§ 80.525 What requirements apply to kerosene blenders?

(a) For purposes of this subpart, a kerosene blender means any refiner who produces NRLM or motor vehicle diesel fuel by adding kerosene to NRLM or motor vehicle diesel fuel downstream of the refinery that produced that fuel or of the import facility where the fuel was imported, without altering the quality or quantity of the fuel in any other manner.

(b) Kerosene blenders are not subject to the requirements of this subpart applicable to refiners of diesel fuel, but are subject to the requirements and
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prohibitions applicable to downstream parties.

(c) For purposes of compliance with §§80.524(b)(1) and 80.511(b)(1), the product transfer documents must indicate that the fuel to which kerosene is added complies with the 500 ppm sulfur standard for motor vehicle diesel fuel and is for use only in model year 2006 and older diesel motor vehicles, the fuel is properly downgraded pursuant to the provisions of §80.527 to motor vehicle diesel fuel subject to the 500 ppm sulfur standard, or the applicable NRLM standard.

(d) Kerosene that a kerosene blender adds or intends to add to diesel fuel subject to the 15 ppm sulfur content standard must meet the 15 ppm sulfur content standard, and either of the following requirements:

(1) The product transfer document received by the kerosene blender indicates that the kerosene is diesel fuel that complies with the 15 ppm sulfur content standard.

(2) The kerosene blender has test results indicating the kerosene complies with the 15 ppm sulfur standard.


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§ 80.527 Under what conditions may motor vehicle diesel fuel subject to the 15 ppm sulfur standard be downgraded to motor vehicle diesel fuel subject to the 500 ppm sulfur standard?

(a) Definitions. As used in this section, downgrade means changing the designation or classification of motor vehicle diesel fuel subject to the 15 ppm sulfur standard under §80.520(a)(1) to motor vehicle diesel fuel subject to the 500 ppm sulfur standard under §80.520(c). A downgrade occurs when the change in designation or classification takes place. Changing the designation or classification of motor vehicle diesel fuel subject to the 15 ppm sulfur standard under §80.520(a)(1) to any designation or classification that is not a motor vehicle diesel fuel is not a downgrade for purposes of this section.

(b) Who is subject to the downgrade limitation. Any distributor, retailer, or wholesale purchaser-consumer that takes custody of any diesel fuel designated or classified as #2D 15 ppm sulfur motor vehicle diesel fuel and delivers any diesel fuel designated or classified as #2D 500 ppm motor vehicle diesel fuel.

(c) Downgrading limitation. The provisions of this section apply beginning October 15, 2006.

(1) Except as provided in paragraphs (d) and (e) of this section, a person described in paragraph (b) of this section may not downgrade a total of more than 20 percent of the #2D motor vehicle diesel fuel (by volume) that is subject to the 15 ppm sulfur standard of §80.520(a)(1) to #2D motor vehicle diesel fuel subject to the sulfur standard of §80.520(c) while such person has custody of such fuel.

(2) The limitation of paragraph (c)(1) of this section applies separately to each facility as defined under §80.502 where there is custody of the fuel when it is downgraded.

(3) Compliance with the limitation of paragraph (c)(1) of this section applies separately for the compliance periods of October 15, 2006 through May 31, 2007; June 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008; July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009; July 1, 2009 through May 31, 2010.

(4) Except as provided in paragraph (e) of this section, compliance with the limitation of paragraph (c)(1) of this section shall be as calculated under §80.599(e).

(d) Diesel fuel in violation of the 15 ppm standard. Where motor vehicle diesel fuel subject to the 15 ppm sulfur standard of §80.520(a)(1) is found to be in violation of any standard under §80.520(a) and is consequently downgraded to 500 ppm sulfur motor vehicle diesel fuel, the person having custody of the fuel at the time it is found to be in violation must include the volume of such downgraded fuel toward its 20 percent volume limitation under paragraph (c)(1) of this section, unless the person demonstrates that it did not cause the violation.

(e) Special provisions for retail outlets and wholesale purchaser-consumer facilities. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (c)(1) of this section, retailers and wholesale purchaser-consumers shall comply with the downgrading limitation as follows: