

565—3.1(473) General. The petroleum set-aside program is established to offer an opportunity to lessen emergency and hardship due to shortages or imbalances in the distribution of propane, middle distillate, motor gasoline and residual fuel oil (except as used by utilities or as bunker fuel for maritime shipping). Although the purpose of the petroleum set-aside is to alleviate emergency and hardship of petroleum consumers and end-users, the principal method for doing so is by releasing petroleum products to wholesalers who in turn release this petroleum product through normal distribution lines to those consumers or end-users in need. These rules are adopted by the department to utilize the prescribed set-aside percentage for each class of petroleum product. The percentage to be set aside, which is determined by the department, and the total petroleum product within each class estimated to enter the state each month will determine the total volume of the state set-aside.