

EPA Announces Decision for Regulation of Fuel and Fuel Additives: Modification to Octamix Waiver, Correction Notice

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing a correction notice on its June 14, 2012 decision of the Texas Methanol's gasoline-alcohol fuel waiver, also known as OCTAMIX, to allow the use of Baker Hughes corrosion inhibitor, TOLAD MFA-10A.

Elements of this Notice

The Environmental Protection Agency reconsidered a portion of a fuel waiver granted under section 211(f) of the Clean Air Act to the Texas Methanol Corporation (Texas Methanol) on June 14, 2012, by issuing a notice to approve the use of an alternative corrosion inhibitor, TOLAD MFA-10A, in Texas Methanol's gasoline-alcohol fuel, OCTAMIX. This correction notice explains that TOLAD MFA-10A is to be blended into the final fuel at 42.7 milligrams per liter (mg/l) rather than at 25 mg/l, as indicated in the June 14 notice.

On October 14, 2011, Baker Hughes requested that EPA allow the use of its alternative corrosion inhibitor, TOLAD™ MFA-10A, at a concentration of 42 mg/l, in the OCTAMIX gasoline-alcohol fuel blend which otherwise would not be allowed under the OCTAMIX waiver.¹ TOLAD™ MFA-10A is a fuel additive formulation consisting of a corrosion inhibitor. On January 20, 2012, EPA published a notice in the Federal Register (77 FR 2979) announcing receipt of Baker Hughes's request and inviting comment on it. The comment period closed on February 21, 2012. On June 14, 2012, EPA approved the use of TOLAD MFA-10A as an alternative corrosion inhibitor in Texas Methanol's gasoline-alcohol fuel, OCTAMIX.²

¹ EPA-HQ-OAR-2011-0894-0001.

² 77 FR 35677.

In that June 14, 2012 decision notice, EPA mistakenly listed the approved concentration of TOLADTM MFA-10A as 25 mg/l instead of the requested 42 mg/l. Today's notice corrects that mistake and explains why the previous approval is still appropriate when using the concentration of 42 mg/l as originally requested by Baker Hughes.

Health and Environmental Impacts

There will be no adverse health or environmental impact as a result of allowing this alternative corrosion inhibitor, TOLAD MFA-10A, and the clean air benefits of EPA's gasoline motor vehicle fuel programs will continue to be realized.

Gasoline Supply Benefits

This action may provide additional flexibility to the regulated community by allowing an additional corrosion inhibitor for use in Texas Methanol's gasoline-alcohol fuel, also known as OCTAMIX.

For More Information

You can access the rule and related documents on EPA's Office of Transportation and Air Quality (OTAQ) Web site at:

www.epa.gov/otaq/fuels/registrationfuels/notices.htm

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