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## **TDLR issues Stop-Sale Orders against two Houston-area gas stations**

**AUSTIN** – The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) has issued Stop-Sale Orders against two Houston-area gas stations for selling bad motor fuel.

**Hush Food Mart, LLC**, located at 4303 Old Spanish Trail in Houston, must immediately stop selling premium and mid-grade fuel from any of its devices. TDLR investigators found that the station is operating with unregistered devices and selling premium and mid-grade fuel that does not meet state-required quality standards.

Investigators found that the premium fuel contained water and sediment at 0.08 percent, which is above the 0.01 maximum acceptable level. If the station continues to sell premium or mid-grade fuel, or if the Stop-Sale tags are removed from the devices before the Order is discharged, further action could be taken against the facility to prevent them from operating. The station must show that their facility has been registered and the motor fuel it is selling meets state quality standards before it can again sell premium and mid-grade fuel.

**Sedona Food Mart**, located at 4616 CR 94 in Manvel, must also immediately stop selling premium and mid-grade fuel from any of its devices. TDLR investigators and lab results established that the facility is selling premium unleaded with 0.02 water and sediment percentage. The maximum is 0.01.

While investigating a consumer complaint against the station, a TDLR investigator found the fuel quality issue. Station owners continued selling the premium and mid-grade fuel after TDLR informed them that the fuel had quality issues.

If the station continues to sell premium or mid-grade fuel, or if the Stop-Sale tags are removed from the devices before the Order is discharged, further action could be taken against the facility to prevent them from operating. The station must show that the motor fuel it is selling meets state quality standards before it can again sell premium and mid-grade fuel.

Mid-grade fuel is included in both Stop-Sale orders because mid-grade fuel is made by mixing premium fuel with regular unleaded. Both stations can continue to sell regular-grade unleaded fuel.

Texas consumers who believe they have been sold bad motor fuel should file a complaint with TDLR at <https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/FMQcomplaints/>

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*TDLR provides regulatory oversight for a broad range of occupations, businesses, facilities, and equipment in Texas. The agency protects the health and safety of Texans by ensuring they are served by qualified, licensed professionals. Inspections of individuals, businesses, and equipment are done on a regular basis to safeguard the public. Currently, the agency regulates 37 business and occupational licensing programs with nearly 1,000,000 licensees across the state.*

*Visit [TDLR's website](#) for more information and resources. You can search the [TDLR licensee database](#), and also find [past violations](#) in which a final order was issued against companies or individuals. TDLR's Customer Service line is available anytime between 7 a.m. until 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, at 1-800-803-9202. TDLR representatives are fluent in English, Spanish and Vietnamese.*

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