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To All Licensed Highway Contractors:

Due to advancements in the production of ethanol and ethyl alcohol blends, the 2009 South Dakota Legislature passed a bill aimed at simplifying South Dakota's fuel tax system and further promoting additional blending of ethyl alcohol products. Senate Bill 21 was ultimately signed by Governor Rounds and will become law July 1, 2009.

The Department of Revenue & Regulation, Division of Motor Vehicles would like to take this opportunity to make you aware of some of the changes that will take place in July as a result of Senate Bill 21.

Definitions

The bill repealed the statutory definitions of "gasohol", "E85", and "M85". It also defined "Ethanol Blend" as a blended motor fuel containing ethyl alcohol of at least 99% purity typically derived from agricultural products which is blended exclusively with a product commonly or commercially known or sold as gasoline.

Tax Rates

All ethyl alcohol (ethanol) and methyl alcohol (methanol) will now be taxed at \$.08 per gallon plus the \$.02 per gallon Tank Inspection Fee.

Invoices

Effective July 1, 2009, purchase invoices for ethanol blends and methanol blends will be required to separate gallons of gasoline, gallons of ethanol, and/or gallons of methanol.

Reporting Usage

The usage of an ethanol blend and/or methanol blend must be reported separately (as indicated on the purchase invoice) on the Highway Contractor return.

Should you have questions regarding the July 1, 2009 changes, please plan on attending one of the seminars on the attached flyer or contact the Division of Motor Vehicles at 605.773.5335. Thank you.

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