

# From the Compliance Corner:

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## Just a Bunch of Numbers

Just about every time I do a Compliance Survey at a location to check if the facility is within state & federal guidelines, the most common thing I find is inventory control is not being done correctly.



Common mistakes are:

- Using net gallons for deliveries instead of gross gallons. (net gallons are based on a fuel temperature of 60 degrees).
- Not taking all measurements at the same time.
- Not reconciling daily. (over & short)
- Not reconciling for the month. (1% of total gallons dispensed + 130)

Inventory control has to be done for all retail stations. *Why is this so important?* There have been several occasions where there has been a release of fuel into the environment, but the ATG shows all the tanks are tight. Had the inventory control been done on a daily basis as required, it would have been obvious that a release was going on and the impact would have been minimal.

The good news – A simple method for inventory control has been developed using Microsoft Office Excel to make things easier for the tank owner, and available from the McAllen office. The tank owner needs to simply insert the gallons sold, gallons delivered and the ending stick reading & gallons or closing reading (inches & gallons) from the ATG. The rest of the calculations are done automatically. To get this program for inventory control, contact Bill Morris at 1-800-880-9582.