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MAVERIK ACQUIRES KUM & GO

CSP reported, "True to its tagline, 'Adventure's First Stop,' Maverik has embarked on an acquisition adventure with Kum & Go that doubles its retail portfolio and 'creates a best-in-class convenience-store operator across the Midwest and Rocky Mountain regions,' the companies said.

Click [here](#) for the *NACS Daily* article.

The following information provided by:
EMA-Energy Marketers of America



EPA SET TO ANNOUNCE EMERGENCY WAIVER ALLOWING SUMMERTIME SALE OF E15 NATIONWIDE

The Environmental Protection Agency announced it will once again suspend the ban on summertime sales of E15 blends. The EPA issued emergency waivers similar to last year that would allow E15 to be used nationwide between June 1 and September 15. The move comes after weeks of lobbying by lawmakers from corn producing states dissatisfied with the EPA's decision to delay an RVP waiver request from 8 Midwest governors that would allow year-round E15 sales in those states. The E15 emergency waiver will temporarily exempt E15 from RVP volatility requirements that effectively block sales during the summertime driving season. To justify the emergency waiver, the EPA cites similar conditions that provided the foundation for a series of the temporary waivers last year. At the time, the EPA said that the fuel volatility waiver for E15 was in the public interest to address fuel supply shortages caused by the war in Ukraine. The EPA estimates that 2700 retail gasoline stations nationwide currently sell E15.

EPA OUST OFFERS ONE STOP SHOPPING FOR FEDERAL LOW AND ZERO EMISSION INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS

The EPA's Office of Underground Storage Tanks (OUST) has created three information sheets to assist UST owners and operators access several federal grant programs providing funds to upgrade tank systems by adding low or zero emission infrastructure at their facilities. The fact sheets offer comprehensive information on the grant funds available to energy marketers, how to apply for grants and the rules that apply to those awarded grants. The information sheets can be found here:

- [Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Federal Grants Program](#)
- [Federal Grant Programs of Interest to Diesel UST Owners and Operators](#)
- [USDA Higher Blends Infrastructure Investment Program for UST Owners and Operators](#)

SUPREME COURT REJECTS OIL COMPANY APPEALS IN CLIMATE CHANGE CASES

On April 24, 2023, the Supreme Court refused to hear an appeal by Suncor Energy and Exxon Mobil in a climate change case now proceeding in a Colorado state court. The case reached the Supreme Court after the Colorado court refused a move to transfer the case to a more hospitable federal court, and a federal appeals court in Denver sided with the state court. Federal courts are much more likely to dismiss climate change cases brought by states and cities on the ground that climate change is a

global problem that cannot be addressed on the basis of state tort law. All told, six federal appeals courts have now rejected attempts by the nation's biggest oil companies to move these cases to federal courts. And the Supreme Court has refused to hear any of their appeals. The appeals were based on the claim that global warming requires a federal solution, and that federal law supersedes state attempts to deal with the problem on a piecemeal state-by-state basis. It is expected that oil companies will continue to move currently pending cases to federal courts in the hope that the Supreme Court will ultimately take up one of the cases for review. This strategy will likely delay the outcome of these cases for years until every appeal is exhausted. In the meantime, the major oil companies will be forced to deal with the claims of states and cities on the merits, and face trials that could result in billions of dollars in liabilities found by local juries.

WASHINGTON UPDATE

There was a lot going on this week, but most of Washington was focused squarely on Speaker Kevin McCarthy's efforts to pass a House bill to address the debt limit. And while the Speaker made very clear his bill was not going to be open for negotiation, at the eleventh hour, he made a deal with members from the mid-west to retain some of the biofuel protections included in the Inflation Reduction Act. Because, if there's one thing that unites mid-western republicans, it's corn. While the Speaker's debt limit bill is just messaging—especially as Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) continues to remind everyone its dead-on-arrival in the Senate, it's certainly an important marker for the Speaker to begin negotiations with the White House in earnest on the debt limit. Still, this isn't the last time we'll hear about the efforts of corn growers, as Congress must address the Farm Bill reauthorization at some point before September 30, and we expect a lot of back-and-forth horse trading on issues like these.

And while the House was focused on messaging, Nebraska Sen. Deb Fischer (R-NE) had a legislative victory, with all Republican Senators (and Sen. Joe Manchin (D-WV)) voting to overturn the EPA's December 20 rule on truck emissions standards. The EPA estimated that compliance with program would cost between \$2,568 and \$8,304 per vehicle and that the associated costs of the regulation would be \$55 billion over the course of its implementation. Sen. Fischer's office noted that "Adding new financial burdens on the trucking industry would increase the cost of any product transported by trucks, including food, clothing, and other commodities."

In addition to the rolling back of that rule, member's of the House Energy and Commerce Committee have [written](#) to the EPA regarding its proposed regulations Renewable Identification Numbers (RINs) generated from renewable electricity (eRINs), urging the agency to reconsider its proposal, noting that the changes "risk disrupting the [fuel] market and increasing transportation costs for Americans." It remains to be seen if the EPA will heed their warnings or even address their concerns, but we will continue to monitor for any new developments.

NHTSA REVIVING EFFORT TO REQUIRE SIDE UNDERRIDE GUARDS FOR COMMERCIAL TRUCK TRAILERS

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) published an [Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking \(ANPRM\)](#) this week seeking comment on a new truck safety study that could lead to new requirements mandating side underride guards for commercial truck trailers. Specifically, NHTSA is asking for comment on the effectiveness, feasibility, costs and benefits that would result from side underride guards, including their impact on passenger car safety. Congress directed NHTSA to conduct the new research under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law passed in 2021. The Government Accountability Office also recommended NHTSA conduct additional research into side underride protection in a 2019 report to Congress. While the ANPRM limits a possible side underride mandate to newly manufactured trucks, similar proposals in the past were later expanded to include the retrofit of existing trucks. This is the third time in the last 20 years that the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) raised the possibility of a side underride equipment mandate. EMA and other stakeholders successfully challenged those proposals based on incomplete data on costs, feasibility and effectiveness of side underride equipment used by the DOT. The research data presented in the latest ANPRM is similarly lacking. NHTSA draws conclusions based on incomplete and conflicting data rather than relying on accurate empirical data from third-party research. NHTSA estimates that side underride equipment would be 97% effective in preventing fatalities and 85% effective in mitigating serious injuries – preventing 17.2 fatalities and 69 serious injuries annually at a cost of 1.2 billion to the trucking industry. EMA is attending the upcoming meeting of the NHTSA appointed federal Advisory Committee on Underride Protection and will file comments with NHTSA opposing a side underride mandate.

EMA JOINS OTHER ASSOCIATIONS IN LETTER TO COMMITTEE IN ADVANCE OF PRIVACY HEARING

This week EMA joined NACS, SIGMA and NATSO in a letter to House Energy and Commerce Committee members in advance of the Innovation, Data, And Commerce Subcommittee Hearing, "Addressing America's Data Privacy Shortfalls: How A National Standard Fills Gaps to Protect Americans' Personal Information."

The letter urged the Subcommittee and the Financial Services Committee to continue to make efforts to pass privacy legislation to establish uniform national standards. As the process moves forward, we want to work to ensure that legislation from the two committees is harmonized in a way that ensures they are consistent and do not cause unwarranted liability on any sector for privacy practices that another sector controls, and that consumer privacy is appropriately protected based upon the sensitivity of the data that different businesses collect and handle. To read the letter and our joint recommendations, please click [here](#).

WEEKEND READS

[Chevron, Exxon pursue cleaner gasoline as alternative to EVs | Yahoo Finance](#)

[Electric vehicle policies inflame Manchin-Biden tensions | The Hill](#)

[Column: U.S. diesel stocks tighten but fear of shortage eases | Reuters](#)

[E&C Republicans Warn EPA That its eRINs Proposal Risks Harming The American Fuels Market & Increasing Costs for Americans | Energy & Commerce](#)

FEDERATED INSURANCE RISK MANAGEMENT ACADEMY WEBINAR

Cyber Security is Everyone's Business: Tuesday, May 16, 2023, 2:00 p.m. Eastern

With 82 percent of cyber security incidents being the result of human error, security leaders, auditors, and regulators increasingly recognize that a more intentional focus on the human defense side of cyber security is critical to the protection of organizations. At the forefront is creating a cyberaware culture with employees that understand their respective roles and responsibilities in keeping the organization, and themselves, cyber safe.

Join our guest, Joanna Huisman, SVP-Security Insights and Strategy at KnowBe4, as she shares:

- What the threat landscape looks like today and how it is affecting our industry
- What the bad guys are up to
- Best practices to raise your readiness level personally and professionally

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

For additional information or to discuss this in further detail, please contact your [Federated](#) regional representative or EMA's National Account Executive [Jon Medo](#) at 800.533.0472.

PLEASE NOTE UPCOMING DATES FOR WPMA EVENTS

June 6-7, 2023 – MPMCSA Montana Convention – Fairmont Hot Springs – Fairmont, MT

June 19-21, 2023 – WIED Washington Convention – Suncadia Lodge, Cle Elum, WA

June 22, 2023 - UPMRA Utah Summer Golf Classic - Davis Park Golf Course - Fruit Heights, UT

July 16-18, 2023 – OFA Oregon Conference – Sunriver Resort – Sunriver, OR

August 2-4, 2023 – IPM&CSA Idaho Convention – Sun Valley Resort – Sun Valley, ID

August 21-23, 2023 - NMPMA New Mexico Convention - Sandia Resort - Albuquerque, NM

October 25-27, 2023 - UPMRA Utah Convention - Hilton Garden Inn - St. George, UT

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENTS



MONTANA CONVENTION

Click [here](#) to see Schedule of Events for the Montana Convention held June 6-7 at Fairmont Resort in Fairmont, MT.

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WASHINGTON CONVENTION

Click [here](#) to see the schedule of events for the Washington Convention held June 19-21 at Suncadia Resort in Cle Elum, WA.

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UTAH GOLF

NOW OPEN! Registration for the UPMRA Summer Golf Classic held June 22 at Davis Park Golf Course in Fruit Heights.

Breakfast and Range Balls - 6:30 - 7:30 am
Shotgun Start, Scramble Format - 7:30 am
Lunch and Prizes awarded in Clubhouse - 12:30 pm

Click [here](#) to register.



OREGON CONFERENCE

Click [here](#) to see the schedule of events for the Oregon Conference held July 16-18 at Sunriver Resort, Sunriver, OR.

Choose this link to register: [Attendee](#)



IDAHO CONVENTION

Click [here](#) to see Schedule of Events for the IPM&CSA Convention held August 2-4 at Sun Valley Resort in Sun Valley, ID.

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UTAH CONVENTION

Click [here](#) to see Schedule of Events for the Utah Convention held June 6-7 at Fairmont Resort in Fairmont, MT.

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Reports to the VP Commercial

Location: Nampa, Idaho

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