



India's leading oil companies must install vapour recovery systems

Stage-I and Stage-II recovery systems must be installed at petrol pumps across India, the National Green Tribunal has told oil companies from the public sector.

In an effort to reduce toxic emissions at fuel stations, India's National Green Tribunal has told state-controlled oil companies to equip their stations with vapour recovery devices by October 31, reports [The Print](#).

A commission headed by NGT Chairperson Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel came to the conclusion that vapour recovery systems were necessary to reduce the risks of toxic chemicals such as benzene, toluene and ethylbenzene.

"There is no dispute about the need for installing Stage-I and Stage-II vapour recovery devices at all fuel stations, distribution centres, terminals, railway loading/unloading facilities and airports in the National Capital Territory of Delhi," said Kumar Goel.

India's national oil companies – Indian Oil Corporation, Bharat Petroleum Corporation and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd –, operating thousands of gas stations across the country, have been directed to install the devices by October 31. The NGT has also asked the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) and the Ministry of Petroleum to issue directions and make sure that the retailers comply with the new policy.