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Executive Director, Peter Krueger, said “this award is a testament to the hard work and efforts of our members in their commitment to safety. It also speaks highly to both the competitiveness and value of Federated’s insurance and risk management products to not only attain new accounts, but also retain their existing clients.” Dave Szymanski, 1st Vice President – Director of ARMS/Agency Operations, added “we value our longstanding partnership with NPMCSA which dates back to 1982 and congratulate them on achieving this award. Federated looks forward to continuing our efforts in delivering next level risk management tools and resources to help our clients prevent losses and save lives.”



NPMCSA plans on utilizing the funds earned from the award to promote safety within the industry. This includes promotion of Federated’s 2 ½ Day Risk Management Academy held in Owatonna, MN. You can learn more about the upcoming complimentary risk management training for petroleum marketers on September 12-14 by viewing a brief [video](#). To [reserve your spot](#) in the upcoming session or for more information, please contact drm@fedins.com or call (800) 533-0472 Ext. 455-5958. Or, visit [Federated's website](#).

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SENATOR MANCHIN PULLS PLUG ON ELECTRIFICATION SUBSIDIES AND OVERALL RECONCILIATION PACKAGE

Last night, Senator Manchin (D-WV) told Democratic senators he would not support a reconciliation package that included climate spending or taxes on wealthy individuals / corporations. Manchin reportedly told Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) that he would only support legislation that lowered prescription drug prices and extended certain Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) subsidies. This comes after EMA joined 191 other associations and businesses in a letter opposing potential Net Investment Income Tax (NIIT) increases. Senator Manchin’s decision deals yet another blow to President Biden’s domestic policy agenda. Congressional Democratic leaders will have to determine next steps with limited legislative time remaining. Any reconciliation package – including the Manchin-supported health care plan described above – must be passed by September 30.

As the White House searches for mechanisms to reduce energy prices, President Biden will travel July 15 from Israel to Saudi Arabia to meet with Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman and other leaders from oil-exporting Gulf countries. While President Biden is expected to ask Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and others to produce more oil, Biden officials have conceded that an agreement during the trip is unlikely.

EMA also joined a letter with 84 other organizations to support the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Security Threat Assessment Application Modernization Act (H.R. 6571, S. 4298), which would require TSA to standardize enrollment and renewal systems for individuals applying for various programs, including the Hazardous Materials Endorsement. The letter is similar to a bipartisan group of U.S. Representatives who urged the Biden Administration to address the current CDL Driver Shortage last month. In a letter, 67 Congressional Members encouraged the Department

of Transportation “to consider modifying the hazardous materials training and testing requirements to focus on HAZMAT specific education.” The letter also encourages the Department to consider streamlining the TSA Security Threat

enrollment process that would allow CDL Drivers to enroll in more than one program - Transportation Worker Identification Credential (“TWIC”), HAZMAT, and TSA Pre Check. The letter was sent a month after EMA’s DC Conference and “Day on the Hill” where EMA state associations discussed issues plaguing the motor fuels industry and encouraged Congressional Members to join the CDL driver shortage letter.

EMA REGULATORY REPORT: LEGALIZED MARIJUANA AND CBD OIL STRICTLY PROHIBITED UNDER DOT DRUG TESTING REGULATIONS

The U.S. Department of Transportation’s (DOT) Office of Drug and Alcohol has clarified the agency’s drug and alcohol policy concerning the legalized use under state laws of CBD oil and marijuana by CDL drivers. The policy is important to energy marketers and heating fuel dealers because it addresses how state legalization of CBD oil and marijuana for medical and recreation purposes is treated under U.S. DOT drug testing requirements for CDL drivers (49 CFR Part 40). The federal DOT does not recognize state legalization laws. The substances are banned under federal law.

Both CBD oil and marijuana contain THC, a banned Schedule 1 substance under U.S. DOT regulations. CBD oil derived from hemp contains 0.3% concentration of THC. THC concentrations in marijuana may range from anywhere between 5% and 30%. The U.S. DOT drug testing regulations do not authorize the use of Schedule I drugs for any reason. Therefore, a medical review officer (MRO) conducting driver drug tests will not issue a negative test result simply because the THC detected in a driver’s urine specimen was from the legalized recreational use of CBD oil or marijuana. In addition, an MRO will not issue a negative drug test based upon information that a physician recommended that the employee use medical marijuana where states have passed medical marijuana initiatives. Instead, THC from these (or any other) source will result in a positive test for the driver.

What Do U.S. DOT Regulations Require?

- Use of THC is forbidden for a regulated driver, no matter the source. As a result, medical and recreational marijuana and CBD oils, even if legal under state law, are banned under federal law.
- Since THC is banned under DOT drug testing regulations, a medical review officer (MRO) must not take the medicinal use of a CBD oil into consideration when determining a drug test result.
- A positive drug test result requires the motor carrier to remove the driver from safety-sensitive functions until specific steps in the DOT return-to-duty process are successfully completed. After a positive test, the driver must:
 - Be evaluated by a substance abuse professional,
 - Complete prescribed drug rehabilitation treatment, and
 - Have negative results for follow-up testing.

Communicate Cautions to CDL Drivers

- A driver’s career may be in jeopardy if a drug screen comes back positive. To avoid any misunderstandings surrounding the use of CBD oils and legalized medical or recreation use of marijuana, employers should communicate the following to CDL drivers:
 - Trace amounts of THC from CBD oils or marijuana may show up in a DOT urine specimen for many days after use,
 - MROs will not accept CBD oil or marijuana as a valid medical explanation for a positive DOT drug test,
 - Enforcement authorities may consider CBD oil in a commercial vehicle as possession. Officers are unable to determine the concentration of THC in the oil, and there has been no official guidance for them to follow.

FORMER EMA SOUTH CAROLINA DIRECTOR WILLIAM DENNIS CURTIS, SR. PASSES AWAY

EMA is saddened to hear of the loss of William Dennis Curtis, Sr., who served on the South Carolina Convenience & Petroleum Marketers Association (SCCPMA) Board, Executive Committee and as the EMA Director for South Carolina.

Dennis was born July 3, 1956, in Wadesboro, NC to William “Bill” Curtis and the late Jean Hancock Curtis. Dennis was a welder and enjoyed his work at Curtis Oil Company. He was a devoted father and grandfather and enjoyed cooking, traveling and following politics. His most enjoyable times were spent with his grandchildren at their many sporting events.

Funeral services will be 3:00 pm Saturday, July 16, 2022, from the chapel of Miller-Rivers-Caulder Funeral Home by Brent Taylor with burial to follow at the Chesterfield Cemetery. The family will greet friends following the service at the cemetery.

WEEKEND READS:

U.S. crude output and petroleum demand to rise in 2022 -EIA

Gas Station Owners, Blamed When Prices Rose, Face Risks as Prices Fall (Subscription Required)

Texans Asked to Conserve Electricity as Grid Nears the Brink

U.S. considering range of options for ConocoPhillips' Willow drilling project

When SCOTUS meets WOTUS

Why disasters are getting more severe but killing fewer people

EMA'S FALL MEETING AT THE NACS SHOW 2022 REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

EMA will hold its Fall Meeting in conjunction with the NACS Show on September 30-October 1 at the Sahara Las Vegas. You can find all available details, including EMA's Fall Meeting Conference schedule, EMA housing link, NACS Show registration for EMA members and EMA Registration link by [CLICKING HERE](#). Please note that if you have attended an EMA conference in the past, you will receive an invitation through Cvent system next week. Responding to this event email is the recommended method to register or decline.

NACS SHOW 2022: OCTOBER 1-4

Special EMA Members Code for NACS Show Registration

Registration is now open for the 2022 NACS Show in Las Vegas October 1 – 4 by [CLICKING HERE](#). When prompted, enter the EMA NACS Show Registration Code: EMANS2022. EMA encourages you to promote and share with your state association's member companies.

**Please note that the NACS Show registration is separate from EMA's Fall Meeting registration which is now open. Again, the EMA NACS Show Registration Code is: EMANS2022.

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EMA Spring Journal is the current issue online. EMA Summer Journal is expected to be mailed later this month. You can take EMA Journal with you wherever you go. Scroll to select the articles that matter to you, then read, learn and share with the icons at the top of your screen. Looking for a past issue? Scroll through past covers on the left side of your browser or use our convenient search feature to find a particular topic. Miss flipping pages? Select "page view" from the menu bar or click the handy magazine icon for a classic page-turner. You can find our Annual Directory here which is featured in each Fall Issue.

For information on advertising, please call 844.423.7272 or email Innovative Publishing. Ads for Fall Issue 2022 advertising are due by August 2. This issue features EMA's Annual Directory and is retained as a reference guide year-round by our members.

FEDERATED INSURANCE EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES NETWORK HR QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Federated Insurance's HR Question of the Month focuses on employment-related practices liability issues. This month's question is: Deductions from Exempt Employee Pay for Vacation? We have an exempt employee who is taking a few days off for vacation, but the employee has no paid time off (PTO) left. Can we deduct full-day absences from the employee's weekly salary? What about partial-day absences? Please click here to read the response.

For additional information or to discuss this in further detail, please contact your Federated regional representative or EMA's National Account Executive Jon Medo at 800.533.0472 for any additional information or risk management questions. Federated is a Partner in EMA's Board of Directors Council.



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MARCH 1st!



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July 17-19, 2022 – Oregon (OFA) Annual Convention – Sunriver Resort – Sunriver, OR

August 3-5, 2022 – Idaho (IPM&CSA) Convention – Coeur d'Alene Resort – Coeur d'Alene, ID

August 22-24, 2022 – New Mexico (NMPMA) Convention – Sandia Resort & Casino – Albuquerque, NM

September 14-16, 2022 – Utah (UPMRA) Convention – Sheraton Park City Hotel – Park City, UT

February 21-23, 2023 – WPMA Convention & Expo – Mirage Hotel– Las Vegas, NV

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Petro Pete: "I went to buy some camo pants but couldn't find any."

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