



COVID-19 Provisional Suspension of Regulatory Requirements for Self Service Unattended Key or Card Operated Service Stations

Effective March 26, 2020, in an effort to reduce exposure and promote social distancing at fueling locations, the Missouri Department of Agriculture has suspended some regulatory requirements for unattended service stations owners/operators. These exemptions will be allowed until Executive Order 20-04 entitled "Easing Regulatory Burdens during State of Emergency" expires on May 15, 2020, unless extended in whole or in part.

Which specific regulation or statute or portions thereof are to be waived?

Exemption 1. NFPA 30A 1996, 9-5.3 & 2 CSR 90-30.070(7)

This section requires a telephone to be available on site to notify proper authorities in the event of an emergency.

Discussion: Public phones are nearly a thing of the past and practically difficult to add in short period of time. However, emergency contact information is still required to be posted at the filling station site in the event of an emergency. We received constituent feedback that this requirement would unnecessarily require stations to have employees report to work.

Exemption 2. NFPA 30A 1996, 9-5.3 & 2 CSR 90-30.070(1)

This section requires a master electrical shut-off switch be installed at least twenty (20) feet and not more than one hundred (100) feet from the furthest dispensing device and storage tank fill openings.

Discussion: All modern dispensers capable of being unattended with a card reader have a shut off switch. The activation of one may not shut the entire system down but would isolate the dispenser that was in need of power disconnect.

Exemption 3 with condition. 2 CSR 90-30.070(9)(A)4.

This requires the motors of all pumps to dispensing devices be without current unless and until the dispensing device is activated by card or key. It also requires all pump motors to automatically terminate power not more than three minutes after product flow has ceased.

Discussion: Most modern dispensing devices capable of reading credit cards already have a feature that will stop power to the sub pump unit if there is no activity within a few minutes. For those that do not, a maximum delivery of 25 gallons shall be programmed in each transaction. This would accommodate most vehicle needs. If more fuel is needed, the customer can simply reactivate the device for a second delivery.

See pages 8-14 of the Missouri Department of Agriculture's [Service Station and Bulk Plant Informational Guide](#) for summary of requirements for unattended filling stations.

Petroleum Inspection Program: [Chapter 414](#)

Code of State Regulations: **2 CSR 90-30.070**