Competent Persons Training
(Updated July 2015)

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Helping you manage your Business Risk

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Welcome to your Competent Person Training workbook.

This workbook has been designed to support you through your training and for you to use as reference when you get back to your store.

Throughout this book you will see a MY SITE TASK Action.

Where you see this you will need to locate an item or read a document when you get back to your own site and record this on page 38 of this workbook.

At the end of today workshop you will be required to complete a test, please make as many notes as you like in this workbook.
• This course is going to utilise YOUR current knowledge and common sense.

• It will give you any additional information that is required to help you fully understand the legal and safety requirements of being a competent person.

• It will, along with your practical experience, make you a COMPETENT PERSON, qualified to accept deliveries of Petroleum Spirit.

WE WILL LOOK AT THE FOLLOWING AREAS

-o BACKGROUND, BASIC PROPERTIES OF PETROL, DSEAR, ACOP AND THE LAW.
-o PRE- DELIVERY
-o ARRIVAL
-o RECEIPT
-o POST-DELIVERY
-o And Later
-o WHAT TO DO IF IT GOES WRONG
-o UNATTENDED DELIVERY D.C.D
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<td>A person who has received sufficient theoretical training and practical experience to carry out the safe and effective acceptance of fuel deliveries.</td>
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<td>A person who has received theoretical and practical training in the safe control of the forecourt and emergency procedures.</td>
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<td>The position in the kiosk or shop where the pump controller is located. From here the sales assistant can view the forecourt clearly, or supervise via a CCTV monitor.</td>
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<td>Diesel (DERV)</td>
<td>Road fuel used in diesel engine vehicles. Evaporates more slowly than petrol. The flash point of diesel is 50°C.</td>
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<td>Flammable</td>
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<td>The lowest temperature, at which a product gives off vapours which when mixed with air, will produce a flash of flame if a heat source is applied.</td>
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<td>The area around the petroleum installation such as a pumps, vent stack, manhole chambers etc where petrol vapour is at the highest concentration. This also includes 4.0 mtrs around the tanker, when on site.</td>
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<td>Any item which could cause heat or a spark and which could cause a fire in a flammable atmosphere.</td>
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<td>A system for preventing split fuels from entering the public drains</td>
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<td>Measure of quality or type of petrol. The higher the octane rating the greater the vapour pressure.</td>
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<td>Tank fill points (O.S.F'S) which are located at a position to enable the road tanker to be clear of the dispensing area during discharge without the need to change position during delivery, maybe above or below ground.</td>
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<td>A volatile, flammable liquid used as fuel. Evaporates quickly and will float on water. Petrol will ignite at temperatures between 230°C and 480°C. Please also see Petrol Vapour.</td>
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<td><strong>Petroleum Fuels Delivery Certificate</strong></td>
<td>A legal document required to be completed in duplicate for every delivery of petrol products to a service station. These certificates need to be kept on site for 12 months.</td>
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<td><strong>Ullage</strong></td>
<td>Space available in the tank.</td>
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What is a Competent Person?

A person with enough practical and theoretical knowledge, training and actual experience to carry out a particular task safely and effectively.

The petrol industry refers to 2 types of Competent person.

1. Competency to take deliveries of fuels (This training)
2. Competency in the use of equipment and forecourt safety.

To become competent you need to have an understanding of:

- The basic properties of petroleum
- The laws that control the delivery process
- Documents and controls used on site
- Emergency equipment use/checks
- What to do if things go wrong.
Petroleum is a very dangerous product being highly flammable and toxic.

**Vapour**

Highly flammable vapours are given off at normal temperatures. When mixed with the correct proportion of air it forms an explosive mixture. It is heavier than air and will gather in low lying areas of ground (especially manholes and drains).

**Liquid**

As a liquid Petrol floats on water and may therefore be carried considerable distances when spilled. It can also travel underground through porous ground and be carried on the water table. (Hence "old" spillages of petrol often rise to the surface during extremely wet weather and can still be an explosive hazard if it comes into contact with an ignition source.)

**Health**

**Skin**  Dries skin on contact and should be washed off immediately. (Long-term or frequent contact can cause dermatitis).

**Eyes**  Will cause intense irritation and should be flushed immediately with water (Consider medical attention also).

**Mouth**  Can cause severe irritation to throat and stomach. If vomited can enter lungs with serious consequences. (Always seek medical advice).
These Regulations \((fig\ 1)\) came into force in May 2003 and introduced a new code of practice called ACOP (L133), which now in its second edition \((fig\ 2)\). This gives guidance for those people who are involved in the delivery and unloading of petrol.

**The main features are as follows:**

- The Petroleum Certificate must include tank ullage and the driver must be able to verify these ullages before delivery commences.

- Delivery records, including ullages, must be kept on site for a period of 6 months.

- Site operators must determine the (HAC) Hazardous Area Classification on site and around the tanker this could be in the form of a Hazard Zone Plan \(\text{(See example on Page 10)}\).

- The site operator must inform the driver of the extent of the hazardous areas and any control measures identified in the Risk Assessment \(\text{(i.e. any pumps or equipment that should be closed while the delivery takes place, or if the site should be closed for fuel sales while the tanker is on site).}\)

- Site operator must carry out a risk assessment covering all work activities involving a fire and explosion risk. \(\text{(See example on Page 11).}\)
• These documents should be kept in a Site Register.

• Petrol may not be unloaded when another dangerous substance such as LPG is also being unloaded.

• All filling points must be kept closed and locked when not in use.

• Housekeeping is very important on site, litter and other materials should be removed as these can provide a potential source of fuel for a fire.

• Diesel deliveries are not included in the regulations, but it is recommended that the same procedures (best practice) are adopted when unloading diesel fuel.

• It is vital to follow the correct procedures when taking petrol deliveries not only to comply with the law, but to maintain the safety of staff, customers and the environment.

N.B Sites operating unattended deliveries (DCD) must be fitted with OPD (Overfill Prevention Device) and/or high level alarms. The driver must also be able to verify ullage prior to commencing delivery and have an emergency phone available - these items would normally be in a separate DCD box (See 13 and 14).

MY SITE TASK 1

Find your site register, Risk Assessment and Hazard Zone Plan back at your site. The site register should be available to access at all times (not locked away).
Risk Assessment
for
Test Two Services

Customer No: 08992
Inspection No: 4380809
Inspection Date: 11-July-2014
Consultant: Rob Hughes
Accompanied By: Fred Dove

Disclaimer
This risk assessment has been produced from information supplied by the site and unless directly observed and reported upon, Suresite Limited accepts no responsibility for the accuracy of this information. The responsibility for compliance with any recommendations lies with the site owner. Suresite Limited can accept no responsibilities for site operations.

Throughout the assessment due consideration is taken of the properties of Petroleum products as defined under Regulation 2 of the Dangerous Substances and Explosive Atmosphere Regulations of 2002, namely the nature of petroleum, which is a dangerous substance which is highly explosive when mixed with air. It has a low flash point and a vapour that sinks to lowest levels. It can be carried off site for many miles on underground water if it leaks into the ground.

**Action Point Summary**

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Unattended delivery procedures

PROCEDURES

- Delivery placed with Fuel Delivery terminal in the usual manner.

- Ullage checked prior to delivery and a completed Petroleum Delivery Form put in the DCD Cabinet to tell driver into which compartment he must deliver each product. (Ullage readings to be taken as near to delivery as possible)

- Keys for relevant tanks only to be left in DCD Cabinet. (All keys of unaffected tanks to be removed)

- After delivery, Delivery Note to be checked against tank contents to verify.
Daily Checks Required

Driver Controlled Delivery

- The presence of a Competent Person is not required for Unattended Deliveries (DCD). The D.C.D box should therefore be checked daily and be in working order or the driver may refuse to deliver.

The 7 Daily Checks for the DCD unit are...

1. Check floodlights are working.
2. Check Site plan in display is correct and shows correct tank grade/qty details.
3. Check enough paper within printer.
5. Confirm and Check tank ullage print out is readable.
6. Confirm and check telephone dial tone.
7. Check Fire/spillage equipment - I.E. Extinguisher is charged/within test date and that the sand bucket has enough sand and a plastic trowel is available.

- For the Unattended Delivery tanks **must** be fitted with overfill prevention devices and/or high level alarms and driver must be able to verify Ullage.

- Locks on petrol tank fill pipes **MUST** be captive
Who enforces the laws at petrol stations?

- The Petroleum Enforcement Authorities (PEAs) from October 2014 or the Petroleum Licensing Authorities (PLAs) before this.
- In Metropolitan areas of England and Wales this will be the Fire and Rescue Authorities, and County councils or unitary authorities elsewhere.
- In Scotland - the Councils, Islands and Isles councils.
- In England - The Environment Agency, in Wales the Natural Resources Body and in Scotland the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) also have powers.
Anyone can order fuel, it does not need to be a competent person

- TANKS CHECKED
- ESTIMATE OF CONSUMPTION MADE (Tank ullage must be checked again before delivery)
- Quantities calculated by grade to fit into site tanks for the day of delivery.

MY SITE TASK 2

On return to your site, find out who orders the fuel.
Safe working note: Make sure you wear a high visibility jacket or vest when on the forecourt (BE SEEN).

- CLEAR OBSTRUCTIONS
  - Ensure entry and exit clear. (Tanker should be able to drive off directly in an emergency)
  - Remove any parked / sales or staff cars from the fill area (tanker stand point)

- CHECK FILL AREA
  - Tank grade tags correct and visible.
  - Manhole lifter is available if site has below ground fill points.
  - Tank keys available.
  - Get your cones ready - A minimum of six is recommended with reflective sleeves.

- CHECK ULLAGE
  - Make sure there is enough room in each tank to accept the ordered quantities of fuel.
  - Be prepared to re-plan allocation of delivery between tanks.

**MY SITE TASK 3**

Do we have enough cones for the task at my site? (6 minimum)
• FIRE / SPILLAGE PRECAUTIONS

➤ Ensure Fire Extinguisher(s) available to stand up-wind of delivery point. (Check they are charged and have tamper tag in place)

➤ Ensure lidded fire buckets are available containing dry sand (for absorbing any minor spills / drips)

➤ If you have a mobile spill kit on site deploy as required.

MY SITE TASK 4

Do we have lids on all of our sand buckets?
Arrival of Tanker

MANOEUVRING
➢ Be prepared to advise the tanker driver if he has to manoeuvre into position, especially reversing.

WARNING SIGNS
➢ Place warning signs / cones to protect tanker and delivery personnel and no means of ignition within 4.0 metres of tanker.
➢ Now place your fire extinguisher up wind of the delivery point, and keep the lidded sand bucket next to delivery point to use on any spills/drips.

EXIT ROUTE
➢ Ensure tanker has a clear exit route to enable the driver to drive off site in an emergency if route blocked, stop delivery, move vehicle then restart delivery.

MY SITE TASK 5

Pace out 4 meters in all directions at the fill points to get an idea of the size of the hazard zone for the tanker at your site - refer to your hazard zone plan
Receipt of the Delivery

DOCUMENTATION
Usually carried out inside the site premises

- CHECK DRIVER'S DELIVERY NOTE

  ➢ Is he at the correct site? (It is not unknown for drivers to make deliveries at the wrong site)
  ➢ You can stop all manner of problems before they happen by confirming the driver is at the correct site.

  ➢ Is the delivery what you expected? Will it fit into your tanks? (Check your dips / printout to ensure there is sufficient space for the delivered fuel)

  ➢ In the circumstance that the product will not fit into your tanks, the product will need to be returned - liaise with the driver.

  ➢ COMPLETE 2 COPIES OF THE PETROLEUM DELIVERY CERTIFICATE.

  ➢ Please double check the details you fill in on the certificate.

  ➢ An example is shown on the next page.
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Competent Person (Full name Block Capitals)

Ullage Print Attached (tick box)

Driver (Full name block capitals)

The Competent Person (you) should complete sections Part One and Part Three.

The Delivery Driver should complete sections Part Two and Part Four.
• Provide driver with details of the (HAC) "Hazardous area classification". This will be from your Hazard zone plan and risk assessment findings and include any special control measures required.

• Make sure you are wearing your High visibility jacket or vest and suitable non slip footwear without metal studs or exposed steel toe caps.

• Check you are not carrying any source of ignition, lighters, matches, mobile phones etc.

• Take the tank keys and manhole lifter you got ready earlier with you.

• Check that no dangerous practices are taking place near the delivery point (neighbours burning rubbish etc.) and that no parked cars have blocked the exit route since you deployed the cones on arrival.

• Ensure members of the public stay out of the 4 meter hazard zone around the tanker.

• It is a legal requirement that you and the driver must be present at all times during the delivery. If either have to move away at any time THE DELIVERY MUST STOP.

• Check the tanker compartments are full by checking the faucet sight glass or gauge.
Tell the driver which tank is to receive which grade of fuel and the quantity to be delivered (Your responsibility).

ENSURE DRIVER CONNECTS VAPOUR RECOVERY HOSE FIRST BEFORE CONNECTING DELIVERY HOSES AND AFTER DISCONNECTS THE VAPOUR RECOVERY HOST LAST.

At this point the fill pipes can now be unlocked before delivery commences into the tank.

If you are not happy about safety at any time, ask the driver to stop the delivery immediately.

REMEMBER!
If you or the driver have to leave for any reason during the delivery it MUST be stopped.

MY SITE TASK 6
Locate the vapour connection point at my site
Spot the mistakes in the bottom picture
The delivery now takes place

- Remember the maximum number of hoses to be connected, Petrol and Diesel, is restricted to two - 3 including the vapour recovery hose.

- Unless the site has had a separate Risk assessment for the VR systems capacity carried out (recorded) to the satisfaction of the local PE Authority.
Remember!
The 4 metre Hazard Zone around the tanker.
• **END OF DELIVERY** (Driver says compartment empty).
  
  ➢ Confirm by checking tanker gauges with the driver.

• **SUPERVISE UNCOUPLING OF HOSES**

  ➢ REMEMBER THAT THE VAPOUR RECOVERY HOSE SHOULD BE THE LAST TO BE UNCOUPLED (Your VR point first).

• **REPLACE FILL CAPS AND LOCK IMMEDIATELY** (See picture below).

• **ENSURE FIRE EXTINGUISHER AND SAND BUCKET ARE PUT AWAY** and any Control Cones removed and stored.
YOU AND THE DRIVER SHOULD...

- Secure the delivery point and clean up any residual drips.

- SIGN OIL COMPANY DELIVERY NOTE.

- RETAIN ONE COPY OF PETROLEUM DELIVERY FORM - driver to be given second copy.

- DIP TANKS / PRINT OUT TANK GAUGE REPORT (To verify quantities delivered).

- CHECK SITE LEFT IN SAFE CONDITION.

- SUPERVISE DEPARTURE OF TANKER making sure you do NOT stand directly behind the tanker or on the public highway - you are not a policeman.

- Ensure good housekeeping in place - clear up where necessary.
What to do if it goes wrong

In the H.S.E. ACOP Document L133 Unloading petrol from road tankers Petrol spills are be separated into the following categories.

1. Residual

(a) Expected as part of the normal delivery process
(b) Negligible spills/drips.

2. Manageable

(a) Small/medium spill retained on site and easily dealt with by site staff.
(b) There may be a requirement to close and/or evacuate part of the site in order to manage the spill.
(c) Spill goes to site drainage/sePARATOR.

3. Unmanageable

(a) Large spill.
(b) Will require full or partial closure and evacuation.
(c) May require attendance of emergency services and/or specialist contractors.

N.B.
For ALL Ignited spills priority should be given to calling the emergency services 999, evacuating people from the premises to a safe distance from the incident (your Assembly point) and notifying neighbouring properties as appropriate.
Unmanageable? (But you still have things to do)

- Driver stop delivery
- Switch off pump master switch (Firemans switch) (Fig 1) or Emergency switch at the till point.

- **Contact FIRE BRIGADE by dialling 999**
- Close Service Station and clear forecourt of members of the public.
- Prevent new members of the public from entering forecourt.
- Prevent owners of vehicles already on site from starting engines/ if they have to be moved push clear.
- Wait for Emergency services and then follow their instructions and only open the site when told to do so.
- Arrange for contaminated sand/absorbent to be stored safely (steel container with lid and labelled contaminated) arrange pick up by specialist contractor.
- Notify the local enforcement Authority officer (PEA)
- If spill has left the site notify the Environment agency England and Wales or SEPA in Scotland.
- Notify site owners/operator.
- If spill entered your interceptor arrange uplift by interceptor contractor (e.g. CSG, Aalto etc)
- Complete incident report.
Manageable

- Driver stop delivery
- If required close part of the site affected and keep members of the public away.
- Try to contain spill with sand/absorbent or spill kit.
- Or let spill enter drainage/sePARATOR.
- Arrange for contaminated sand/absorbent to be safely stored and labelled "contaminated do not reuse". Contact specialist contractor to pick up any contaminated items, and if spill entered interceptor arrange uplift by interceptor contractor.
- Inform site owner/operator.
- If required inform local petroleum officer (PEA).
- Complete incident report.

Residual

- If required driver stop delivery
- Clean up spill/drips with sand absorbent or spill kit.
- Store sand absorbent in steel container with a lid and label it "Contaminated do not reuse"

MY SITE TASK 7

Locate the isolator (Firemans switch) at my site and also the emergency cut offs at the till points.
OVER-FILL OF TANKS (Often discovered by fuel escaping from top of vents or pump breather valve).

- Clear all members of public from the delivery area
- Stop delivery.
- Contain / absorb any spilt product using dry sand or absorbent.
- Using pumps connected to over-filled tank, dispense fuel into vehicle tanks or authorised containers until fill-hose drained and able to be disconnected
- Amend Delivery Certificate to reflect true amount of fuel delivered into tank.
- Notify Petroleum Enforcement Officer / Dept. of the Environment (if any spillage), SEPA in Scotland.
- Notify Fuel Delivery Terminal
- Complete Incident Report
- Arrange for contaminated sand / absorbent to be stored safely (steel container with a lid) and labelled “contaminated do not reuse” and arrange disposal by specialist contractor.
CROSSOVER
Petrol into Diesel tank/Diesel into Petrol tank

➢ Driver stop delivery.
➢ Stop sales from affected tank(s).
➢ Notify site owner operator.
➢ Notify Fuel Delivery Terminal (Arrange Uplift).
➢ Complete Incident Report.
➢ N.B. If crossover goes unnoticed and sales of contaminated fuel gets into customer vehicles the site could be liable to damage claims to vehicle engines.
➢ Report to local enforcement officer (PEA).

FAILURE OF VAPOUR RECOVERY SYSTEM

➢ Often noticed due to a vapour lock.
➢ Notify Environmental Health Dept.
➢ Suspend further deliveries until system rectified by specialist contractor.
➢ Complete Incident Report.
➢ Petroleum Enforcement Officer.

FAILURE OF D.C.D. SYSTEM

➢ Notify site owner/operator/manager.
➢ Contact specialist contractor to repair system.
➢ Revert to Controlled deliveries until system is repaired.
Correct tank labels must include:
- Grade tag with energy institute guidance for colour and description.
- Tank number.
- Safe working capacity.
- And REMEMBER fill points must be locked between deliveries.

We will now go outside and look at the delivery setup at this site

MY SITE TASK 8

Are the tank grade labels correct, clean and readable at my site?
For Vapour Recovery and Connections

- Coloured tag (Orange) to identify Vapour Connection and cautionary notice to indicate how many hoses can be connected and discharged simultaneously (usually x 2 max) (1).
- Vent pipes numbered to show which tanks they are venting from (2).
- Hazard warning notices for vapour, ignition, and flammable petroleum (3).
- Above ground fill points and vents in safe location and/or protected by barriers if required (4).
## 44 Tonne (F Type) All UK Depots

Figures in yellow & peach denote full 58,000 litre load.

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MY SITE TASKS

1. Find you site’s site register, Risk assessment, and Hazard zone plan and read them.
2. Who orders the fuels at my site?
3. Do we have enough cones for the task at my site? (6 minimum)
4. Do we have lids on all of our sand buckets?
5. Pace out 4 meters in all directions at the fill points to get an idea of the size of the hazard zone for the tanker at my site (also refer to your hazard zone plan).
6. Locate the vapour connection point at my site.
7. Locate the isolator (Firemans switch) at my site, also the emergency cut offs at the till points.
8. Are the tank grade labels correct at my site, clean and readable?
PRACTICAL DELIVERY EXPERIENCE

1. Date ............... Manager sign ......................
2. Date ............... Manager sign ......................
3. Date ............... Manager sign ......................

Please record the date and get your manager to sign above to confirm your first three deliveries.
Wetstock Management
(Updated July 2015)

Helping you manage your Business Risk
Suresite Limited 4A Millennium City Park Barnfield Way Ribbleton
Preston PR2 5DB
Welcome to your Wetstock Training workbook.

This workbook has been designed to support you through your training and for you to use as reference when you get back to your store.

At the end of this workshop you will be required to complete an examination, please therefore make as many notes as you need in the workbook to help you revise in preparation for your exam.
- This session is going to utilise YOUR knowledge and common sense.
- It will give you any additional information that is required to help you fully understand the legal and safety requirements.

**WE WILL LOOK AT THE FOLLOWING AREAS**

- Wetstock Management.
- Wetstock Records.
- Identify potential discrepancies and know the correct action to take.
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A key licence condition aimed at reducing the risks associated with petroleum spirit storage is the requirement to consistently and accurately monitor the Wetstock.

There are many laws by which the owners and operators of service stations must abide. The most important ones in relation to Petroleum products are summarized below.

Environmental Legislation England and Wales The Environment Agency. Scotland SEPA.

It is a criminal offence under the Water Resources Act 1991 to cause pollution of controlled waters, including streams and groundwater.

- PPG7 Construction and Operation of Fuelling Stations
- PPG21 Pollution Prevention Guidance "Incident response planning"
- PPG27 Installation, Decommissioning of Underground Storage Tanks.
- (PPG = Pollution Prevention Guidance issued by Environment Agency)
- The Groundwater England and Wales Regulations 2009 prohibit the discharge of petrol, diesel and other fuel oils into groundwater.
➢ In Scotland the groundwater policy for Scotland V3 Nov 2009
➢ In Scotland the water environment and water services act 2003.
Petroleum is a very dangerous product being highly flammable and toxic.

➢ The Petroleum Consolidation regulations 2014

These regulations deal with the petroleum certificate (after Oct 2014) or Licence before this which is required for the keeping of petroleum products and the duties that the certificate/licence holder must fulfil to ensure the safe keeping of such products.

➢ Dangerous Substances & Explosive Atmosphere Regs 2002 (DSEAR)

The intention of the Regulation is to identify risks and reduce the likelihood of a fatality or serious injury resulting from a “dangerous substance” igniting and potentially exploding.

➢ The Red Book “Petrol Filling Stations Guidance”
CFOA (Chief Fire Officers Association)

Every site should prepare a Pollution Prevention Plan to ensure all operation staff are aware of risks and procedures.
With today’s cost of motor fuel every dealer needs to ensure he is paid for all the fuel dispensed from his tanks.

By taking pump meter readings at the beginning/end of shift you can determine how many litres of fuel you have been paid for.

However to properly control Wetstock it is necessary to compare metered sales with the amount of fuel taken from your storage tanks.

To determine what fuel has gone from the tanks it is necessary to take a dip (manual or electronic) at the start of the shift, add delivered quantities to the end of shift dip. Subtracting closing dips from opening and deliveries it is possible to calculate fuel taken from tanks.

Pump reading and dips must be taken at the same time for comparison.

In an ideal world the volume dispensed should equal the volume from tanks.

Unfortunately this doesn’t follow as sites will experience stock losses.

Stock losses are to be expected due to evaporation, shrinkage and the displacement of vapour during the road tanker unloading process. Typically, an average stock loss of some 0.2% to 0.3% can be expected. However, at some sites average stock losses can be as high as 0.5% or 0.6%. Although most sites tend to experience stock losses, occasional stock gains can occur.

By monitoring stock losses/gains on a daily and cumulative basis it is possible to minimise stock losses and ensure early detection of possible leaks.
Wetstock Control

- Good business management
- Legal compliance
- Detect unacceptable loss
- Controlling H&S risk
- Minimise Environmental risk
- Reducing costs and saving money

Example of an Electronic tank gauge
There are many factors that can affect Wetstock variances. It is important that you are able to recognise the different causes of variance and account for them in your data.

\[
\text{Variance} = \text{Closing Stock} - \text{Book Stock}
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Where

\[
\text{Book Stock} = \text{Opening Stock} + \text{Deliveries} - \text{Sales}
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\[
\text{Variance (\%)} = \frac{\text{Variance (litres)} \times 100}{\text{Sales (litres)}}
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\text{Cumulative Variance (\%)} = \frac{\text{Cumulative Variance (litres)} \times 100}{\text{Cumulative Sales (litres)}}
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- **SURESITE LTD.**

**Daily vs Cumulative Variance**

Confirmed as a true record by [Signature]

Site Operator: [Signature]

Date: [Date]

Examined by [Signature]

Documentation by SURESITE LTD.
Apparent Variance

Administration Errors

- Relating to Tanker deliveries
  - Wrong delivery quantity
  - Inaccurate allocation of compartments
  - Delivery assigned to the wrong tank
  - Tank overfill – calculation of spillage/residual amount
  - Wrong transfer/uplift quantities
  - Allocating the delivery to the wrong day

- Relating to pump sales
  - Misreading of pump totalisers
  - Miscalculation of sales from totaliser readings
  - POS system problem ‘loses’ sales data
  - Incorrect treatment of pump tests

- Relating to Tank dip readings
  - Dipsticks
    - Inaccurate dipstick reading
    - Dipstick does not match the tank or is ‘short’
  - Tank gauges
    - Poor calibration (tank and probe)
  - General
    - Readings not taken at the same time as pump totaliser readings
      (if process not automated)
    - Readings not being recorded each day

Tank Calibration
- Dipsticks or tank gauges
- Both can provide consistent readings

Keep good notes about excessive variances
Causes of Variance

- Evaporation
- Time of **year**
- Volume change due to **temperature**
- Human intervention (**Theft**)
- Tank size and sales volume
- Equipment problems
- Pump **meter** accuracy
- Spillages
- **Leaks**

1°C causes a volume change in motor spirit of approximately 0.11%

- Tanker loads 38,000 litres of Unleaded
- Tanker Loading temperature = 24 °C
- Fuel delivered into petrol station tanks
- In tank temperature recorded as = 16 °C
- Fuel loss = 8 x 0.11/100 x 38,000 = 334lts

**Measure Checks**

- Have weights and measures checked and passed all your pumps?
- Pumps' can legally **over** dispense by up to 1% and they can legally **under** dispense by up to 0.5%
Daily vs Cumulative Variance

Daily Gain/Loss

This only shows Daily Gain and Loss but all this shows is that levels in the tank vary as product slops about following deliveries.

Cumulative Gain/Loss

By taking loss figures over a period (typically 30 days) the effect of daily variation is “ironed out” and the true picture of trends in Loss/Gain can be seen.
Daily vs Cumulative Variance

Missed Delivery

A clear visual indication showing an apparent major gain, but note that the rate of Loss (shown by dotted trend line) remains constant.

Possible Loss

In this Case note how the rate of loss suddenly increases as sure indication something has changed drastically!!!
Pumps over dispensing by 60 millilitres on a 20 litres measure (0.3%) would cost

A 6 million litre per year site

= 18,000 litres per Year !!!

A 3 million litre per year site

= 9,000 litres per Year !!!

A 1.5 million litre per year site

= 4,500 litres per Year !!!
Investigation procedures – 1

- Check for errors in calculations (monthly check)
- Check pump totalisers (monthly check)
- Re-dip tanks
- Re check delivery notes
- Are all readings being taken at the same time?
- Find out if there has been a spillage

Investigation procedures - 2

- Check pump measures
  - Is there a fault on one meter?
  - Are meters over – dispensing?
- Arrange to adjust or repair meters
- See if there is an improvement

Investigation procedures – 3

- Visual inspection for signs of a leak:
  - In the tank manholes
  - Inside the pumps
  - Around the site
- Suction system
  - Check for ‘drain-back’ on suction line
  - Air being dispensed
- Pressure system
  - Are mechanical leak detectors fitted?
  - Check for ‘slow flow’?
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Investigation procedure – 4

- Carry out static tank test
  - Automatic test on tank gauge
  - Close tank over night and take dips
- Isolation of pumps
- Close off one pump at a time for 2 days and look for a change in variance
- Carry out pressure testing of tank and pipe work
Minimum Standards

- Accurate data recording.
- Use of cumulative variance.
- Capability to detect small leaks.
- Determine 'normal operating pattern'.
- Establish escalation procedures.
- Ensure adequate staff training.