Butler County Auditor Roger Reynolds believes it’s well past time that fuel quality testing be implemented in Ohio, as it has been in 47 other states.

Even though the state Legislature allowed the Department of Agriculture to establish a uniform, statewide testing program in 2007, it was never funded nor staffed and consequently never happened.

In an effort to demonstrate the need for a fuel quality program in Ohio, Auditor Reynolds is asking citizens who believe they have received bad fuel to complete and email the Motor Vehicle Fuel Quality Complaint Form or call us at (513) 785-4130.

The gas complaints received will be documented and sent to Butler County legislators. This is an important consumer protection issue. The more examples we can share with our elected officials in Columbus the more likely it will be for effective legislation to pass.

Auditor Weights and Measures inspectors currently test for fuel quantity to make sure consumers are getting the correct amount of fuel.

There are 2,750 meters at 130 fuel stations in Butler County. Each are inspected annually.

The stickers seen on gas pumps indicate the pumps have passed inspection. However, with no quality tests being conducted in Ohio, consumers don’t know if they are getting the correct octane level or clean fuel.

Ohio Auditors believe consumers deserve to know they are buying what they are paying for, not only the correct amount of fuel, but also good quality fuel and the proper octane. Help County Auditors make this change in Ohio law.

This program would require no new taxes and would not be fee based.

These same Auditor inspectors could easily be trained to test the quality of fuel, cutting down the cost of implementing a statewide program. Inspectors would test octane levels and the amount of water and sediment in fuels.

Samples of gasoline polluted with water and sediment are shown in the photos above.