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FinCEN Reinstates and Resets CTA BIO Filings Deadline to March 21st

The nationwide injunction prohibiting enforcement of the Corporate Transparency Act (CTA) has been stayed; meaning, FinCEN will resume enforcement of the required beneficial ownership information (BOI) filings. Simply put, the CTA filing requirements are reinstated. FinCEN has issued a notice that reset the filing deadline for most companies to **March 21, 2025**. See the notice here: [FinCEN Notice, FIN-2025-CTA1, 2/18/2025](#).

The law is springing back into force as Congress still works through potential legislation to delay the reporting deadlines by a year. The House last week unanimously passed legislation, H.R. 736, that would delay the CTA reporting requirements until January 1, 2026. In the Senate, a group of Republicans led by Senator Tim Scott (R-SC), have introduced a companion bill (S. 505).

The Trump Administration has continued to defend the CTA in court. The press is reporting that FinCEN said today that the Administration could revise the rules to reduce the compliance burden for “lower-risk entities, including many U.S. small businesses.” But there is no more clarity than comments. We will update you if there is any official action on those comments.

As a reminder, the CTA requires most small businesses in the United States to make a filing with FinCEN (see here: <https://boiefiling.fincen.gov/>). Each required entity must file a report containing the following information about the company:

- Entity’s full legal name
- Trade names
- A complete current address
- The jurisdiction it was formed in or jurisdiction in which a foreign company first registers
- Internal Revenue Service Taxpayer Identification Number and Employer Identification Number
- Information about each beneficial owner of the company, including this about each person:
 - Full legal name
 - Date of birth

- Current business or residential address
- A unique identifying number from an acceptable identification document (i.e., passport, driver's license, etc.)

EMA partnered with Wolters Kluwer last year to prepare marketers to file through BizFilings' BOI reporting tool which reduces filing times and errors through a streamlined, secure and automated workflow. BizFilings offers EMA member companies a 12 percent discount on BOI report filings. The discount can be accessed via a dedicated EMA-member landing page below.

[Click Here to Visit the EMA-Exclusive Landing Page to File your BOI Reports with our Special Discount Now](#)

EMA Secures Amended HOS Regulatory Relief for Heating Oil and Motor Fuels

Yesterday FMCSA amended its latest extension to the Regional Emergency Declaration to include seven additional states: **Colorado, Iowa, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Virginia, and Wyoming**. Notably, all other terms remain unchanged, meaning EMA marketers continue to benefit from HOS relief for transporting motor fuels and heating oil until either the emergency ends or February 28, whichever comes first, in both the newly added and previously covered jurisdictions: **Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Kansas, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Wisconsin**.

Additionally, **Kentucky** currently has broader regulatory relief, including HOS limit exemptions, due to the Presidential emergency in response to severe storms and flooding. Pursuant to 49 CFR 390.23(a), when the President declares an emergency under the Stafford Act, automatic relief is granted from FMCSA Regulations 390 through 399. See Presidential declaration: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/02/president-donald-j-trump-approves-kentucky-emergency-declaration>.

Important: The FMCSA regional waiver covers the interstate shipment of heating fuels, gasoline, and diesel fuel in and out of the jurisdictions listed in the waiver declaration. The relief does not cover intrastate transportation. However, intrastate movement is covered by the relief if it is part of an interstate shipment. Since interstate transportation is defined based on the intent of the delivery of the commodity—not the movement of the vehicle—there may be instances where transportation is considered interstate even if the vehicle never leaves the state (e.g., from a port to a location within the same state).

[Click here](#) to review and download FMCSA's amended extension. For any questions, contact EMA Vice President [Sherri Stone](#) or EMA Regulatory Counsel [Jeff Leiter](#) or [Jorge Roman](#).

Annual Tier II Reports Compliance Deadline

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Pursuant to Section 312 of the Emergency Preparedness and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA), Tier II chemical inventory reports for calendar year 2024 must be filed with the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC), Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) and local fire department by **March 1, 2025**.

Urge Lawmakers to Overturn California Waivers Allowing ICE Bans

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EPA has transmitted to Congress the Biden Administration's approval of the Clean Air Act waiver for California's Advanced Clean Cars (ACC II) rule, along with approved federal waivers for the State's clean trucks and heavy-duty NOx rules, starting the clock for review of the waivers by lawmakers under the Congressional Review Act (CRA). The CRA move is strongly supported by EMA, and it was quickly endorsed by Senate Environment and Public Works Committee Chair Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV). The CRA allows Congress to review "rules" issued by federal agencies, including EPA, before the rules take effect. Congress may review a rule for a period of 60 days and then disapprove it using special procedures, including a joint resolution of disapproval.

California's ACC II rule includes a mandate for vehicle manufacturers to sell increasing percentages of zero-emission vehicles in the State, beginning in model year 2026, and culminating in a ban on internal combustion engine-powered vehicles in 2035. To date, 17 states have adopted portions of California's light- and heavy-duty vehicle regulations.

By design, California's ACC II rules operate to reduce the liquid fuels market by giving preferential treatment to electric vehicles, thereby injuring energy marketers and others who participate in the market. EPA's waivers not only increase vehicle costs but also increase the costs of goods and the cost of living for American families. EMA calls on energy marketers to contact their Representatives and Senators, urging them to support a CRA resolution of disapproval for the California waivers and restoring vehicle choice for all Americans.

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EMA Urges DOE, EPA, and OMB to Halt Residential Electrification Funds Pending Review

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This week, EMA [sent a letter](#) to the Trump Administration urging a thorough review of residential electrification subsidies that distort markets and restrict consumer choice. Specifically, the letter requested that DOE Secretary Wright, EPA Administrator

Zeldin, and OMB Director Vought halt the disbursement of IRA funds for the following programs pending executive and legislative review:

- Electric Home Rebate Program, which discriminates against liquid-fired heating systems.
- Greenhouse Gas Air Pollution Grants, which disrupt fuel markets in key regions like New England and Alaska.
- Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, which creates an uneven playing field for liquid fuels by promoting the expansion of residential solar energy.
- Defense Production Act's Heat Pump Manufacturing Program, which distorts HVAC markets and impacts residential supply chains.

EMA urged this action as federal energy and environmental policy shifts from carbon reduction to energy security and affordability.

"Walking the fuel-neutral line is not a viable alternative in the new landscape. The Trump administration has set a clear path for the liquid fuels market to thrive, unrestricted by costly electrification policies. EMA stands ready to work with the administration to advance sensible energy and environmental policies that preserve consumer choice, promote energy security, reduce emissions, and, above all, support small energy marketers nationwide."

Inside the Beltway Update

The Senate is driving the news in Washington this week as Members of the House are back in their home states for a district work period.

On Thursday, the Senate kicked off floor consideration of their "skinny" budget resolution on border security and military funding. Prior to final passage of the resolution the Senate will hold a "vote-a-rama" where Senators may offer an unlimited number of amendments on the resolution. The House is expected to vote on their own budget resolution next week. House Republican leaders – who can only afford to lose one Republican vote on the House floor – are continuing to whip votes in support of their resolution. However, House leaders received a significant boost from President Trump this week, who reiterated his support for the "one beautiful bill" approach adopted by the House. Senate Republicans, undaunted by President Trump's comments, continue to view their proposal as a necessary backstop given the slim House majority.

The Senate continued its swift confirmation of key Trump Administration officials and is beginning to consider the last remaining cabinet-level nominees. This week's Senate confirmations include Howard Lutnick for Secretary of Commerce and Kelly Loeffler for Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

Meanwhile, Congress continues to barrel toward the March 14 deadline to avert a federal government shutdown. This week, several congressional leaders suggested that time is running short to come to agreement on appropriations topline spending amounts. A further continuing resolution (CR) to fund the government past mid-March is increasingly likely.

On the other end of Pennsylvania Ave., President Trump continued to make headlines through executive actions. This week, President Trump announced a new 25% tariff on steel and aluminum imports into the United States will take effect on March 12. In addition, the White House announced it will also impose tariffs of at least 25% on automobile, semiconductor, and pharmaceutical imports in the coming months.

EMA's Washington Conference and Day on the Hill 2025 Hotel Reservations and Registration Open!

EMA's annual Washington Conference and Day on the Hill will be held in Washington, DC from **May 14-16** at The Mayflower Hotel. Our industry continues to have many important legislative and regulatory issues to discuss and the Day on the Hill remains the primary focus of this conference.

The meeting will begin with an Opening Session / Issues Briefing / New Attendee Orientation and Region meetings in the afternoon of May 14. Our welcome reception, exclusively sponsored by **EMA's Board of Directors Council Partner** Federated Insurance, will include EMA's popular PAC "live" silent auction fundraiser (bidding and virtual viewing through download of the C2Auction App on your mobile phone), which concludes the day!

On the morning of May 15, marketers will head to Capitol Hill with their Congressional delegations, after a buffet breakfast and issues briefing for those who were not able to attend the opening session. There will be a luncheon exclusively sponsored by **EMA's Board of Directors Council Partner** Altria Group Distribution Company at their Corporate Offices on the Hill. On the evening of May 15, we will feature our 2025 EMA Chair Jim Lipscomb along with honoring our other Past Chairs in attendance. Our conference will conclude after the EMA Board of Directors meet on May 16 following a buffet breakfast and committee meetings.

EMA's Washington DC Conference and Day on the Hill is also sponsored by **EMA's Board of Directors Council Corporate sponsors** including Altria, Marathon, Reynolds, Phillip Morris International as well as **Executive Committee Council Corporate sponsors** Valero, StoneX, Shell, Chevron, CITGO, ExxonMobil, HF Sinclair, BP, and AGI.

[Click Here to Register and Book your Hotel Room for EMA's DC Conference and Day on the Hill](#)

Please make your room reservations **now** to attend this important and productive forum to meet with your members of Congress and network with other marketers from across the country! See you in DC this May!

Join FEMA’s Webinar on Pursuing Financial Resilience NOW

On March 18, 2025 FEMA will host a webinar on Disaster Resilience: Pursuing Financial Resilience NOW from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. EST.

The Disaster Resilience: Pursuing Financial Resilience NOW session is a part of FEMA’s ongoing Small Business Disaster Preparedness Series aimed at sharing critical information and resources for small businesses to successfully navigate disaster recovery situations and build resiliency before, during, and after disasters. This session will focus on tools, resources, and knowledge needed to enhance financial preparedness before, during, and after disasters or other disruptive events. This session’s topics are individual financial preparedness and tools for enhancing business resiliency and business continuity and includes additional resources for maximizing disaster financial resiliency. If you have questions you would like to submit in advance, please email: OB3I@fema.dhs.gov.

[Click Here to Register via Zoom](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with instructions and a calendar reminder for joining the Session. Questions? Please email OB3I@fema.dhs.gov.

Weekly Reads

[California’s Push for Electric Trucks Sputters Under Trump | The New York Times](#)

[California’s EV Mandate Goes to Congress for Repeal | WSJ|OPINION](#)

[Trump formally establishes new energy council | The Hill](#)

[Trump Could Start a New Pipeline Fight | The Atlantic](#)

[USA EIA Forecasts Gasoline Price Drop in 2025 and 2026 | RIGZONE](#)

[Why Tesla's Stock Is Crashing Under Trump | Newsweek](#)



Federated Insurance Risk Management Academy Webinar

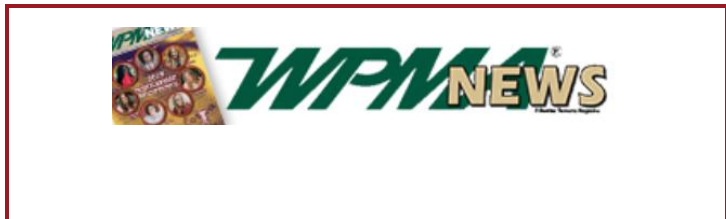
Who Are Your Safest Drivers: Thursday, March 20, 2025, 2:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Company drivers today face distractions unlike any in history, and poor driving behaviors put your company at risk. We'll take a look into how you can recognize and promote safe driving through the use of our Federated DriveSAFESM telematics program.

What you will learn:

- Why the safety of your drivers and others is so important to your business’ success
- How it takes more than just a policy to get the message across and protect your business
- How to help your drivers move from good to great

[Advanced registration](#) required for this 30-minute webinar.



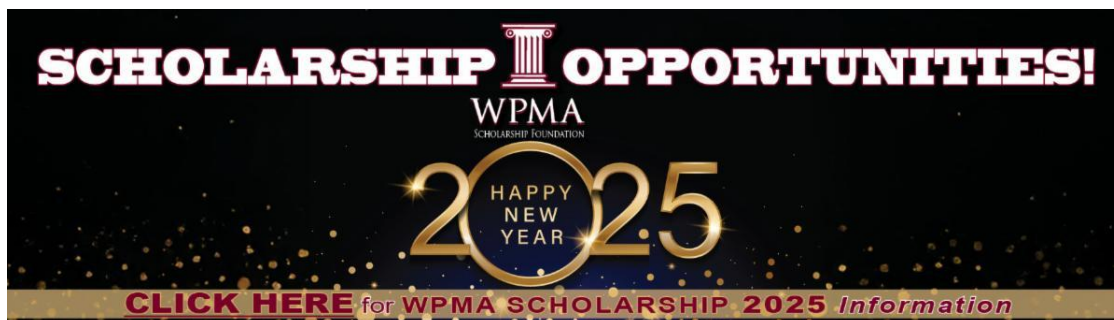
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PLEASE NOTE UPCOMING DATES FOR WPMA EVENTS

April 22, 2025 - Idaho (IPM&CSA) Treasure Valley Golf Tournament - Ridgecrest Golf Course
April 24-25, 2025 - Nevada (NPM&CSA) Big Dogs Event - Red Rock Casino/Angel Park Golf Course
June 3-4, 2025 - Montana (MPMCSA) Convention - Fairmont Hot Springs - Fairmont, MT
June 18-20, 2025 - Washington (WIDE) Convention - Davenport Hotel - Spokane, WA
July 20-22, 2025 - Oregon (OFA) Conference - Sunriver Resort - Sunriver, OR
July 30-August 1, 2025 - Idaho (IPM&CSA) Convention - Sun Valley Resort - Sun Valley, ID
August 19-21, 2025 - New Mexico (NMPMA) Convention - Sandia Resort - Albuquerque, NM
September 9-11, 2025 Utah (UPMRA) Convention - Park City Sheraton, Park City, UT

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