehicle diesel fuel produced by a transmix processor is subject to the 500 ppm sulfur standard under §80.520(c).

(b) Beginning June 1, 2010, motor vehicle diesel fuel produced by a transmix processor is subject to the sulfur standard under §80.520(a)(1).

(c) From June 1, 2007 through May 31, 2010, NRLM diesel fuel produced by a transmix processor is exempt from the standards of §80.510(a). This paragraph (c) does not apply to NRLM diesel fuel that is sold or intended for sale in the areas listed in §80.510(g)(1) or (g)(2).

(d) From June 1, 2010 through May 31, 2014, NRLM diesel fuel produced by a transmix processor is subject to the standards under §80.510(a). This paragraph (d) does not apply to NRLM diesel fuel that is sold or intended for sale in the areas listed in §80.510(g)(1) or (g)(2).

(e) From June 1, 2014 and beyond, NRLM diesel fuel produced by a transmix processor is subject to the standards of §80.510(c).

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all the requirements of this subpart for motor vehicle diesel fuel, except for distillate fuel designated or classified as any of the following:

(i) For use only in the State of Alaska, as provided under 40 CFR 69.51.
(ii) For use under a national security exemption under §80.605 or for use only in a research and development testing program exempted under §80.607.
(iii) For use in the U.S. Territories as provided under §80.608.
(iv) Jet fuel meeting the definition under §80.2.
(v) Kerosene meeting the definition under §80.2.
(vi) Diesel fuel that is produced beginning June 1, 2006, with a sulfur level less than or equal to 500 ppm, and designated as NRLM or LM that has not yet been distributed from a truck loading terminal or bulk terminal to a retail outlet, wholesale purchaser-consumer or ultimate consumer.

(c) Pursuant and subject to the provisions of §§80.530–80.532, 80.552(a), 80.560–80.561, and 80.620, only motor vehicle diesel fuel produced or imported in full compliance with the requirements of those provisions is subject to the following per-gallon standard for sulfur content: 500 ppm maximum.


§80.521 What are the standards and identification requirements for diesel fuel additives?

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, any diesel fuel additive that is added to, intended for adding to, used in, or offered for use in any MVNRLM diesel fuel subject to the 15 ppm sulfur content standards of §80.510(b), §80.510(c), or §80.520(a) at any downstream location must—

(1) Have a sulfur content less than or equal to 15 ppm.

(b) Any diesel fuel additive that is added to, intended for adding to, used in, or offered for use in diesel fuel subject to the 15 ppm sulfur content standards of §80.510(b) or (c) or §80.520(a) may have a sulfur content exceeding 15 ppm provided that each of the following conditions are met:

(1) The additive is added to or used in the diesel fuel in a quantity less than one percent by volume of the resultant additive/diesel fuel mixture;

(2) The product transfer document complies with the informational requirements of §80.591; and

(3) The additive is not used or intended for use by an ultimate consumer in diesel motor vehicles or nonroad diesel engines.

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§80.522 May used motor oil be dispensed into diesel motor vehicles or nonroad diesel engines?

No person may introduce used motor oil, or used motor oil blended with diesel fuel, into the fuel system of model year 2007 or later diesel motor vehicles or model year 2011 or later nonroad diesel engines (not including locomotive or marine diesel engines), unless both of the following requirements have been met:

(a) The vehicle or engine manufacturer has received a Certificate of Conformity under 40 CFR part 86, 40 CFR part 89, or 40 CFR part 1039 and the certification of the vehicle or engine configuration is explicitly based on emissions data with the addition of motor oil; and

(b) The oil is added in a manner and rate consistent with the conditions of the Certificate of Conformity.

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§80.523 [Reserved]

§80.524 What sulfur content standard applies to motor vehicle diesel fuel downstream of the refinery or importer?

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section or otherwise in the provisions of this Subpart I, the 15 ppm sulfur content standard of §80.520(a) shall apply to all motor vehicle diesel fuel at any downstream location.