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Dear Station Owner/Operator/Attendant:

The Reformulated Gasoline Survey Association (RFGSA) represents a consortium of refiners, producers, blenders, importers and fuel distributors of cleaner burning fuels. In order to satisfy Clean Air Legislation (at the federal, state or local level) and meet various environmental requirements/manufacturer specifications in your area, RFGSA develops and conducts various fuel survey programs on behalf of its members/program participants.

Southwest Research Institute (SwRI) has been contracted by RFGSA to procure and test fuel samples from randomly selected service stations. The individual presenting this letter is an independent contractor for SwRI and is only involved in collecting and shipping the fuel samples to SwRI. He/She is not employed by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or any other environmental enforcement organization.

The samples will be purchased and pumped into aluminum bottles, which are approved containers for fuel storage and shipment. Attached to each bottle is a tag, which identifies your station brand, address, time period for sample collection and grade of product to be collected. Feel free to inspect the bottles and observe the sample collection process. All official product sampling will be done in a manner that meets or exceeds industry standards. Please note that our sample collection procedure disposes of the hose residual which allows us to procure a valid sample without pumping a large volume.

**As part of these government-approved programs, you may later be contacted to verify information about the last three fuel deliveries prior to the date of sample collection. This information is found on the Product Transfer Document (PTD) or Fuel Invoice. This may include: 1) date of each delivery, 2) Fuel origin and 3) the ethanol content in the gasoline (Vol%).**

**Dealers are requested to maintain the PTD records at each retail site.**

In the event a fuel sample collected from your station or the pump labeling does not meet federal requirements:

An immediate action may be required at the station. Your fuel supplier or the testing laboratory contractor will contact you with important information about the situation.

*Please note that all sample test results and all refusals to allow sample collection are reported to EPA*

Retailers may obtain the analytical test results for their station by providing the following on company letterhead: brand and address of station tested, grade tested, date and time of sample collection, name of Location, name of a contact person with phone number / fax number and e-mail address. A \$150.00 administrative fee (cashier's check or money order) must be included for processing. These requests should be forwarded to Frank Lenski, RFG Survey Association. The results will be reported by EMAIL to the station contact within 5 business days after survey submission. For more information about RFGSA, please visit our website at [www.rfgsa.org](http://www.rfgsa.org)

Programs: <http://www.rfgsa.org/programs.html>

FAQs: <http://www.rfgsa.org/faq.html>

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**Sample Ids:** 2321573 thru 2321573

**Sample Collector:** 801123 Bob Ferguson

**WO#:** P-078.03

**Station:** 2300 PENNSYLVANIA AVE SE

WASHINGTON, DC 20020

**NIM#:** 11001xxxx



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**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**  
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OFFICE OF  
ENFORCEMENT AND  
COMPLIANCE ASSURANCE

Re: Fuels Compliance Survey

Dear Fuel Retailer:

On December 4, 2020, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published the Fuels Regulatory Streamlining Rule. This rule updated the EPA's existing gasoline, diesel, and other fuels programs to improve overall compliance and reduce compliance costs for industry and EPA while maintaining environmental performance. These regulations, issued under the Clean Air Act, are designed to protect public health and the environment by improving fuel quality and controlling fuel properties. Clean fuels help reduce harmful emissions from a wide variety of motor vehicles, engines, and equipment.

The Fuels Regulatory Streamlining Rule consolidates four existing in-use survey programs into a single national in-use fuel quality survey. This program will help ensure that all fuels nationwide continue to meet EPA fuel quality standards and pump-labeling requirements. The survey includes both gasoline and diesel fuel sold at retail stations.

If your facility sells retail fuels, you may be approached by representatives of Southwest Research Institute (a contractor) who perform inspections for the RFG Survey Association, Inc. The RFG Survey Association is under contract with an industry consortium to take the samples and test them. Depending upon your location and the sampling-location selection process, you may be approached more than once in the course of a year or not at all. The contractor will purchase samples of fuel, examine and photograph pump labels, and ask for some basic information about the station. The sampling process will be just like any other sale of fuel, and providing the information requested should take very little time.

The sample(s) the contractor collects will be analyzed to determine if the fuel meets the applicable standards. If test results are found to be outside of the regulatory limits, the contractor will inform your distributor and the refiner whose brand name is displayed at your outlet, if applicable. In this situation, your distributor or refiner will request that you stop selling fuel from the sampled storage tank until the fuel in the storage tank is corrected to meet the applicable standards. Your distributor or refiner may also investigate to determine how the fuel became noncompliant in order to implement improved procedures to prevent future problems. If you are not supplied by a company that is part of the manufacturer's consortium, RFG Survey Association will notify you directly of the results of its inspection. If you are notified that your fuel is found to be outside the regulatory limits, the EPA strongly recommends that you immediately shut down the fuel pumps and correct any non-compliance along with the conditions that may have caused it. You should document your actions taken to correct any potential

violation.

Successful completion of this compliance survey, with the help of all parties concerned, will help to prevent the mis-fueling of vehicles, engines, and equipment, and help protect the environment. The EPA strongly urges you to cooperate with this effort.

Additional information about the Fuels Streamlining Rule can be found on the EPA website, at <https://www.epa.gov/diesel-fuel-standards/final-rulemaking-streamlining-and-consolidating-existing-gasoline-and-diesel>

If you have questions about the survey program, please contact Jeffrey Kimes of my staff, at 303-312-6445, or email at [kimes.jeffrey@epa.gov](mailto:kimes.jeffrey@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

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