

Mr. John Rosenbaum  
Chair, BOI/VGRA  
API Lubricants Committee

April 3, 2008

Dear Mr. Rosenbaum,

A VID Matrix Design and Funding Subgroup, reporting to ASTM Passenger Car Engine Oil Classification Panel, has recently been formed per instruction from PCEOCP. The purpose of this group is to recommend precision and BOI/VGRA matrices for VID as well as associated cost estimates and funding structures. By addressing these issues early, we hope to accelerate the process to meet the current GF-5 timeline for new test development.

On behalf of this Sub-group, we'd like to request your help to provide the ranges of base oil and viscosity grade that you consider beneficial to be included in the VID BOI/VGRA matrices. Please also assess the minimum number of reference oils that you believe are required to support the read-across and be prepared to provide these oils.

Please note that we have requested the VID consortium to release additional information of the VID reference oils. It is possible that some of our reference oil needs may be served by the selection from the VID reference oils to minimize matrix testing.

Please also note that the final BOI/VGRA matrices may not meet all your needs and may be subject to different funding structures depending on the inputs from other industry groups and member companies.

Your quick assistance is greatly appreciated. Please feel free to contact me for additional information you may need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jerry Wang".

Jerry Wang  
Chair, ASTM PCEOCP MDF Sub-group