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**Hello from Montana!** Winter has finally arrived in Montana with a vengeance. Helena recently received around 16 inches of snow and went from 80 degrees to single digits in only a week's time. As you can imagine this created quite a mess around the entire state.

MPMCSA continues to work with our national association, Energy Marketers of America. We had several of our delegation of MPMCSA members travel to Georgia to meet with marketer members and vendors from across the U.S. These meetings are extremely important to help understand what is happening in our industry and learn from their experiences. There were several key topics that we discussed and were able to gather valuable insight. I had the opportunity to participate in NACS after the EMA meetings came to a close. The show was amazing. The number of vendors, marketers, training sessions, and opportunities to socialize with marketer members from the entire industry was awesome. It is incredible to have the opportunity to see everything you could ever imagine that is required to run a successful convenience store on full display.

I have been very active this fall and have been working with several regulatory groups. I met with Eric Copeland, Bureau Chief for the Building and Commercial Measurements Bureau. Eric and I worked together during the session to secure additional funds for this bureau. Eric has also shared with MPMCSA a list of proposed fee changes that are being considered. We will continue to work with him and his team on this important issue.

I also would like to introduce Latysa Pankratz. She is the new Petroleum Tank Cleanup Section Supervisor. I had the opportunity to meet and discuss many issues with her earlier this month. She looks to be a great collaborator and is excited to work with the MPMCSA. Here is a short bio for Latysa: *"I was born and raised in Butte and have spent most of my life enjoying Montana except for my brief time away at college where I received a degree in Geology from the University of Minnesota – Morris. I joined DEQ in 2014 as a Data Technician for the Public Water Supply*



**New Petroleum Tank Cleanup Section Supervisor, Latysa Pankratz**

*Section. In 2015, I became an Environmental Science Specialist as part of the Petroleum Tank Cleanup team where I enjoyed the last 8 years working on petroleum remediation projects and helping the section along in many process improvements. I accepted the Petroleum Tank Cleanup Section Supervisor position in July 2023. When I'm not working, I enjoy various outdoor activities such as fishing, rafting, hiking, cross-country skiing, etc. with my husband, two teenagers and my yellow lab."*

As we move into the holiday season, MPMCSA will continue to monitor all of the Legislative interim committees and will be engaged when needed throughout the end of the year. On behalf of myself and the MPMCSA board, thank you to all of our marketer members, associate members, sponsors, businesses and industry friends for all of your work and support to the association throughout this last year. MPMCSA is in a great position, and we look forward to what next year has in store for us.

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