

RE: Suspension of 5 Percent Biodiesel in #1 Diesel

The Following language was put into law under Chapter 239.

EXTENSION OF COMMISSIONER'S ORDER.

The order by the commissioner of commerce exempting number 1 diesel fuel from the biodiesel content requirements under Minnesota Statutes, section 239.77, subdivision 2, paragraph (a), is extended until March 31, 2012, for the months of October, November, December, January, February, and March.

*Following is an excerpt from a Press Release from the Minnesota Department of Commerce which effectively suspends the requirement that 5 percent biodiesel be blended into #1 diesel fuel. The law now requires 5 percent biodiesel in #2 and allows for 0 percent in #1 diesel fuel. The percent of biodiesel in a blend of #1 and #2 does not have to be determined. The law simply requires 5% biodiesel in the #2 before blending with #1.*

(ST. PAUL, MN) The Minnesota Department of Commerce will temporarily waive the requirement that #1 diesel fuel be blended with 5 percent biodiesel (B5).

The waiver, which will become effective Friday, January 15 and last through March 31, 2010, was issued in response to concerns from the Minnesota Biodiesel Council and the Minnesota Petroleum Marketers Association that the mix of 5 percent biodiesel with #1 diesel fuel could lead to clogged filters in extreme cold weather. The effective date allows petroleum wholesalers to make any necessary operational adjustments to ensure consistent supply. The B5 mandate still applies to #2 diesel fuel...