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SVAO Collector Vehicle Warning

The Ontario Ministry of Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (aka MOE) has posted a regulation on the Regulatory Registry to increase the ethanol content on regular gasoline (less than 89 proof) to 15% from the current average of 10%

. They claim that *“the emission systems of more than 90% of the current passenger vehicle fleet is compatible with gasoline that has 15% ethanol, and this proportion is expected to be close to 99% in 2025 as older vehicles are replaced with newer models”* and that *“no vehicle or equipment issues are associated with advanced biofuel technologies, like renewable gasoline, which are chemically similar to fossil gasoline* (the amendments mention an exemption for “marine, aviation, off-road and classic vehicles” (ie: manufactured prior to 1980).

But that applies to a supplier’s commitment to sell only gasoline with the required ethanol content). There is nothing to say that the premium, lower level ethanol gasoline will be available in all areas of the province.

Prior to 2018 the ethanol content was mandated to a minimum of 5% and a maximum of 10%. In 2018 the MOE tried to get the standards raised to 15% across the board but backed off under protests to a minimum of 10% with a maximum of 15%. It appears that they are now trying another run only a year later.

The MOE is allowing comments until March 29th.

<https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/013-4598>

<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/050535>

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