



Checking for Red Fuel

Red fuel (or red diesel) is a non-taxed diesel fuel and is illegal for on-road vehicles. Red fuel is regular diesel with a red coloring added. Red fuel is purchased at wholesale prices for companies to use in their non-on-road vehicles.

If any Ahern owned over-the-road vehicle is found with this fuel, the Company can get fined. Over-the-road vehicles include:

- Water trucks
- Dump trucks
- Stake bed trucks

Customers try to fill Ahern owned over-the-road vehicles with red fuel to avoid paying taxes on the diesel. The reason red dye is added to the fuel is to prevent this type of misuse. The red dye stains the fuel filter. If a government agency suspects that a company is using red fuel for illegal purposes, they can cut open the fuel filter to see if red diesel has been used.

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Before drivers load any Ahern owned over-the-road vehicle on their trucks, they **MUST** dip the gas tank with a pipette (straw) to check for red fuel. Dispatch provides the straws. If the straw turns even slightly pink during the test (which indicates red diesel), call your Dispatcher immediately.

The Dispatcher immediately calls the Sales Rep and Service Manager to let them know:

- That the tank must be drained
- The customer must be charged for disposal and all fuel used to refill the tanks.

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