Letter – Ethanol Leaders Hoodwinked ....... Madison Daily Leaders

Together petroleum/EPA hoodwinked nearly all political and ethanol leaders into naively spreading their propaganda saying E30 is illegal for non-flex fuel autos: Propaganda that strangles ethanol markets and rural economies: Imagine doubling ethanol demand.

Ironically, for millions of times these past 10 years, pioneering non-flex auto owners have repeatedly fueled with blender pumps’ 94 octane premium E30. No one has been fined. They consistently report and research confirms more power, same mileage and saving $2-4/tank fill.

Those realities confirm the 1974 Clean Air Act Memorandum 1a’s “reasonable basis for knowing” standard makes fueling non-flex autos with E30 legal tampering: 1a reversed EPA tampering provisions saying citizens need EPA’s approval before tampering.

1a defines tampering as installing aftermarket parts, add on systems or making adjustments and alterations (like increasing fuel ethanol content) that change system parameters. EPA’s nearly impossible approval process before tampering created “uncertainty and unnecessary restraints on commerce.”

Stunningly, EPA’s fix was enacting Memorandum 1a making all tampering acts legal (like fueling higher blends in non-flex autos) ... if the citizen has “reasonable basis for knowing” emissions, emissions equipment/engines are not degraded. Then it’s EPA’s burden proving to the individual citizen he/she doesn’t have reasonable basis for knowing. Skeptical? Google 1974 memorandum 1a pgs 2, 3, 1977 addendum assures 1a includes persons.

“Reasonable basis for knowing”: Citizens and EPA have known for years pioneering non-flex auto owners have successfully and repeatedly fueled with blender pumps premium E30. And there has not been a single legitimate parts warranty denial reported or we would all know about it.

Active, major repudiation of petroleum/EPA’s fraudulent claim that fueling non-flex autos with E30 is illegal will dramatically increase availability of blender pumps E30. Then nearly all auto owners can save $2-4/tank fill, increase power and slash gasoline’s toxic emissions while creating more local jobs.

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