

Valve Recession Committee

Interim Report to the Partnership for Clean Fuels and Vehicles

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PCFV: The elimination of lead in gasoline

Reality:

- When countries take-up plans to switch ot unleaded gasoline, the issue of potential excessive valve wear arises.**
- This subject of public concern often involves misinformation that poses a serious obstacle to the elimination of leaded gasoline in many countries**

***PCFV Created the VRC to Provide the
Following:***

**A Clear and Factual Report on the Issue
of *Potential Excessive Valve Recession*
as it bears on decisions to replace
leaded gasoline with unleaded gasoline**

VRC Approach

- **Question and Answer Document**
- **Questions framed represent actual concerns of the audience**
- **Answers should be simple, credible, thorough, to the point, but not too technical**
- **Provide Information to:**
 - **Public Officials**
 - **The Public**
 - **The Media**

General Guidelines from the Partnership

- **Keep the audience in mind**
- **Avoid rehash of old controversy**
- **Strive for unequivocal statements so as to avoid audience confusion**
- **Keep to the main issue**

VRC Progress

- **(3) Phone Conferences**
- **Literature Review and Critique**
- **Letters send to (13) countries. Three responses and (8) commitments**
- **Draft Q&A Document to Committee – 11/03/03**
- **VRC Comments received and incorporated**
- **Additional inputs expected before next meeting on 12/17/03**
- **Time Table – to be addressed**

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