

ACTION BY THE BOARD AND THE GOVERNOR TO ADDRESS THE ENERGY SUPPLY SHORTAGE

As of November 2, 2012, the Board of Public Utilities finds that, as a result of the recent hurricane, the citizens of New Jersey face an energy supply shortage of a dimension which endangers their public health, safety and welfare.

On October 28, 2012, and continuing through October 30, 2012, Hurricane Sandy struck the State of New Jersey with high winds and torrential rains, causing unprecedented severe weather conditions, including enormous storm surges and devastating flooding. The severe weather conditions resulted in loss of life and destruction of entire communities across New Jersey, leaving much of the State inaccessible.

The damage caused from Sandy, including fallen trees, downed power lines, damage to roadways, and disruptions in electrical service, has produced dangerous conditions throughout the State that continue to jeopardize public safety.

The loss of electrical power, inoperative pipelines and refineries, and the impediments to transportation caused by Sandy have disrupted the supply of motor fuel, making it difficult, if not impracticable, for the citizens of the State to access adequate motor fuel to power, among other things, generators and passenger vehicles. Across the State, a significant number of the gas fueling stations are without electric power and are unable to dispense motor fuel, and stations with electric power have insufficient supplies of motor fuel for potential customers.

Throughout the State, and in particular in the northern half of the State, lines to purchase fuel stretch for miles; State troopers are deployed at all gas stations along the New Jersey Turnpike and Garden State Parkway to assure safe and orderly distribution of the limited supply. There have been reports of altercations at several different fueling stations, placing members of the public in harm's way.

On November 2, after review of the above circumstances, the Board found that there exists an energy supply shortage in the State of a dimension which endangers the public health, safety and welfare in the State and that this shortage is limited to motor fuel in the northern half of the State.

N.J.S.A. 52:27F-17 authorizes the Governor to proclaim by Executive Order a state of energy emergency upon a finding by the Board of Public Utilities that there exists an energy supply shortage of a dimension which endangers the public health, safety, or welfare. The Governor issued Executive Order 108, restricting sales of motor fuels for use in passenger vehicles.

- Beginning at noon on November 3, 2012 and lasting until the limited state of energy emergency is lifted, motor fuel purchases will be subject to the following restrictions:
- Affected Counties: Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Middlesex, Morris, Monmouth, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union, and Warren.
- On even numbered days of the month, retail dealers of motor fuel can only sell motor fuel for use in passenger automobiles bearing license plates of which the last number appearing on the plate is an even number.
- On odd numbered days of the month, retail dealers of motor fuel can only sell motor fuel for use in passenger automobiles bearing license plates of which the last number appearing on the plate is an odd number.
- License plates not displaying any numbers are deemed odd numbered plates for the purpose of purchasing motor fuel.
- 0 is an even number.
- Examples:
 - WXW 345 is an Odd numbered plate
 - WXW 222 is an Even numbered plate
 - W23 RTR is an Odd numbered plate
 - 232 R2R is an Even numbered plate
 - MRS TINA is Odd numbered plate
- Restrictions do not apply to vehicles bearing license plates with "MD" identification marks, provided that a physician is riding in the vehicle on medical business at the time of the motor fuel purchase.

- Restrictions do not apply to commercial vehicles, farm vehicles, omnibuses, and school buses, as those terms are defined at N.J.A.C. 14:29-1.2.
- Restrictions do not apply to authorized emergency vehicles, as defined at N.J.A.C. 14:29-1.2, nor to vehicles owned and operated by the Federal government, or by the State of New Jersey or political subdivisions thereof, such as counties and municipalities.
- Walk-ups are permitted on all days. Purchases for gas cans/generator use (“red jugs”) are not restricted.