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NACS Industry Update Luncheon-Salt Lake City-May 13, 2025

Every year, NACS leadership will share and discuss insights, issues and opportunities that are relevant to the convenience and fuel industry at several Industry Updates around the country. Retailers and fuel jobbers regardless of their NACS membership status are invited to attend. [NACS Hunter Club member companies can send up to two individuals](#) per event as space allows.

May 13, 2025
Sheraton Salt Lake City Hotel
150 West 500 South
Salt Lake City, UT 84101

11:00-11:30 am Check In and Mingling
11:30 am Luncheon Presentation

YOU MUST REGISTER TO ATTEND
by May 6th

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What to Expect

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Hilton Seattle Airport & Conf. Center
17620 International Boulevard
Seattle, WA 98188
9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

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Inside the Beltway Update

While Members of Congress returned to their states and districts this week for April recess, key staff remain at work in Washington to iron out the details of Republicans' multi-trillion-dollar tax, spending, and debt limit bill.

Congressional committees have largely kept major proposals under wraps as congressional leaders decide how to pay for the cost of extending President Trump's 2017 tax cuts and several of his 2024 campaign promises. However, Republicans appear to be searching for additional revenue, as the White House and key Members of Congress have reportedly begun considering allowing an increase in the top income tax rate on high earners as a potential offset for other Republican tax priorities. Notably, during an event in Iowa this week, former Senate Finance Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley (R-IA) raised using an increase in the top rate to offset the cost of expanding the Child Tax Credit, another Republican priority. Nevertheless, several congressional Republicans including Sen. Dave McCormack (R-PA) have expressed opposition to allowing the top rate to increase, potentially jeopardizing the proposal.

Several other committees have also started work on their portions of the reconciliation package. The House Transportation and Infrastructure (T&I) Committee is scheduled to mark up its portion of the bill on April 30. Proposals may include an annual \$150 fee for electric vehicles to pay into the Highway Trust Fund, which is estimated to raise between \$20 billion and \$40 billion over 10 years. Additional committee markups are expected in early May.

Meanwhile, President Trump and his cabinet continue to drive activity in Washington. Last week, Sen. Ed Markey (D-MA) sent a letter to Secretary of Health and Human Services Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. on the impact of staff layoffs at the Department of Health and Human Services impacting the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). Sen. Markey and several other lawmakers demanded Kennedy take "immediate steps" to restore the program. Democrat-led concerns over funding cuts and staffing levels are likely to persist in the coming weeks and months as the White House is expected to release the annual President's Budget Request by mid-May. The request is expected to include significant proposed cuts to federal programs and recessions to existing funding. While Congress is not bound to follow President Trump's budget request, the request is likely to feature prominently in annual appropriations discussions on both sides of the aisle.

Midwest Governors Urge EPA to Issue Summertime E10 Emergency Waivers to Ensure Uniform Fuel Specifications

EMA is pleased to report that the Governors of Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota, Missouri, South Dakota, and Wisconsin have asked EPA to issue emergency supply waivers for E10, allowing the sale of E10 gasoline in their States with a 10-psi RVP. If granted, refiners would no longer be required to produce 7.8 RVP base gasoline for E10 to meet the RVP limits in those States, and 9.0 RVP base gasoline with the one-pound waiver could be used throughout the Midwest.

"[W]e are requesting that if EPA issues emergency waivers for E15, those waivers also allow E10 to exceed the applicable RVP standard at 40 CFR 1090.215(b)(3)(ii) by 1 psi," the Governors' letter stated.

EMA has been collaborating with its Central Region to share key market insights with state and federal decision-makers to emphasize the need to avoid fuel bifurcation and to minimize retail price hikes that disproportionately affect small business marketers and consumers. In March and April, EMA met with EPA's Office of Air and Radiation, while Central Region associations advocated at the state level to maintain fuel fungibility in the Midwest. EMA anticipates that EPA will grant the Governors' request, but it likely will be tied to the Agency issuing a nationwide waiver for the sale of E15 gasoline this summer.

The request also underscores the need to provide long-term regulatory parity for E15 blends. Current federal regulations limit the sale of E15 fuel during the summer months in many regions across the U.S due to RVP restrictions. While E10 benefits from a 1-psi RVP waiver under the Clean Air Act, E15 does not receive the same exemption. However, EPA has issued emergency E15 waivers in each of the past three years to prevent gasoline supply disruptions and price spikes during heightened summertime demand. The continuation of these waivers is supported by the Trump administration.

EMA will continue advocacy efforts with the EPA, as well with Congress and industry stakeholders on a legislative solution for E15 blends. EMA will continue to advocate for comprehensive policies that maximize fungibility, consider infrastructure compatibility, and minimize retail fuel price volatility.

"EMA welcomes this request from the Midwestern governors to avoid worsening the fuel bifurcation situation caused by their States' RVP opt-out," said EMA President Rob Underwood. "Forcing a special boutique fuel blend in the Midwest to accommodate higher ethanol blends has already resulted in price spikes in the region, including in non-petitioning states." "EMA greatly appreciates the efforts by its Central Region with the statehouses," added Underwood.

EMA Joins Letter Urging DOL to Withdraw and Rescind the Overtime Rule

On Monday EMA joined a coalition of like-minded businesses, the Partnership to Protect Workplace Opportunity, in a [letter](#) to the Department of Labor urging rescission of the Biden-era overtime final rule as part of its review of all regulations under DOL's purview required by Executive Order 14219, Ensuring Lawful Governance and Implementing the President's "Department of Government Efficiency" Deregulatory Initiative.

The letter explains that the regulation, if kept in effect, would have damaging effects on businesses, entrepreneurs, and workers, including creating unnecessary uncertainty, additional regulatory and administrative burdens, inflationary pressures, and diminished flexibility. In addition, the regulation falls under multiple categories outlined in the Executive Order as undermining the national interest. Lastly, withdrawing and rescinding the rule would align with the Trump administration's deregulatory agenda and save the agency significant resources.

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Please contact ACE at 202-466-7203 or eldt@npga.org if you have any questions.

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EMA Washington Conference and Day on the Hill – May 14-16, 2025: Please Make Your Hotel Reservation and Register Now

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 for you to meet with your members of Congress and network with other marketers from across the country!

Hotel reservations will close the earlier of April 23 at 6:00 pm Eastern or when the room block is sold out. Tuesday night (5 available), Wednesday night (12 available), and Thursday night (11 available). We will most likely SELL OUT.

Registration must be received by April 23 to be included in our hotel guarantee.

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Weekend Reads

[New study exposes how a blue state's 'self-inflicted' policies are responsible for high gas prices | Fox Business](#)

[IEA Slashes Oil Demand Growth Forecast as Trade Wars Escalate | Oil Price](#)

[Keystone Pipeline restarted after oil spill in rural North Dakota | AP News](#)

[Massachusetts, Maryland Tap Brake on Clean Trucks Enforcement | Transport Topics](#)

[Trump emergency order will expedite permitting process for Enbridge Line 5 tunnel | Detroit Free Press](#)

Federated Insurance Risk Management Academy Webinar
Lithium-Ion Batteries Electric Vehicles (EVs): Thursday, May 15, 2025, 2:00 p.m.
Eastern Daylight Time

Lithium-ion batteries are often used in everyday devices like laptops, smartphones, power tools, and vehicles. Even though they are efficient and portable, increased use of these batteries can lead to risks if they are not cared for properly. Workplace fires can result from misuse, damage, improper storage, or overcharging. Attend this webinar to learn how to help reduce lithium-ion battery fire risks at your business.



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- Storage/Transportation Safety
- Usage Safety
- Inspection Criteria
- Electric Vehicles / EV Maintenance Concerns

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Bowling at Redrock Resort & Spa
Golf Tournament at Angel Park
 Las Vegas, Nevada
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June 18-19
Convention & Trade Show
 at The Davenport Grand
 Spokane, Washington
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May 5
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 Oahu Country Club
 Honolulu, Hawaii
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 at Thanksgiving Point, Lehi, Utah
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June 3-4
Convention & Trade Show
 at Fairmont Hot Springs Resort
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July 20-22
Conference
 at Sunriver Resort
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- 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
- May 5, 2025 - Hawaii (HEMA) Golf Tournament - Oahu Country Club, Honolulu, HI
- June 3-4, 2025 - Montana (MPMCSA) Convention - Fairmont Hot Springs - Fairmont, MT
- June 19, 2025 - Utah (UPMRA) Golf Tournament - Thanksgiving Point - Lehi, UT
- June 18-19, 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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Petro Pete: Why did the teddy bear say no to dessert? Because he was stuffed.

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