

**TODAY'S HIGH TEMPS ACROSS THE WPMA MEMBER STATES**

87° Maui, HI
95° Boise, ID
85° Kalispell, MT
110° Las Vegas, NV
104° Albuquerque, NM
94° Portland, OR
94° Salt Lake City, UT
99° Pasco, WA

Did you know that on July 10, 1913, the highest recorded temperature in the world was registered in Death Valley, California, USA? The temperature soared to a scorching 134 degrees Fahrenheit. This extreme temperature makes Death Valley one of the hottest places on Earth.

Compared to Death Valley's scorching temps, our high temperatures might feel like a cool summer breeze. So let's enjoy the relative comfort and count our blessings for not having to endure that extreme heat. Stay cool and hydrated!

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

**DIVERSE GROUP OF INDUSTRY ASSOCIATIONS URGE PRESIDENT BIDEN TO RECONSIDER VEHICLE GHG EMISSIONS STANDARDS FRO 2027 AND BEYOND**

On Tuesday, EMA's 48 state and regional trade associations, along with the American Farm Bureau, American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers, API, Clean Fuels Alliance America, Growth Energy, National Corn Growers Association, NACS, NATSO, Renewable Fuels Association, SIGMA, U.S. Chamber of Commerce and several other organizations urged the Biden Administration to reconsider its GHG standards proposed rule for light and medium-duty vehicles for model years 2027 and later. EPA projects that a potential outcome of the rule would require nearly 70 percent of all new light duty vehicle sales to be battery electric vehicles (EVs) by 2032. Unfortunately, the focus on EV production will fundamentally eliminate an opportunity to provide clean green liquid fuels such as renewable diesel, biodiesel, renewable gasoline, clean hydrogen and ethanol that immediately lower emissions not only for new vehicles, but for the vehicles currently on the road. In addition, the rule will limit consumer choice on cleaner internal combustion engines and threaten the viability and jobs of small business energy marketers around the country. [CLICK HERE](#) to read the letter.

Even though automakers are committed to boosting EVs, many of them, as well as members on Capitol Hill, are raising questions about the Biden Administration's new approach, from securing critical materials needed for EV batteries, to the availability of EV charging stations and the ability of electric grids to meet power needs. China's stranglehold on the critical minerals industry and mining in Africa is a major concern.

“Unfortunately, President Biden’s aggressive attempt to electrify the transportation sector will limit consumer choice on cleaner greener ICEs, increase Americans’ utility bills to subsidize a massive expansion of the electric grid for EV charging and threaten the viability and jobs of small business energy marketers around the country, whether they deliver gasoline and diesel or renewable fuels like ethanol, biodiesel and renewable diesel,” said EMA President Rob Underwood.

Legal Challenges Playing Out

EMA is part of business groups and States who have already asked the courts to review EPA’s prior tailpipe emissions standards for model year 2025 and 2026 vehicles and the Agency’s reinstatement of California’s Clean Air Act waiver to issue climate-based vehicle emissions standards. Whether California can blaze its own trail on combatting climate change also implicates the “major questions doctrine,” which holds that courts should not defer to agencies on questions of “vast economic or political significance” unless Congress has provided explicit authority to the agencies. The appeals court will be asked to decide whether Congress authorized California in the Clean Air Act to regulate vehicle emissions to target a phenomenon like climate change which has a global cause and effect.

Additionally, EMA joined as amicus curiae challenge to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s fuel-economy standards. EMA also endorsed the American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturer’s (AFPM) comments regarding EPA’s GHG standards for light-duty and medium-duty vehicles for model years 2027 and later, last week. EMA urged the EPA to consider lifecycle emissions and a technology neutral approach when it comes to promoting policies to reduce emissions. Click [here](#) to read EMA’s comments and check out fuelmatters.org for more information.

INSIDE THE BELTWAY UPDATE

This week, Congress returned from July 4th recess and got to work. First, House Appropriators began to work through the 12 bills that Speaker McCarthy promised members of the Freedom Caucus would each be considered on the floor. At this point, the goal is to have all 12 bills reported out of committee before August recess so that they can be considered individually in September. In addition to adjusting funding for FY 2024, each of the House Appropriations bills (so far) have included specific policy riders. For example, the House Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies (THUD) bill includes a provision that would bar any funds from being used to support the “Greenhouse Gas Performance Measure Rule” published last year by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). These policy riders may become especially controversial as the appropriations process unfolds.

Separately, the House Committee on Energy and Commerce (E&C) marked up three bills aimed at countering China and ensuring the U.S. can continue to lead in the automobile space. E&C Chair Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA) said the committee wants to “secure America’s energy future the American way, through free-enterprise and innovation,” noting that “EPA wants to eliminate that choice by making nearly 70 percent of new vehicles electric by 2032. That is not how we win the future.” The three bills: (1) H.R. 1435, The Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act; (2) H.R. 4468, The Choice in Automobile Retail Sales Act of 2023; and (3) H.R. 4469, The No Fuel Credits for Batteries Act of 2023 were passed out of committee along party lines. We will continue to monitor their progression through the House, though it’s important to note that any partisan House legislation will face an uphill battle when it reaches the Democratically controlled Senate.

That said, this week, a bipartisan group of Senators and Representatives, largely from the Northeast, released a bill that would “lower costs for renewable fuel standard compliance and fund domestic advanced biofuel sources.” If enacted, the Safeguarding Domestic Energy Production & Independence Act would allow refiners to purchase compliance credits for biofuel blending at a set price, rather than purchasing them on the market. The goal is to mitigate some of the spiking costs associated with compliance with the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS), which Sen. Bob Casey (D-PA) says “is threatening our Nation’s refining capacity” The path forward for this bill is unclear, but bipartisan support is certainly beneficial in a divided Congress.

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

Recently, EMA submitted comments on EPA’s controversial proposal to eliminate residential fuel-fired boilers from the ENERGY STAR rating program. The EPA notice said the agency will not accept new fuel fired boilers 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 boilers 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 EMA’s comments.

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.

BIPARTISAN CONGRESSIONAL DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND RECOVERY CAUCUS UPDATE

Recently, Congressman Troy A. Carter, Sr. (D-LA), and Reps. Joe Neguse (D-CO), Shelia Jackson Lee (D-TX), Jared Moskowitz (D-FL), Carlos A. Gimenez (R-FL), Nancy Mace (R-SC), Juan Ciscomani (R-AZ), and Jennifer González Colón (R-PR) announced the reformation of the Bipartisan Congressional Disaster Preparedness and Recovery Caucus for the 118th

Congress. The co-chairs of the caucus represent regions that experience a wide variety of natural disasters ranging from hurricanes to wildfires to flooding and have all directly navigated the disaster recovery process. They are coming together from across the political spectrum and across the country to advocate for better and improved disaster preparedness and recovery systems. The caucus will work across the aisle to advance legislation and policies that provide efficient, equitable relief for disaster survivors and promote measures that pave the path for impacted communities to make a full recovery. The caucus will also advocate for disaster preparedness measures and programs that help save lives, while readying America's communities for the disasters ahead.

EMA is highly engaged in response during disasters and creation of efficiencies during blue sky days. In particular, in response to the need for fuel following disasters, we developed the EMA Disaster Fuel Response Program which provides information on marketers who are willing to deliver fuel to disaster areas from areas that are not impacted by the disaster. This program is gaining the recognition that it deserves as the place that anyone can reach out to in order to obtain fuel.

During 2021's devastating Hurricane Ida, the Disaster Fuel response Program was fully utilized, and at the government's request, EMA then reached out to all marketers to send at least one truck to Louisiana as the need was so great. Over the course of a few days, marketers from 16 states brought 250 trucks to Louisiana to supply first responders, gas stations, utility trucks, and every site that they could reach that was in need. This made all the difference in allowing people to recover from the hurricane's damage. We encourage all marketers to sign up for this no fee, no obligation program in order to help other areas during disasters to deliver fuel to utilities, government agencies, companies, and organizations. Not only is this beneficial to the country, but it is also beneficial for marketers' businesses.

TIRED OF DELAED IRS TAX REFUNDS?

Recently, the Energy Marketers of America (EMA) announced an exclusive member service agreement with ThinkTrade, an IRS authorized e-filing service provider and a BBB accredited company with A+ rating, enabling safe and secured filing for taxpayers. ThinkTrade will grant 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.

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THINKTRADE AND EMA'S LANDING PAGE TO FILE TAXES](#)

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 REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

EMA will hold its Fall Meeting in conjunction with the NACS Show on October 2-3 at Courtland Grand Hotel, Trademark Collection by Wyndham (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**.

[CLICK HERE FOR EMA FALL MEETING AT THE NACS SHOW INFORMATION!](#)

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

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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.

WEEKEND READS

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[EV Charger Hacking Poses a 'Catastrophic' Risk](#)

[EV Auto Sales Growth Slows | Transport Topics](#)

[US EV market struggles with price cuts and rising inventories | Reuters](#)

[US refinery capacity increased at the start of 2023 for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic | Hydrocarbon Engineering](#)

[Toyota, Stellantis Blast Biden's Plan to Boost Electric Car Sales | BNN Bloomberg](#)

[100 energy, farm industry groups line up against Biden's gas vehicle crackdown | Fox News](#)



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

30 minutes | Complimentary | Advance registration required

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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



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Click [here](#) to 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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NEW MEXICO CONVENTION

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UTAH CONVENTION

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