

Summary of Inspections:

In response to concerns raised to the Office of Weights and Measures, a concerted effort was made by state inspectors to investigate whether 85 octane was being sold in eastern South Dakota and also to determine if 85 was being properly labeled wherever it was being sold. The majority of this effort was made March 21-23, 2012.

Inspections took place in 54 cities throughout South Dakota, involving approximately 189 gas stations and 504 pumps. 22 different suppliers were noted as making deliveries to the stations visited. The top three suppliers represented 57% of the stations involved in this sampling.

Approximately 31 incidents of alleged mislabeling have been identified in 14 cities during the period of March 21-23. Several instances of obvious re-labeling were noted by inspectors once the investigation had begun. Three locations were noted during inspections as having blender pumps on site. The availability of blending capabilities, via either blender pumps or splash blending, may indicate proper marking of blended 87 octane, even if receipts show that 85 octane was delivered.

Weights and Measures has gathered an estimated 428 manifests, bills of lading, and other receipts. The Pierre office also has verbal confirmation of additional, undocumented, follow-up inspections, which did not reveal any mislabeling.

28 additional and follow-up inspections in 13 cities have also been completed between May 12 and May 29, 2012 (one inspection was completed in April) without any new evidence of mislabeling being reported.

Cities in which inspections took place:

Aberdeen	Fairfax	Lake Andes	Scotland	Watertown
Alcester	Freeman	Mission	Sioux Falls	Waubay
Armour	Fort Pierre	Mitchell	Springfield	Webster
Avon	Geddes	Menno	Sturgis	Wessington Springs
Brandon	Gregory	North Sioux City	Summit	White River
Brookings	Groton	Oacoma	Tabor	Winner
Chamberlain	Hill City	Pickstown	Tripp	Wolsey
Chancellor	Huron	Pierre	Tyndall	Yankton
Dakota Dunes	Jefferson	Plankinton	Vermillion	Corsica
De Smet	Kadoka	Platter	Wagner	Gregory
Elk Point	Kimball	Rapid City	Wakonda	

Number of Inspection by Dates and Number of Suspected Mislabelings Identified

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Inspections Completed:</u>	<u>Suspected Mislabelings:</u>
March 21:	49	14
March 22:	58	13
March 23:	10	4
March 24:	1	0
March 25:	1	0
March 26:	30	0
March 27:	14	0
March 28:	4	0
March 29:	6	0
April 9:	1	0
May 12:	1	0
May 14:	2	0
May 15:	2	0
May 17:	6	0
May 21:	8	0
May 22:	1	0
May 23:	2	0
May 24:	3	0
May 25:	1	0
May 29:	2	0