

Your projections? If so, shouldn't we initiate JES' proposed study now?

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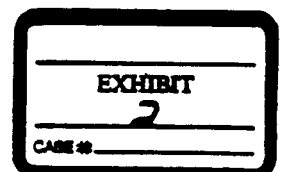
In response to JSD's and JGH's comments, the following additional info. is provided. Copies are attached.

I think that it is understood that any move by an Exxon refinery from hydrocarbon only mogan to an oxygenate-containing mogan would have to have management review up through the Exec. in Charge; e.g. EOH. In addition to the historic technical concerns of being able to deliver "clean" on-spec. mogan to our service station customers, we have ~~the~~ ethical and environmental concerns that are not too well defined at this point; e.g. (1) possible leakage of S/S tanks into underground water systems of a gasoline component that is soluble in water to a much greater extent, (2) potential necessity of treating water bottoms as a "hazardous waste",

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- (3) delivery of a fuel to our customers that potentially may provide poorer fuel economy, and
- (4) potential effects on U.S. petroleum self-sufficiency and balance of payments position.

The 1987 test on the Taker P/L system demonstrated that it appeared feasible to deliver on-spec. product to our customers only.

Therefore, at such time as Refining begins to see strong economic incentives to use MTBE, a study should be started thoroughly review the issue with management. Consequently, I have used "not precisely stated" in defining the lead time for initiation of the use of MTBE in at Exxon refineries.

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