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 NORTH AMERICAN FUEL SURVEY®**

GUIDANCE FOR USE

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The Alliance encourages users to study, evaluate and analyze the data provided in the Fuel Survey. To protect our intellectual property rights and interests, however, we require users to maintain the data files as a private resource instead of a public one. To protect the value and ensure the integrity of the data, we prefer that any data or derived data that are published or otherwise revealed to the public be aggregated so as to keep the individual sample information hidden. The Alliance also cautions users to avoid misusing the data, *e.g.*, by changing any data points, presenting data in a way that is scientifically invalid or presenting data in a way that will lead to false conclusions.

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- National parameter averages, maxima and minima.
- State and city summaries and other aggregated data, as long as the data are aggregated enough to protect the identity of individual data points (*e.g.*, service station brand names)
- Multi-year trends of individual parameters, as long as the data are aggregated enough to protect the identity of individual data points

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- Portions of or the entire Fuel Survey
- Individual sample data and their brand name sources
- Specific individual sampling locations (*e.g.*, name of sample city is okay, but not the brand or address of a refueling station)

This list does not constitute all permitted or prohibited uses of the Fuel Survey.

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 - **The cities and stations sampled are not selected to meet statistical criteria, or on the basis of market share.**

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