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EMA Registration Code EMANS2023

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Questions registering? Contact NACS Show registration customer service at nacs@maritz.com or 469-513-9489, Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. EST, for assistance.

STOP THE GOVERNMENT BAN ON GASOLINE & DIESEL VEHICLES

The Energy Marketers of America (EMA) urges you to submit comments BY JULY 5, 2023, on the U.S. EPA's proposed tailpipe emission standards for light and medium duty vehicles for model year 2027 and beyond. The EPA projects that the new emission standards would require nearly 70 percent of all new light duty vehicle sales to be battery electric vehicles (EV) by 2032. The comments urge the EPA to consider the lifecycle emissions associated with EV production, usage, and end-of-life disposal including emissions from raw material mining and refining, battery manufacturing, and electricity generation for EV charging; and to take a technology neutral approach when establishing emission standards rather than favoring one fuel source over others.

CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS TO THE EPA!

EPA EXTENDS EMERGENCY RVP WAIVER ALLOWING SUMMERTIME SALE OF E15 NATIONWIDE

On June 8, 2023, the EPA issued the <u>third RVP waiver extension</u> this year that paves the way for the sale of E15 blends nationwide during the summer driving season. This is an extension of the previous RVP waiver issued on May 19, 2023. The EPA can only issue RVP waivers for 20 days at a time under the Clean Air Act. The current RVP waiver extension begins on June 11, 2023, and lasts through June 30, 2023. The EPA plans to issue a string of RVP waiver extensions similar to last year that allow E15 to be used nationwide between June 1 and September 15. The RVP waiver temporarily exempts E15 from RVP volatility requirements that

effectively block sales during the summertime driving season. To justify the emergency waiver, the EPA cites the same conditions that provided the foundation for a series of summerlong temporary RVP waivers last year. The EPA says that the fuel volatility waivers for E15 is in the public interest to address fuel supply shortages caused by the war in Ukraine. The EPA estimates that 2,700 retail gasoline stations nationwide currently sell E15.

NATIONWIDE COMMERCIAL MOTOR CARRIER ROADSIDE INSPECTION BLITZ SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST

The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA), a nationwide alliance of local, state and federal motor carrier enforcement agencies has scheduled this year's annual Brake Safety Week roadside inspection blitz for August 20-26th with a focus on brake lining/pad violations. During the Brake Safety Week, commercial motor vehicle inspectors highlight the importance of brake systems by conducting inspections of their components and removing commercial motor vehicles found to have brake-related out-of-service violations from our roadways until those violations are corrected. Brake lining and pad issues may result in an out of service order and citation for violation of the Federal Motor carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSR) that could negatively impact a motor carrier's safety rating.

Inspectors will follow either **North American Standard Level I or Level V Inspection Procedures** at roadside inspections during Brake Safety Week. The inspection procedures include:

- Check for missing, non-functioning, loose or cracked parts.
- Check for contaminated, worn, cracked and missing linings or pads.
- Check for S-cam flip-over.
- Listen for audible air leaks around brake components and lines.
- Check that slack adjusters are the same length (from center of S-cam to center of clevis pin) and the air chambers on each axle are the same size.
- Ensure the brake system maintains air pressure between 90-100 psi (620-690 kPa) and measure pushrod travel.
- Inspect for non-manufactured holes (e.g., rust holes, holes created by rubbing or friction, etc.) and broken springs in the spring brake housing section of the parking brake.
- Inspect required brake system warning devices, such as anti-lock braking system (ABS) malfunction lamp(s) and low air-pressure warning devices.
- Inspect the tractor protection system, including the bleed-back system on the trailer.
- Ensure the breakaway system is operable on the trailer.
- Check CVSA's <u>vehicle inspection checklist</u> for details on the brake portion of a Level I and Level V Inspection.
- Download CVSA's <u>2023 Brake Safety Week flyer</u> for 10 tips on keeping your brake lining/pad healthy.

CONGRESSIONAL UPDATE

The House of Representatives continued a busy summer schedule this week with six of seven session weeks in a row. After passing the debt ceiling extension weeks ago, Congress turned to must-do items with the House marking up the annual defense bill, appropriations legislation, and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) authorization. A major legislative item that appears to be slow moving is the 2023 Farm Bill. While the technical deadline for Farm Bill authorization is September 30, 2023, (when the federal fiscal year ends) many farm bill programs expire at midnight on December 31, 2023.

While Congress works to address critical legislation, President Biden continues to shoot down efforts by Congressional Republicans to enact consumer-friendly policies. President Joe Biden on Wednesday followed through on his promise to veto a congressional resolution that would have overturned one of his administration's regulations on truck pollution. The resolution, S.J. Res. 11, from Sen. Deb Fischer (R-Neb.) was aimed at disapproving EPA's regulation on nitrogen oxides and other pollution from heavy-duty trucks. It passed both chambers under the Congressional Review Act with bipartisan support.

On Tuesday, the Biden administration released its semiannual Unified Agenda, which outlines administration focus on clean energy, methane emissions, heat pumps, upcoming tobacco regulations, and additional Biden priorities ahead of the 2024 election season. The Unified Agenda previews the pending actions regarding EPA's gasoline bulk plant vapor balancing systems (by the end of August), OSHA's Heat Illness Prevention in Outdoor and Indoor Work Settings and FDA's product standards for menthol in cigarettes, flavored cigars, and nicotine levels in certain tobacco products. The administration announcement also highlights a handful of energy regulations set for promulgation by the end of this year including Bureau of Land Management plans to finalize new restrictions on venting and flaring of methane in the federal oil patch by September. The draft rule, released in November, would require oil companies to show there is enough pipeline capacity to carry away produced gas. And, while President Biden continues to push a climate-focused agenda, the administration is sparking anger among environmental groups after a series of approvals of major fossil fuel projects, most notably the Willow oil project on the North Slope of Alaska.

Also, this week, the American Clean Power Association released a consensus framework on the 45V hydrogen production tax credit and focused on the three pillars for emissions accounting: Time-matching, additionality and regionality. The lucrative tax credit worth up to \$3 per kilogram for hydrogen produced through a process resulting in low lifetime greenhouse gas emissions.

Congressional Republicans will continue to push back on the administration's radical clean-energy policies. On Wednesday, Senators Risch (R-ID) and Barrasso (R-WY) introduced legislation to lower energy prices for American families by repealing the \$10.5 billion "Superfund Tax" on American energy production. Next week, the House Energy & Commerce Committee will hold a hearing titled "Driving Affordability: Preserving People's Freedom to Buy Affordable Vehicles and Fuel."

HURRICANE SEASON IS HERE, STAY PREPARED

June 1 was the first day of the 2023 hurricane season, which runs through November, although 90% of annual tropical activity in the Atlantic basin occurs after August 1st. EMA urges you to stay prepared for the destructive effects of hurricane season. This season is expected to have a normal amount of tropical activity over the Atlantic basin. However, the El Niño pattern which generally produces a below-normal level of tropical activity in the Atlantic and more activity in the Pacific may not play out as it usually does due to well above-normal sea surface temperatures and an anticipated above-normal west African monsoon season. The combination of factors could create a very active hurricane season.

Energy marketers are at ground zero during disasters and always stand ready to respond. They work around the clock to distribute fuel where it is needed. EMA and its state associations work to assist marketers in removing obstacles to their ability to supply and distribute fuel and to help with resources. EMA also stays in constant communication with the federal government and provides information to government agencies regarding stations that are open following a disaster.

EMA founded the Disaster Fuel Response Program where we provide information about marketers who are willing to deliver fuel to utilities, government agencies, first responders, medical facilities, companies and organizations that respond to disasters. We urge you to consider adding your company to the program listing. Members that join the program are under no obligations whatsoever, it simply means you might be contacted by a business or government entity to seek your business. All sizes of marketing companies are welcome in the program.

CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON EMA'S DISASTER RESPONSE PROGRAM, HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS AND FEDERAL WAIVERS

WEEKEND READS

Electric Vehicle Mandates Carry Major Price, Electricity Supply Risks That Must Be Addressed to Avert Potential Harm

How reliable are public EV charging stations? Report shows many EV drivers have issues |USA Today

Charging is top concern for EV buyers, J.D. Power study shows | Yahoo News

GM to use Tesla charging network, joining Ford in leveraging the EV leader's tech

US buys over 3 million barrels for oil stockpile, announces plan for 3 million more | Reuters

Tensions, gas prices rise as Washington state auctions carbon | E&E News

Supply Chain, Freight Legislation on Congress' Summer Agenda | ttnews.com



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FEDERATED INSURANCE: IT'S YOUR LIFE

What Is Disability Income Insurance and Why Do I Need It?

Owning a business in today's world can be a lot to deal with. Balancing demands from customers, suppliers, and employees with personal and family commitments can be a challenge. What would happen if you became sick or injured and could no longer work? How would you **fulfill your income needs** and support your family while keeping your business running?

Disability income insurance is a type of business insurance that can address these concerns and has several key characteristics to consider. One of the most important features of a <u>disability policy</u> is the definition of disability. A policy that bases the disability benefit on whether or not you can perform your regular "own" occupation is preferable to one that uses an "any" occupation definition.

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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



UTAH GOLF

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.



IDAHO CONVENTION

Click <u>here</u> to to see Schedule of Events for the IPM&CSA Convention held August 2-4 at Sun Valley Resort in Sun Valley, ID.

Choose your attendee type to register: **Attendee** or **Exhibitor**



OREGON CONFERENCE

Click <u>here</u> 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



NEW MEXICO CONVENTION

Click <u>here</u> to to see Schedule of Events for the NMPCSA Convention held August 21-23 at the Sandia Resort in Albuquerque, NM.

Choose your attendee type to register: **Attendee** or **Exhibitor**



UTAH CONVENTION

Click <u>here</u> to to see Schedule of Events for the UPMRA Convention held October 25-27 at the Hilton Garden Inn, St. George, UT.

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Petro Pete: It was an emotional wedding. Even the cake was in tiers.

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