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## **FEDERATED RISK MANAGEMENT ACADEMY SEPTEMBER 11-13**

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## **HOUSE APPROPRIATORS BURN THRU SPENDING MEASURES**

This week, the House Appropriations Committee and Subcommittees approved spending bills that are of particular relevance for petroleum marketers.

On Wednesday, the Subcommittee with jurisdiction over EPA approved \$7.5 billion for FY 2018, the lowest level in a decade, but not as stringent of a reduction than the \$2.6 billion cut sought by the White House.

- Funding for the Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) Program is consistent with past years at \$92 million for FY 2018. In June, PMAA sent a joint letter to House Committee on Appropriations Chairman Rodney Frelinghuysen (R-NJ) and Ranking Member Nita Lowey (D-NY) urging them to reject President Trump's FY 2018 budget request of \$47 million for the LUST Trust Fund Program because that funding amount is inadequate. This could be problematic because if states do not receive funding, then they will find other ways to cover their costs including increasing tank fees. In previous years, Congress has appropriated between \$90 - \$100 million each year; an amount PMAA would like Congress to continue to appropriate.

For more detailed information on the appropriations bills including LIHEAP and CFTC funding and its impact on petroleum marketers, please click [here](http://www.pmaa.org/weeklyreview/attachments/AdditionalAppropsInfo0717.pdf) (<http://www.pmaa.org/weeklyreview/attachments/AdditionalAppropsInfo0717.pdf>).

## **MCCONNELL DELAYS RECESS BY TWO WEEKS**

### **Murkowski Pushing for Energy Bill to Receive Floor Time**

This week, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) announced that he would be cutting the Senate's August recess in half, saying Republicans needed more time to achieve its legislative goals, including negotiations over healthcare legislation and the processing of nominees. Additionally, McConnell stated the Senate will also devote time to passing a defense authorization bill.

On Tuesday, Senate Energy and Natural Resources Chairwoman Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) told reporters that she would like to see the Senate take up the bipartisan energy package, S. 1460, before the August recess. The bill contains provisions that would improve electric reliability and energy efficiency; promote the development of hydropower, geothermal, and methane hydrates; enhance cyber security efforts; bolster mineral security; and repeals a range of obsolete authorities currently within the U.S. Code. The bill would require the Department of Energy (DOE) to approve or deny the use and operation of an LNG export facility no later than 45 days after an environmental review conducted by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). It would also require the DOE to gather and distribute data on the destinations of LNG exports. However, the bill would also streamline the coordination between federal agencies when reviewing a natural gas pipeline application.

### **HOUSE INTERIOR-ENVIRONMENT SPENDING BILL DELAYS OZONE REGULATIONS UNTIL 2015**

#### **Environmentalists Sue EPA Over Ozone Implementation Delay**

Earlier this week, the FY 2018 spending bill for the Interior Department, Environmental Protection Agency, and related agencies was approved by voice vote of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies. Included in the bill is a provision that would delay the revised EPA standards limiting ozone until 2025.

A similar bill was also passed by the House Energy and Commerce Committee recently. H.R. 806, known as the "Ozone Standards Implementation Act of 2017," passed by a vote of 29-24. The bill would ask the EPA to update its standards for ozone pollution every 10 years rather than every 5 years, the timeline currently set by federal law. Republicans argued that the bill will make it easier for cities and localities to come into compliance with federal ozone limits. PMAA supports this legislation because it provides a common-sense approach for implementing national ambient air quality standards, recognizes ongoing state efforts to improve air quality through a reasonable implementation schedule for the 2015 ozone standards, streamlines the air permitting process for businesses to expand operations and create jobs, and includes other reforms that bring more regulatory certainty to federal air quality standards. The bill would avert the spread of more RFG and lower RVP motor fuels from hitting the market. The bill now moves to the House floor for a full vote.

A number of environmental groups sued the EPA after the agency delayed the implementation of stricter national ambient air quality standards by one year. The groups argue that EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt's delay is a "preemptory action involving no public participation and only cursory explication." The suit was filed before the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals on Wednesday. Groups suing EPA include the NRDC, the American Lung Association and the National Parks Conservation Association.

### **FHWA DENIES COMMERCIALIZATION OF SIGNS ON INTERSTATES**

Last week, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) blocked a plan to sell commercial corporate sponsorships of official traffic signs in Texas. The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) pitched a proposal to auction one-third of the space on electronic freeway signs to corporate sponsors. In a letter to TxDOT, the FHWA stated that it was unable to approve TxDOT's request "based on the applicable statutes and regulations."

PMAA applauds this decision because allowing corporate logo advertising would not only hurt petroleum marketers and small businesses, but would also create a safety hazard. Last year, PMAA sent a letter to Federal Highway Administration (FHA) Administrator Gregory Nadeau asking that the government refrain from approving any proposals to use commercialized advertising on the right of way.

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