

ALOHA PETROLEUM BRINGS ETHANOL-FREE GASOLINE TO THE WAIANAE COAST

Honolulu, Hawaii (December 1, 2008) – Aloha Petroleum’s ethanol-free Aloha Classic Gasoline is now available on the Waianae coast. Beginning today, the 7-Eleven store at 85-830 Farrington Highway at Plantation Road in Waianae is carrying Aloha Classic, a Top Tier gasoline rated a minimum 89-octane and containing a detergent additive. Aloha Classic Gasoline is formulated for boat engines and other small engines that can be damaged by ethanol-blended gasoline.

“We are always looking for new and better ways to serve our customers, and we are very pleased to be able to provide Waianae coast residents the convenience of having high quality, ethanol-free gasoline available in their area,” said Richard Parry, chief executive officer of Aloha Petroleum.

Aloha Petroleum was the first Oahu and Big Island retailer to make gasoline without ethanol available after a state law took effect in 2006 requiring that 85% of gasoline sold here must contain at least 10% ethanol, a fuel produced from agricultural crops such as corn and sugar cane. Until Aloha Petroleum began marketing Aloha Classic Gasoline in early 2007, ethanol-free gasoline was largely unavailable in the state.

Aloha acted when boaters began reporting numerous problems with running ethanol-blended gasoline in their marine engines. They were experiencing damage to fiberglass gas tanks, clogged fuel intakes and carburetors and stalled boat engines. These problems were related to the configuration of engine and fuel systems, the marine operating environment, and irregular patterns of boat usage.

Unlike ethanol-blended gasoline, gasoline without ethanol does not qualify for exemption from the state General Excise Tax, so the tax must be collected at the time of purchase.

Aloha Petroleum’s history in Hawaii dates back to the early 1900s. Today, Aloha employs approximately 360 Hawaii residents, and operates over 70 fueling locations on Oahu and the Big Island of Hawaii. In addition to its retail fuel network, Aloha provides fuel and lubricants to hundreds of commercial and government customers. Its operations are supported by a large fleet of delivery vehicles and two fuel storage terminals in Campbell Industrial Park on Oahu and in Hilo on the Big Island.