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## FOREWORD

This EI/DFA Research Report has been prepared for the Energy Institute's Distribution & Marketing Committee and the Downstream Fuel Association, by Dr P. Wood and K. C. Waterton of Intertek CAPCIS<sup>1</sup>.

It provides information on the compatibility of materials found within fuel distribution systems (fuel-wetted components at petroleum distribution terminals, on road tankers and at filling stations) with ethanol and ethanol/gasoline blends.

The findings of this Research Report have been endorsed by the EI's Distribution & Marketing Committee and the Downstream Fuel Association, but it is recognised that they provide a review of materials compatibility knowledge available during the drafting of this report only, and it may be necessary to revisit this topic if significant advances are made in materials knowledge.

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