

KNOWN AS GASOHOL, AS AN ALTERNATIVE FUEL FOR MOTOR VEHICLES. ~~THE DEPARTMENT SHALL~~ THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE SHALL ~~APPOINT--A--TASK--FORCE--TO~~ INITIATE A 1-YEAR PROGRAM OF TESTS USING GASOHOL FOR FUEL IN EIGHT PRESENTLY OWNED STATE MOTOR VEHICLES ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION. THE PURPOSES OF THE GASOHOL STUDY-AND TESTING PROGRAM ARE:

(1) TO EVALUATE THE COST-EFFECTIVENESS OF GASOHOL AS AN ALTERNATIVE FUEL FOR MOTOR VEHICLES;

(2) TO EVALUATE THE PERFORMANCE OF GASOHOL AS AN ALTERNATIVE FUEL FOR MOTOR VEHICLES;

(3) TO COMPARE THE PERFORMANCE OF GASOHOL IN A NEW MOTOR VEHICLE WITH ITS PERFORMANCE IN A USED MOTOR VEHICLE; AND

(4) TO DETERMINE THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS, IF ANY, FROM USING GASOHOL IN A MOTOR VEHICLE FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME; AND

(5) TO INVESTIGATE AND REVIEW THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A LOCAL SOURCE OF SUPPLY FOR METHANOL OR ETHANOL UTILIZING STATE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE.

(B) THE MOTOR VEHICLES USED IN THE GASOHOL TESTING PROGRAM SHALL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING:

(1) FOUR MOTOR VEHICLES CURRENTLY IN USE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES WHICH HAVE BEEN IN USE FOR 1 YEAR BEFORE THE TESTS BEGIN; AND

(2) FOUR NEW MOTOR VEHICLES PURCHASED EXCLUSIVELY--FOR--THE--TEST--BY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES AND--WHICH--SHALL--BE--RETURNED--TO--STATE--SERVICE--AT--THE--CONCLUSION--OF--THE--TESTS MAY BE USED FOR THE TEST.

(C) ~~THE SECRETARY OF GENERAL SERVICES SHALL APPOINT--A TASK--FORCE--WITHIN--THE--DEPARTMENT--TO--DESIGN--AND--CONDUCT--THE GASOHOL--TESTING--PROGRAM.~~ THE COSTS OF THE GASOHOL TESTING PROGRAM SHALL BE PAID FROM FUNDS APPROPRIATED IN THE STATE BUDGET ~~FROM--TIME--TO--TIME.~~

(D) THE GASOHOL TESTING PROGRAM TASK--FORCE SHALL INCLUDE, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, AT LEAST ONE MEMBER FROM EACH OF THE FOLLOWING:

(1) THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE;

(2) THE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES;

(3) THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE;

AND

(4) THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.