

Update on the Clean Products Market Study

- Recall that COG hired Ramboll Environ to investigate whether the automotive coatings and low sulfur fuels sold in Virginia comply with the stricter regulations that were enacted in Maryland and the District.
- The consultant reached out to the American Coatings Association trade group which has been very helpful in providing feedback on the survey and connecting them with the industry contacts. From their feedback, Ramboll is sending out the surveys in two parts – the first part covers the types of formulations of the products sold and the second covers the quantity and market share. Ramboll is using the same two-part strategy with the fuels companies. Out of the ten to fifteen surveys sent to automotive coatings distributors, 4 or 5 responses were received.
- The team encountered a little more difficulty in finding contacts on the low sulfur fuels market, but now they have identified a list of about 20 companies, and have received one response from the first part of the survey. They are sending additional rounds of survey reminders soon.
- The results may be ready as early as April but will likely be ready to present at the May TAC meeting – we will keep you posted.