

To the Editor:

Re: "Canada's Poor gasoline quality means we don't get new Mercedes engine", May 8, 2009 – David Booth

Canada does not have high sulphur gasoline. As of 2006, sulphur levels in fuels in both Canada and the United States have been regulated to maximum levels of 30 mg/kg and 15 mg/kg for gasoline and diesel respectively - a 97% reduction vs. previous requirements at a cost to the industry of over \$5 billion. The Mercedes E-Class Coupe looks to cost at least \$80,000 Canadian with 292 horsepower. Both Canada and the United States have aligned their fuel specifications to meet the most stringent environmental regulations in the world while serving the largest automobile market in the world. The North American fuel industries is not likely to reconfigure refinery operations at significant cost to meet the requirements of one luxury car with a dubious fuel efficiency rating, nor are governments likely to build special highways to accommodate a 250 km/h car. For more information on Canadian fuel choices, go to [www.believeinit.ca](http://www.believeinit.ca)

Yours very truly,  
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