

FUEL QUALITY DIRECTIVE
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ATC is concerned that the first draft of a report on the Fuel Quality Directive (FQD) to the European Parliament has proposed a ban on a single metallic additive without proper consideration. (Rapporteur's draft report to EU Parliament, July 2007.)

In February 2007 the EU Commission proposed a scientific approach to EU policy on fuels, and stipulated that the JRC should design a test protocol to determine the effect of metallic additives on engine technology (European Commission, COM(2007) 18, 31 January 2007.) At that time ATC welcomed such a review based on scientific principle and consultation with stakeholders.

The rapporteur's draft report, which singles out one specific additive chemistry, goes against the EU Commission's proposal for a scientific approach.

ATC believe that the performance of all additives must be judged with widely available and well-developed testing methodologies that generate sound scientific data. Further, ATC believe that the review for all metallic additives should be allowed to continue in line with normal principles of science-based policy making.

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