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RE: E15 MULTIMEDIA EVALUATION

Dear Mr. Pulido:

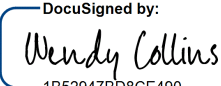
This letter is in response to your request on August 6, 2026, for comments on the multimedia evaluation of E15 fuel. The Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) – Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) concludes the following:

The California Fire Code (CFC) contains provisions for alcohol-blended fuels, such as E15, stored in aboveground storage tanks or containers. Facilities with certain amounts of petroleum, including E15, stored in aboveground storage tanks or containers are subject to the California Aboveground Petroleum Storage Act (APSA), while facilities with a potential threat of discharge of oil to U.S. navigable waters or adjoining shorelines may also be subject to the Federal Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) rule. The CFC and APSA are enforced by the local authorities having jurisdiction, while the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency enforces the Federal SPCC rule. Hence, since sufficient controls are currently in place to prevent spills and releases to the environment, the aboveground storage of E15 poses minimal risk to the environment.

In addition, there are no significant fire hazards when dispensing E15 with Phase 2 vapor recovery systems and components that are OSFM-certified for use with E15.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with Jennifer Lorenzo at jennifer.lorenzo@fire.ca.gov or Galileo Atalig at galileo.atalig@fire.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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cc: State Fire Marshal