

Lubricating Motor Oil for Competitive Solicitations
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Please see below for a number of resources related to the development of specifications for lubricating motor oil:

- The [Federal Trade Commission](#) has issued rules regarding the test procedures and labeling standards for Recycled Oil.
- In particular, 16 C.F.R. 311.4 provides the following:
“To determine the substantial equivalency of processed used oil with new oil for use as engine oil, manufacturers or their designees must use the test procedures in API 1509, Engine Oil Licensing and Certification System, Seventeenth Edition, September 2012 (Addendum 1, October 2014, Errata, March 2015). The Director of the Federal Register approves this incorporation by reference in accordance with [5 U.S.C. 552\(a\)](#) and [1 CFR part 51](#). You may obtain a copy from API, 1220 L Street NW, Washington, DC 20005; telephone: 202-682-8000; internet address: <https://www.api.org>. You may inspect a copy at the FTC Library, 202-326-2395, Federal Trade Commission, Room H-630, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580. It is also available for inspection at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at NARA, call 202-741-6030 or go to http://www.archives.gov/federal_register/code_of_federal_regulations/ibr_locations.html.”
- Please visit the Code of Federal Regulations for the most recent test procedures and requirements at 16 C.F.R. § 311.1-6 (available online at <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-16/chapter-I/subchapter-C/part-311>).
- The American Petroleum Institute (API) provides a directory of licensees and documents related to API 1509. Please visit API website for the most current information: <https://www.api.org/products-and-services/engine-oil/documents/api-1509-documents>
- The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) also provides recycled-content recommendations for re-refined lubricating oil (available at <https://www.epa.gov/smm/comprehensive-procurement-guidelines-vehicular-products#03>); and FAQ on Managing Use Oil: [https://www.epa.gov/hw/managing-used-oil-answers-frequent-questions-businesses#:~:text=For%20example%2C%20used%20motor%20oil,Units%20\(Btus\)%20of%20energy](https://www.epa.gov/hw/managing-used-oil-answers-frequent-questions-businesses#:~:text=For%20example%2C%20used%20motor%20oil,Units%20(Btus)%20of%20energy).
- Links to Resources by other States:
 - California, CalRecycle: <https://calrecycle.ca.gov/UsedOil/Rerefined/>
 - Washington, Re-refined Motor Oil: <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/documents/1007020.pdf>
 - Massachusetts, Environmentally Preferable Products Index: [Environmentally Preferable Products Index | Mass.gov](#)

If you are a business entity that is qualified to do business with the State of Tennessee and commercially distributes re-refined or recycled lubricating motor oil that complies with the API 1509 standards specified above, please contact the CPO at CPO.Website@tn.gov.