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Some updated information regarding ethanol...

All of us are familiar with the UN1203 placard on gasoline.

But with the cost of fuel oil skyrocketing, alcohol and alcohol blends are becoming more commonplace. The alcohol/gasoline blends are the ones that should really concern us, because the fire or spill would have different characteristics than normal gasoline.

Beginning December of this year, a new number has been approved for gasoline/alcohol blends that have an alcohol content of more than 10%.

The number is: UN3475.

The placards that might be of interest:

Gasoline, gasoline/alcohol 10% or less- UN1203

Gasoline/alcohol >10%- UN3475

Denatured alcohol- UN1987 or UN1993

For additional information about ethanol, including a safety video for emergency response: <http://www.ethanolresponse.com/resources.html>