

PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT OPERATIONS ACT 1997

Publication of Exemption Granted under section 284

The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) publishes the following exemption in accordance with section 284 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997. Section 284(2)(a) provides that the EPA may exempt a person or class of persons from any specified provision of the Act or the regulations under the Act in an emergency. Section 284(5) provides that in the case of an order granted in an emergency, the order may take effect when it is made, and that the order is to be published in the Gazette as soon as practicable after it is made.



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Dated 22 December 06
Time 2100 hours

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Order Granting Exemption under section 284

By this order the Environment Protection Authority ("EPA"), in the circumstances of an emergency, grants the following exemption under section 284 of the Protection of the Environment operations Act "the Act".

Background

(a) Shell Refining has advised the EPA that it has had operational problems at its Clyde Refinery that resulted in production of 15 million litres of unleaded fuel that exceeds the fuel volatility specification RVP 64 kilopascals.

(b) The EPA has been advised that the release of this fuel may assist in averting a fuel shortage in New South Wales.

(c) The purpose of this Order is to exempt certain persons who supply petrol from compliance with Clause 19F of the Protection of the Environment (Clean Air) Regulation 2002 concerning vapour pressure of petrol.

(d) This Order applies to any person who supplies petrol refined by Shell Refining (Australia) Pty. Ltd at Clyde Refinery from 2100 hours on 22 December 06 to 13 January 07 inclusive.

(e) This exemption takes effect immediately upon the signing of this Order unless otherwise varied or revoked. Note: Order may be varied or revoked under section 284 of the Act.

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