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Federal Trade Commission
Office of the Secretary
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Room CC-5610 (Annex N)
Washington, DC 20580

RE: 16 CFR Part 306; Automotive Fuel Ratings, Certification and Posting; Project No. R811005

To Whom It May Concern:

I am concerned with the increased blending of ethanol in motor fuel. I understand that it has been shown to cause damage to vehicles not designed for it's use and believe that increased labeling of blender pumps will not eliminate inadvertent fueling with 15% ethanol.

According to the EPA, "[e]thanol impacts motor vehicles in two primary ways. First ... ethanol enleans the [air/fuel] ratio (increases the proportion of oxygen relative to hydrocarbons) which can lead to increased exhaust gas temperatures and potentially increase incremental deterioration of emission control hardware and performance over time, possibly causing catalyst failure. Second, ethanol can cause materials compatibility issues, which may lead to other component failures."

"In motorcycles and non-road products [using E15 and higher ethanol blends], EPA raised engine-failure concerns from overheating."

I encourage you to restrict distribution of ethanol blends to 10%.

Sincerely,
Thomas Duffy, WA