



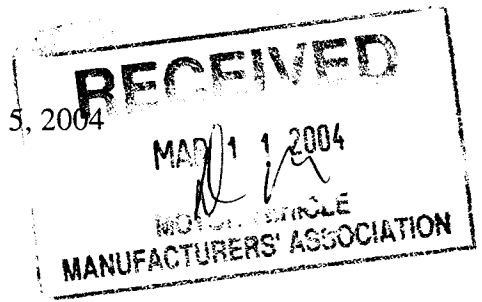
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The Honourable David Anderson, P.C., M.P.
Minister of the Environment
House of Commons
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Re: Independent Third-Party Review of New Information on the Effects of MMT on Vehicle Emissions and Use of MMT by Imperial Oil

Dear Minister:

Thank you for your letter dated February 11, 2004, confirming the Government of Canada's intent to establish this Spring a third-party review of relevant information on the potential effects of MMT on vehicles.

For a number of years, Imperial and the CPPI have advocated such an independent approach to assessing the often contradictory data provided by automakers and the additive supplier. We are pleased this study will be undertaken given recent concerns regarding the plugging of catalytic converters in new technology vehicles. We are also encouraged that both of the stakeholders have pledged their full cooperation to allow the panel to expeditiously evaluate these concerns and the possible role that MMT might play.

Based on information which has been made available to Imperial Oil to date, and assuming that you will ensure that the study will proceed quickly and with the necessary cooperation, we have deemed it prudent to temporarily suspend the use of MMT in our gasoline blending by April 15, 2004.

If the study reveals that MMT is indeed harmful to new generation emission control systems, we would ask the federal government to regulate its usage or ban it completely. It would only be through such a regulation that Canadian refiners would not be placed at a disadvantage vis-a-vis other non-refining parties that blend MMT into domestic gasoline or import gasoline containing the additive.

Thank you for your attention in this important matter.

Yours truly,

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- c.c. Honourable John Efford, Minister of Natural Resources
- Honourable Lucienne Robillard, Minister of Industry
- Honourable Leona Dombrowsky, Ontario Minister of Environment
- Honourable Dwight Duncan, Ontario Minister of Energy
- Honourable Murray Smith, Alberta Minister of Energy
- Honourable Lorne Taylor, Alberta Minister of Environment
- Honourable Kerry Morash, Nova Scotia Minister of Environment and Labour
- Honourable Cecil Clarke, Nova Scotia Minister of Energy
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- Richard Mendel, Ethyl Corporation
- Mark Nantais, Canadian Vehicle Manufacturers Association
- Robert Armstrong, Association of International Automobile Manufacturers of Canada