

**NEVADA FUEL TAXES INCREASING ON JULY 1**

In Clark County (Las Vegas) and Washoe County (Reno/Sparks)
Gasoline and Diesel taxes will increase on July 1st

- *Clark County Gasoline Indexing will increase to 0.202019 for a total tax burden of 0.72600
- *Clark County Diesel Indexing will increase to 0.201807 for a total tax burden of 0.7245
- *Washoe County Gasoline Indexing will increase to 0.449377 for a total tax burden of 0.97336
- *Washoe County Diesel will increase to 0.4017893 for a total tax burden of 0.9254

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

**2023-2024 FEDERAL HEAVY HIGHWAY VEHICLE USE TAX DUE AUGUST 31 FOR VEHICLES USED ON ROAD AFTER JULY 1, 2023**

The 2023 Heavy Highway Vehicle Use (HHVU) tax reporting period runs from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. The HHVU tax is paid on each commercial motor vehicle with a gross vehicle weight of 55,000 pounds or greater that travels 5,000 miles or more per year. The HHVU applies to most petroleum cargo tank vehicles and transports. Once the HHVU tax is filed and paid, the IRS will return IRS Form 2290 with a "paid" stamp within 6 weeks of receipt.

Please note: EMA now has an exclusive endorsement agreement with ThinkTrade, an IRS authorized e-filing service provider and a BBB accredited company with A+ rating. ThinkTrade offers EMA member companies a 15 percent discount off ThinkTrade's e-filing services through a dedicated landing page to prepare, file and pay federal excise tax returns on IRS Forms 720, 8849 and 2290. For more information about ThinkTrade and EMA's landing page to file taxes, please visit <https://taxexcise.com/ema/>.

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[Click here to read the full EMA Compliance Bulletin](#)

EPA FINALIZES 2023-2025 RFS BLENDING MANDATES

On Wednesday, the EPA finalized the Renewable Fuel Standard's (RFS) proposed renewable volume obligations (RVOs) and percentage standards for 2023, 2024, and 2025. EPA will require 20.94 billion gallons of renewable fuel in 2023, 21.54 billion gallons of renewable fuel in 2024, and 22.33 billion gallons in 2025. Specifically, the final rule set the ethanol mandate at 15 billion gallons across all three years, a reduction from the proposed rule that sought 15.25 billion gallons of ethanol in 2024 and 2025. The good news is that EPA did not include an eRIN proposal which would allow automakers to generate eRINs based on the EVs they sell by establishing contracts with parties that produce electricity from qualifying biogas. The Energy Marketers of America (EMA) argued that the EPA lacked the authority to implement the proposed eRIN credit for renewable electricity because it is inconsistent with the statutory purpose of the RFS, which is to support the production of renewable fuels, not the production and sale of certain vehicle technologies that eRINS are designed to promote. Making automakers RIN generators is a clear attempt to siphon capital away from clean green biofuels to electric vehicles.

Unfortunately, the final rule finalized moderate increases in the biomass-based diesel and overall advanced biofuels for each year, leaving in place the proposed biomass-based diesel volumes of 2.82 billion gallons for 2023. EMA supported an increase in RVOs for biomass-based diesel and overall advanced biofuel volumes given that there is room for growth in that segment. Renewable diesel fuel is the game changer for the energy marketing industry because it has the same ASTM specifications as

diesel fuel and can be used in existing underground storage tanks (USTs) and equipment. EMA is still reviewing the final rule and will provide additional details at a later date.

Four separate volumetric standards are required under the RFS program, corresponding to the four separate renewable fuel categories. The final standards are shown below expressed in billion gallons for 2023, 2024 and 2025.

Category	2023	2024	2025
Cellulosic Biofuel	0.84	1.09	1.38
Biomass-Based Diesel	2.82	3.04	3.35
Advanced Biofuel	5.94	6.54	7.33
Total Renewable Fuel (Ethanol)	20.94	21.54	22.33
Supplemental	0.25	n/a	n/a

The renewable fuel standards are expressed as a volume percentage and are used by each refiner and importer of petroleum-based gasoline or diesel fuel to determine their renewable fuel volume obligations. The final standards are shown below express RFS percentage standards.

Percentage Standards for 2023, 2024 and 2025

Category	2023	2024	2025
Cellulosic Biofuel	0.48%	0.63%	0.81%
Biomass-Based Diesel	2.58%	2.82%	3.15%
Advanced Biofuel	3.39%	3.79%	4.31%
Total Renewable Fuel (Ethanol)	11.96%	12.50%	13.13%
Supplemental	0.14	n/a	n/a

EMA OPPOSES EPA'S PLAN TO ELIMINATE FUEL-FIRED HEATING APPLIANCES FROM THE ENERGY STAR PROGRAM

EMA has requested an extension of the comment period for EPA's controversial proposal to eliminate residential fuel-fired furnaces from the ENERGY STAR rating program. The EPA notice said the agency will not accept new fuel fired entries into the Energy Star program after December 31, 2024. The phaseout would leave only residential electric heating and cooling appliances with the coveted Energy Star rating that consumers rely on to make informed purchasing decisions. EMA opposes the short-term phaseout of fuel-fired furnaces from the Energy Star Program because it eliminates consumer choice and significantly advances the move to electrification of residential heating appliances.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the letter.

The ENERGY STAR program is a voluntary labeling program where the EPA sets energy efficiency specifications for appliances. Manufacturers that meet EPA's efficiency standards are eligible to display the ENERGY STAR logo on their appliances. In turn, consumers and businesses who want to save energy and money can look for the ENERGY STAR label when making buying decisions. EMA is part of an industry wide coalition working together to oppose the EPA's phaseout plan using both regulatory and Congressional resources. EPA's comment period regarding fuel-fired boilers ends July 7th and EMA plans to submit comments on behalf of EMA as well as sign the industry wide coalition comments.

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.

Meanwhile, EMA endorsed comments submitted by the American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers (AFPM) on [EPA's proposed greenhouse gas \(GHG\) standards for heavy-duty trucks for model year 2027 and beyond](#). Unfortunately, the proposed rule would discourage investment in lower carbon liquid fuels that immediately lower emissions not only for new trucks, but for the heavy-duty trucks currently on the road. In addition, the proposed rule would limit consumer choice and threaten the viability and jobs of small business energy marketers around the country.

URGE LAWMAKERS TO COSPONSOR "THE CREDIT CARD COMPETITION ACT"

Recently, Senators Richard Durbin (D-IL), Roger Marshall (R-KS), Peter Welch (D-VT) and J.D. Vance (R-OH) and Representatives Lance Gooden (R-TX), Zoe Lofgren (D-CA), Tom Tiffany (R-WI) and Jeff Van Drew (R-NJ) introduced the bipartisan "The Credit Card Competition Act of 2023" (S.1838; H.R. 3881). The legislation, which was introduced in the U.S. House and Senate, would simply require that credit cards issued by the largest U.S. banks have at least two unaffiliated card payment networks available to process transactions.

CONGRESSIONAL UPDATE

This week, Congress aimed to advance critical legislative items before leaving Washington, D.C. for the Fourth of July recess. Both the House and Senate committed much of the week to committees advancing Fiscal Year 2024 appropriations and defense legislation. Notably, the House Energy & Water Appropriations bill would repeal \$5.6 billion for clean energy and climate initiatives initially passed in the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). The partisan House legislation is unlikely to pass the Senate but does set the stage for likely, contentious negotiations as we near the end of the federal fiscal year on September 30. Still, this leaves little time for Congress to address must-pass legislation in the three weeks scheduled to be in Session between now and Labor Day.

Meanwhile, Congressional members continue to introduce legislation aimed to influence agency decision making. This week a bipartisan group of Senators introduced legislation to reauthorize the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act program at its current funding levels through 2029. The EPA program, which has been backed on both sides of the aisle, distributes grants to replace or upgrade older, high-polluting diesel engines. Further, Senator Capito (R-WV) and six Republican Senators introduced a bill to limit EPA's authority to update its National Ambient Air Quality Standards. Specifically, the bill aims to prevent the EPA to the criteria it considers under the standards until 2030 and change the mandatory review period for NAAQS from five to 10 years. It also would require EPA to issue timely implementation guidance to states when it updates NAAQS and authorizes the agency to consider "technological feasibility" in its changes.

On the agency front, NHTSA and FMCSA announced a proposed rule that would require heavy vehicles to have automatic emergency braking systems. The proposed standard would apply to low-speed (6 miles per hour) and high-speed (roughly 50 miles per hour) situations.

EMA'S FALL MEETING AT THE NACS SHOW 2023

OCTOBER 2-4: MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS!

Sheraton Hotel has rebranded to Courtland Grand Hotel effective June 7!

EMA will hold its Fall Meeting in conjunction with the NACS Show on October 2-3 at the **newly branded Courtland Grand Hotel**. The EMA meeting will begin with a New Attendee Orientation mid-afternoon on October 2 followed by the Federal Legislative Update. NACS/EMA Reception Salute to State Association Executives (all EMA members are welcome) will follow at Georgia World Congress Center Hunter Club Lounge. On the morning of October 3, there will be a Buffet Breakfast followed by Region and Committee Meetings. The EMA Board of Directors meeting is scheduled after the Distinguished Service Award Luncheon honoring Arkansas Marketer Steve Turner exclusively sponsored by **EMA Board of Directors Council Partner Federated Insurance**.

You can find all available details, including EMA's Fall Meeting Conference Schedule (October 2-3), EMA Housing link and NACS Show registration for EMA Members by [CLICKING HERE](#).

***Please note that the NACS Show registration is separate from EMA's Fall Meeting registration which is expected to open in July. Again, the EMA NACS Show Registration Code is: **EMANS2023**.*

EMA MEMBERS CODE FOR NACS SHOW 2023 REGISTRATION

Please register for the 2023 NACS Show in Atlanta, Georgia from October 3 – 6 and use the EMA NACS Show Registration Code Below. Early bird registration ends today!

EMA Registration Code

EMANS2023

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR THE NACS SHOW!](#)

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.

WEEKEND READS

[EVs Lose Range When Carrying Added Weight, AAA Test Shows](#)

[In scramble for EV metals, health threat to workers often goes unaddressed | The Washington Post](#)

[Credit Card Competition Act will inject competition into the marketplace, benefit consumers](#)



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COMPLIMENTARY WEBINAR

UNDERSTANDING HOW YOUR WORK COMP MOD IMPACTS YOUR BOTTOM LINE

Tuesday, July 18 20, 2023 (1:00 PM CST)

30 minutes | Complimentary | Advance registration required

Workplace injuries have direct and indirect costs for employers. But did you know these incidents can also impact how much you pay for your workers compensation insurance? This webinar will provide an overview of the fundamentals of workers compensation experience rating to help you understand how injuries in the workplace may affect rates.



WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Operations Managers
- Owners/Operators
- Risk Managers
- HR Professionals

PLEASE NOTE UPCOMING DATES FOR WPMA EVENTS

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



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.

Choose your attendee type to register: [Attendee](#) or [Exhibitor](#)



NEW MEXICO CONVENTION

Click [here](#) 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 [here](#) 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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