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Prentiss Searles
American Petroleum Institute
1220 L Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20005

RE: Proposal to Amend NIST Handbook 130

Dear Prentiss,

Thank you for sharing the American Petroleum Institute's (API) proposal to extend the exception granted in Handbook 130 for a 1-lb RVP waiver for gasoline. We believe it is essential to go forward with this proposal through the National Conference on Weights and Measures.

As a consequence of our conversation, I have consulted with: the National Association of Convenience Stores (NACS), the National Association of Truck Stop Operators (NATSO), the Petroleum Marketers Association of America (PMAA), and the Society of Independent Gasoline Marketers of America (SIGMA). I have been authorized to confirm with you that all of those organizations support this API proposal.

Sincerely,



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