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



### 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 29, 2023, the Environmental Protection Agency EPA) issued the fourth waiver extension this year that paves the way for the sale of E15 blends nationwide during the summer driving season. This most current waiver is an extension of the previous RVP waiver issued by the EPA on June 8, 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 July 1, 2023, and lasts through July 20, 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 it from being sold during the summer 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.

### NATIONAL FIRE CODE ASSOCIATION REJECTS PROPOSED CHANGES TO EV CHARGING CODE

Recently, at the 2023 National Fire Code Association (NFPA) Technical Meeting, the membership addressed motions provided by two organizations to amend the proposed NFPA 30A chapter on EV Charging at motor fueling facilities. Amendments were proposed by the National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA) and ChargePoint. The amendment proposed by NEMA deletes the majority of the proposed chapter with the exception of three lines of code that require Electric Vehicle Power Transfer Systems (the charger) to be: (1) installed in accordance with NFPA 70 and the manufacturer instructions, (2) operated and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer instructions, and (3) provided with collision protection. ChargePoint proposed nine individual motions with specific changes to various sections of the proposed code. The Technical Committee members present at the meeting addressed the NEMA motion first and voted to approve the NEMA amendment.

As a result, the committee did not take action on the ChargePoint amendments. The NEMA amendment is predicated on their belief that the necessary safety criteria for EV charging at a gas station is already found in existing NFPA 30A and NFPA 70 requirements and that there is no need for NFPA 30A to address EV Charging. The NFPA 30A Technical Committee will vote on whether to agree or disagree with the approved amendment; however, either way the end result will be no EV Charging requirements in NFPA 30A. If the Technical Committee votes in favor of the amendment, the 2024 edition will include the three lines of code mentioned above. If the Technical Committee votes against the amendment, the 2024 edition will revert back to the current version of NFPA 30A which does not include any code related to EV charging or Electric Vehicle Power Transfer Systems.

USDA ANNOUNCES \$450 MILLION IN NEW FUNDING FOR HIGHER BIOFUEL BLENDING INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS
USDA announced on Monday that it will begin accepting new applications for \$450 million in grants through <a href="Higher Blends">Higher Blends</a>
Infrastructure Incentive Program (HBIIP). These grants support the infrastructure needed to lower out-of-pocket costs for energy marketers to install and upgrade biofuel-related infrastructure such as pumps, dispensers and storage tanks. The HBIIP funds are available for both retail and wholesale fueling/storage facilities. There will be five application windows to distribute the \$450 million in HBIIP grants between July 1, 2023, and Sept. 30, 2024. A sixth application window will be opened if funding has not been exhausted.

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### 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.

CLICK HERE TO URGE LAWMAKERS TO COSPONSOR S. 1838/H.R 3881

### EMA'S FALL MEETING AT THE NACS SHOW 2023: OCTOBER 2-3: MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS!

EMA will hold its Fall Meeting in conjunction with the NACS Show on October 2-3 at the **newly branded Courtland Grand Hotel (formerly Sheraton)**. 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!

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#### **CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR THE NACS SHOW!**

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

### **WEEKEND READS**

Majorities of Americans Prioritize Renewable Energy, Back Steps to Address Climate Change

Daily on Energy: 'Out of whack' - Top auto group takes aim at Biden EV targets

ChargePoint joins Tesla's NACS, will offer connector on new and existing stations

Oil and gas will continue to power the world for decades to come, big oil firms say

FDA Inspection Blitz Leads to More Than 180 Warning Letters to Retailers for the Illegal Sale of Youth-Appealing Elf Bar and Esco Bars E-Cigarettes | FDA

EPA rule will 'drive truckers out of business'

U.S. oil refiners again expand fuel capacity after big shrink | Reuters

Meet the Texas commissioners who could stymie Biden's climate agenda |Politico



## EMA JOURNAL - The Official Publication of the Energy Marketers of America

Check out the EMA Journal anytime online by clicking here.

EMA Spring Journal is the current issue <u>online</u>. EMA Journal's Fall issue can be retained as a reference guide year-round by our members and you can take <u>the digital edition</u> with you wherever you go. Scroll to select the articles that catch your eye, then share the content with the icons at the top of your screen. Archived covers are handy on the left side of your browser or use the convenient search feature to find a specific topic. If you prefer to read with pages that flip, select "page view" from the menu bar for a classic page-turner. The Journal recently adjusted to three issues per year.





# 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

# **COMPLIMENTARY WEBINAR**

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



# CLICK HERE FOR THE CURRENT ISSUE OF THE WPMA NEWS MAGAZINE

The **WPMA NEWS** currently serves EIGHT independent petroleum and convenience store associations.

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### 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 <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



### **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** 



### **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.

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



Petro Pete: What's a frog's favorite type of shoes? Open toad sandals.

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