



Restore Motor Vehicle Fuel Supplier Administrative Allowance

Message: The last state budget cut the motor vehicle fuel supplier administrative allowance in half, causing direct financial loss to petroleum marketers.

Issue: Our industry and our members assume all risk to collect and remit the gasoline tax on behalf of the state before the fuel is ever sold at retail. The 1.35% collection allowance covered only a portion of the true costs associated with this process.

The mandate to collect the taxes and pay them in advance of the product being sold remains, but the wholesaler now assumes a much higher cost to do the state's job. Our members have indicated direct losses have typically ranged between \$25,000–\$150,000, with the largest members losing over \$500,000. The cut to the allowance now leaves Wisconsin with the lowest in the Midwest.

Action Requested: *Fully restore the motor vehicle fuel supplier administrative allowance.*

Retailer Evaporation Refund

Message: The last state budget fully eliminated the retailer evaporation refund, causing direct financial loss to petroleum marketers and retailers.

Issue: Eliminating the refund for evaporation and shrinkage will harm the gas stations and convenience stores in your districts. While technology may have improved, there is still loss due to evaporation and shrinkage caused by significant temperature changes. Retailers are unable to recover the tax on a product they have already paid for but did not receive due to evaporation and/or shrinkage. You cannot recover your costs on a product you cannot sell.

Petroleum marketers and retailers are already facing increased costs from EMV upgrades, new underground storage tank (UST) requirements, and rapidly rising UST insurance premiums. The loss of the evaporation refund will only increase their hardships.

Action Requested: *Fully restore the retailer evaporation refund.*