

# Pennsylvania Finalizes Stage II Decommissioning Legislation

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The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection has finalized their regulations for decommissioning Stage II vapor recovery systems at gasoline dispensing facilities (GDFs). The new regulation, 25 PA. Code Chapters 121 and 129, went into effect on March 26, 2022, and affects 12 counties in the Pittsburgh (Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Washington, Westmoreland) and Philadelphia (Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, Philadelphia) metropolitan areas. Comprehensive details about this new regulation may be found at the PA DEP website:

<u>https://www.dep.pa.gov/Business/Air/BAQ/Automobiles/Gasoline-and-Vapors/Pages/Decommissioning-Stage-II-Vapor-Recovery-Systems-at-Gasoline-Dispensing-Facilities.aspx</u>

What does this mean? It is important to review the specific details of the new regulations and discuss with the appropriate regulatory agencies; however, here are a few highlights:

- Decommissioning Stage II requires the installation of conventional, low permeation hoses and enhanced conventional nozzles dripless/spitless ECO nozzles.
- GDFs that have Stage II systems that are incompatible with Onboard Refueling Vapor Recovery (ORVR) vehicles must decommission by December 31, 2022. Stage II vacuum assist systems fall within this category.
- GDFs that have a throughput over 120,000 gallons per year are subject to this new regulation.
- Retains the requirement to perform two types of annual vapor leak tests.
- Adds the performance of two additional types of annual leak tests as a requirement.
- Allows the option for owners and operators to forego annual testing by installing a continuous pressure monitor.
- Revises the recordkeeping and reporting requirements for affected GDF owners and operators.

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