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TO: ALL MOTOR FUEL INSPECTION REGISTRANTS  
FROM: CHUCK ULM, DEPUTY DIRECTOR  
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SUBJECT: REGULATION ADJUSTMENT – GASOLINE OXYGEN CONTENT

On January 1, 2021, the Environmental Protection Agency implemented the Final Fuels Regulatory Streamlining Rule in an effort to streamline and modernize existing federal fuel quality regulations. That action deleted expired provisions, eliminated redundant compliance provisions, and eliminated unnecessary and out-of-date requirements while improving overall compliance assurance and maintaining environmental performance.

In response to the EPA Streamlining Rule, Maryland has removed the minimum oxygen content requirement as specified in the Code of Maryland Regulations Standard Specifications for Gasoline currently found in COMAR 03.03.05.01-1(N)(2) (a) & (b).

Federally recertified E0 gasoline which conforms to all other product specifications is now permitted to be offered for sale and use in Reformulated Gasoline Control Areas.

This memorandum will serve as the approval for the storage, sale, and use of non-oxygenated gasoline in federally identified ozone non-attainment areas within those geographic areas of Maryland until the required regulatory adjustment actions have been finalized.

Questions and concerns regarding this regulatory change may be directed to Ketan Vithlani, Assistant Director, Field Enforcement Bureau, at [kvithlani@marylandtaxes.gov](mailto:kvithlani@marylandtaxes.gov) or 410-260-7388.

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