



NBB ONE-PAGE (State's Fuel Quality Regulation)

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**What's needed for a successful program?** On July 16, SB 525 became law defining the meaning of manufactured biodiesel fuel with regard to the motor fuel tax exemption. SB 525 defines "Manufactured biodiesel fuel" as (i) Mono-alkyl esters of long chain fatty acids derived from vegetable oils or animal fats which conform to ASTM D6751 specifications for use in diesel engines; (ii) That results in employment in Rhode Island at a manufacturing facility for biodiesel fuel; and (iii) Any volume of biodiesel fuel that is subsequently blended with other fuels and is used for heating purposes or for operating or propelling a motor vehicle". The biodiesel portion of the blend shall be exempted from taxation, currently 32 cents per gallon, and is extended to RI companies that manufacture and sell biodiesel or biodiesel blends in the state. The bill is effective September 16, 2009 and the tax administrator is writing regulations to implement the law as of that date.

#### AUTHORITY

**Fuel Authority** Regulatory (state regulations); Statutory (enacted legislation)

**Statutory/Regulatory Citation** Authority over fuel is provided in state Clean Air Act:RI 23-23-5(12)which deals with emissons over stationary or mobile sources which the state can regulate to meet attainment goals. Motor Fuel Tax Code 31-36 defines biodiesel as noted above.

#### ADOPTED FUEL SPECIFICATIONS

**Fuels Currently Regulated** Biodiesel-Blends\_no; B100-Biodiesel\_no; Diesel Fuel\_yes

**Fuel Specifications** B1-B5\_ASTM D975; B100\_ASTM D6751; PetroDiesel\_ASTM D975;  
B6-19\_no-adopted-spec

**Other Specifications**

**If no spec - plan to adopt**

**Process to Adopt Specifications** Legislative Process; Administrative Rulemaking

**ASTM-Rev Adopted** not automatic - use earlier revision, til law / regulations revised

TESTING PROGRAMS

**Proactive Tests** Do not proactively test

**Reactive Test Circumstance** Could be done for issues that testing might solve and would be dependent on the circumstances.

**Fuel Test Performed**

**Where Sampled**

**Where Tested** Out-Sourced

**Penalties** N/A

REPORTING OUT-OF-SPECIFICATION FUEL

**How to Report**

NOTES & ATTACHMENTS