

# Conclusions

It is now well established that cleaner fuels must be an integral part of a comprehensive and effective motor vehicle pollution control effort. The elimination of lead in gasoline as well as the dramatic reduction (if not virtual elimination) of sulfur from both gasoline and diesel are now well established elements of clean fuels programs. The major lesson of the past twenty-five years with regard to these components is to move quickly.

It is also widely accepted that certain additives can be beneficial in reducing the emissions of certain pollutants from vehicles. However, the MTBE experience in the United States indicates that great care is needed to assure that the use of such additive does not produce unintended consequences, which can be more harmful than the benefits achieved.