



**Watch for  
2025 WPMAEXPO  
Registration and  
Room Block information  
coming in September!**

## **2025 WPMAEXPO KEYNOTE SPEAKER DONALD TRUMP JR**

Donald J. Trump Jr. is an innovator and leader in today's business world. As an Executive Vice President at The Trump Organization, he plays a pivotal role in expanding the company's real estate, retail, commercial, hotel, and golf interests. In addition to his real estate interests, Donald Jr. is an accomplished speaker, having delivered keynote speeches extensively throughout the United States, and internationally.

Donald Jr. holds a Bachelor's degree in Finance and Real Estate from the Wharton School of Finance at the University of Pennsylvania. Residing in Florida, he is an avid outdoorsman and a devoted father to his five children.

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### **FREE WEBINAR FROM NACS-Getting Ready for the EBT Chip Card Migration**

NACS will be hosting an informational webinar on **Tuesday, July 23** on efforts to modernize SNAP by transitioning to EBT chip cards.

Currently, two states – California and Oklahoma – are actively preparing to transition their states' EBT cards to chip cards, and California intends to start mailing out these new cards to SNAP participants this summer. However, retailers across the country should start to prepare, as other states may be soon to follow in this transition.

#### **Details:**

- [“From Swipe to Chip: Getting Ready for the EBT Chip Card Migration”](#)
- Tuesday, July 23 from 4:00pm – 4:45pm ET

#### **Link to Register:**

- [https://convenience-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_buZdqc9yRFi6he8VsYqLZg#/registration](https://convenience-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_buZdqc9yRFi6he8VsYqLZg#/registration)

#### **The goal of this webinar is to:**

- Inform SNAP retailers about the status of the transition to EBT chip cards.
  - Equip SNAP retailers with the technical information needed to update their payments systems in order to accept EBT chip cards.
  - Address any technical challenges SNAP retailers may face as they update their payment systems internally.
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### **COMPLIMENTARY WEBINAR - AGE VERIFICATION**

Tired of manual ID checks and the challenges they bring? Discover how advanced ID scanning and door access control systems can revolutionize your convenience store operations. Don't miss our live product demonstration and insights on implementation considerations in our upcoming webinar.

Age verification is crucial for convenience store operators to prevent underage access to age-restricted products. Join our upcoming webinar to learn about the latest trends and solutions that can help you improve efficiency, reduce legal risks, and enhance customer experiences.

Join us for this free webinar hosted by the Nevada Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Store Association on Minor Decliner. Registration is required.


Click the [link](#) below to register to attend.


**LIVE WEBINAR**

## **ID Scanning and Age Verification: Emerging Trends and What's Next**

July 31, 2024 | 3PM ET | 12PM PT

 Presented by  
**Ron Tobb**  
Founder of Minor Decliner

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#### **EPA Extends Emergency RVP Waiver allowing Summertime Sale of E15 Nationwide**

Yesterday, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued the [fifth waiver extension](#) this year allowing 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 16, 2024. 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 20, 2024, and lasts through August 8, 2024.

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 and conflict in the Middle East.

## **Responding to Disasters**

On top of what is predicted to be the most severe hurricane season on record, our country is facing wildfires, tornadoes, floods, severe storms, mudslides and even a horrible attempted political assassination.

In fact, the Colorado State University meteorologists updated their forecast for the 2024 hurricane season which was already predicted to be abnormal. Now forecasters are predicting an extremely active season with 25 named storms. With this forecast, named storms increased by 2 and major hurricanes increased by one, with 6 major (Category 3+) hurricanes predicted. When disaster strikes it's important to respond quickly.

Therefore, consider reaching out to EMA to find useful information about disaster response in the EMA Disaster Fuel Response Program link below.



In addition, please reach out to Sherri Stone at EMA if you have suggestions on ways that EMA can assist you in disaster planning and response by contacting [sstone@emamerica.org](mailto:sstone@emamerica.org).

## **Inside the Beltway Update**

This has been a whirlwind of a week in Washington and across the country. First, and the irony of saying this after someone is shot at is not lost on anyone, but Donald Trump, who just survived an assassination attempt, may have just had the best week a politician-or anyone-has ever had. He survived a bullet, his classified documents case was dismissed in Florida (though an appeal is pending), and he enjoyed a weeklong celebration in Milwaukee where he was nominated once again as the Republican nominee for president in one of the most unified political nominating conventions in decades. And, on the other side of it, Democrats appear to be in complete disarray, as party leaders including Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY), former Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), President Obama, Hillary Clinton, and dozens of others publicly and privately call for President Joe Biden to drop out of the race for reelection, so while Donald Trump looks like a hero after standing up after being shot, Joe Biden is being urged more and more to sit down and let someone else run for President. Sources are saying that, after weeks of pushing the President to accept the reality that his running may cost democrats to lose in a clean sweep, those Democrats may fish their wish, and that Biden may withdraw as soon as this weekend.

If Democrats do that, it is unclear who the Presidential or Vice-Presidential nominees would be, but, for Republicans, that's not the case, where Donald Trump announced Monday that he was nominating Ohio Freshman Senator J.D. Vance (R-OH) to serve as his Vice President. Senator Vance, who's origin story was popularized in a book and movie, *Hillbilly Elegy*, was a one-time Never Trumper who has become a vocal advocate of the former president, frequently offering full-throated endorsements of his and other populist messages.

Notably, Senator Vance is one of the cosponsors of the Durbin-Marshall Credit Card Competition Act. He has strongly opposed many of the Biden Administration's environmental policies, and to that end, former President Trump said that, if elected, he'd roll back the Biden Administration EV mandate "on day one."

All that to say, Republicans are riding high following their convention and Democrats are reeling, trying to find a way to prevent a blow out in November.

## **Reminder: USDA Accepting New Applications for the Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program (HBIIP) through September 30<sup>th</sup>**

The USDA began accepting new applications in grants through the [Higher Blends 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. The application window to distribute the \$90 million in HBIIP grants began July 1, 2024, and ends September 30, 2024.

[Click Here to Read the EMA Regulatory Reminder](#)

## **EMA's Fall Meeting at the NACS Show 2024: October 6-7: Website and Registration Open!**

EMA will hold its Fall Meeting in conjunction with the NACS Show on October 6-7 at the Encore at Wynn Las Vegas. The EMA meeting will begin with a New Attendee Orientation/Federal Legislative Update mid-afternoon on October 6. NACS/EMA

Reception Salute to State Association Executives (all EMA members are welcome) will follow at Las Vegas Convention Center in the Hunter Club Lounge. On the morning of October 7, 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 Spirit® Petroleum President and former Washington State Marketer Gerry Ramm exclusively sponsored by **EMA Board of Director Council Partner Federated Insurance**.

An invitation will be sent to your inbox on July 1. [Responding to the links on the invitation email is the recommended way to register.](#)

### [Click Here for EMA's Fall Meeting at the NACS Show Information](#)

Remember, the NACS Show registration is separate from EMA's Fall Meeting registration.

#### [Special EMA Members Code for NACS Show 2024 Registration](#)

The NACS Show is returning to Las Vegas this October, and it's time to start planning.

#### [Click Here to Register for the NACS Show and Use the EMA Promocode: EMANS2024](#)

Using this code provides EMA with \$100 for every retailer or jobber paid registration at any rate. EMA encourages EMA state executives to promote and share with your state association's member companies. Please see attached [flyer](#).

\*\*Please note that EMA State Execs are comped for NACS Show registration, and this link will be sent directly to them in the near future from NACS. Additionally, the NACS Show registration is separate from EMA's Fall Meeting registration.

Again, the EMA NACS Show Registration Code is: EMANS2024 and [CLICK HERE](#) for Full Instructions to register.

**Questions registering for NACS Show? Contact NACS Show registration customer service at [nacs@maritz.com](mailto:nacs@maritz.com) or 469-513-9489, Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. EST, for assistance.**

#### [Weekend Reads](#)

[FDA, FTC Continue Joint Effort to Protect Consumers Against Companies Illegally Selling Copycat Delta-8 THC Food Products](#)

[How a Republican election sweep could hobble U.S. climate efforts - The Washington Post](#)

[Ford pivots from EV plans to heavy-duty trucks at Canada facility](#)

[AFPM: Polling shows likely voters nationally solidly oppose Biden-Harris gas-car ban](#)

[FDA and DOJ Action Leads to Permanent Injunction Against E-Cigarette Manufacturer](#)

[Tesla's California car registrations fall for third straight quarter](#)



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August 7-9, 2024  
Coeur d'Alene Resort - CdA, ID

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### New Mexico Convention

August 20-22, 2024  
Sandia Resort, Albuquerque, NM

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### Utah Convention

October 1-3, 2024  
Hilton Garden Inn - St George, UT

[REGISTER HERE!](#)

### PLEASE NOTE UPCOMING DATES FOR WPMA EVENTS

August 7-9, 2024 - Idaho (IPM&CSA) Convention - Coeur d'Alene Resort, Coeur d'Alene, ID  
 August 20-22, 2024 - New Mexico (NMPMA) Convention - Sandia Resort - Albuquerque, NM  
 October 1-3, 2024 - Utah (UPMRA) Convention - Hilton Garden Inn - St. George, UT  
 February 18-20, 2025 - WPMAEXPO, MGM Grand Resort, Las Vegas, NV

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**Petro Pete: When does a joke become a “dad joke”? When it becomes apparent.**

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