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### **Wildfire Alert**

As of July 18, 2025, the National Fire Information Center reports 88 large, uncontained wildfires nationwide, engaging over 17,000 firefighters and support staff.

As we head into the weekend, hot, dry, and windy weather continues to create challenging fire conditions across parts of the Northwest, Great Basin, and Southwest. Some areas will see wind gusts over 40 mph and humidity levels dropping into the single digits. These are the kinds of conditions where even a tiny spark can lead to a fast-moving wildfire.

If you're planning to head outdoors, please take a moment to learn how to [Recreate Responsibly](#). Campfires, stoves, and even hot vehicle exhaust can start fires in these conditions. Keep campfires small, never leave them unattended, and make sure they are cold to the touch before walking away. Be fire aware with every action and help protect the places we all love.

Here are the current fire statistics for our member states:

#### **Idaho**

Fires: 3  
Acres: 6,074  
New: 1  
Contained: 1

#### **New Mexico**

Fires: 3  
Acres: 41,523  
New: 0  
Contained: 0

#### **Utah**

Fires: 4  
Acres: 40,310  
New: 1  
Contained: 0

#### **Nevada**

Fires: 3  
Acres: 52,022  
New: 0  
Contained: 0

#### **Oregon**

Fires: 5  
Acres: 96,773  
New: 0  
Contained: 1

#### **Washington**

Fires: 7  
Acres: 18,885  
New: 1  
Contained: 2

*Fire information and statistics provided by National Interagency Fire Center. An official website of the Department of the Interior*

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### **Inside the Beltway Update**

With the One Big Beautiful Bill signed into law and August recess quickly approaching, Congress has shifted its focus to the fiscal year (FY) 2026 appropriations process. This week, the House and Senate made incremental progress on government funding, with the House and Senate Appropriations Committees each marking up several appropriations bills.

On Monday, the House Appropriations Energy and Water Subcommittee marked up their FY 2026 appropriations bill, which includes proposed cuts to several discretionary funding programs at the Department of Energy as well as increased funding for several bipartisan priorities. Notably, the bill proposes:

- \$57.3 billion in total discretionary funding, including \$48.8 billion for the Department of Energy, a decrease of approximately \$1.4 billion from previously enacted levels;

- \$1.85 billion for the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE), a decrease of \$1.6 billion from FY 2025, or a 46 percent reduction. The President's Budget Request (PBR) proposed to cut EERE funding by more than 70 percent;
- \$687.5 million for the Office of Fossil Energy, a reduction of \$177.5 million from FY 2025.
- \$7.15 million for continued Northeast Home Heating Oil Reserve (NEHHOR) operations. The FY 2026 PBR proposed to sell NEHHOR's one million barrels of ultra-low sulfur distillate to generate \$100 million for deficit reduction.

On Tuesday, the House Interior-EPA Subcommittee advanced their appropriations bill on an 8-5 party-line vote. The bill includes approximately \$7 billion in funding for the EPA for FY 2026, a decrease of \$2.1 billion or 23 percent below 2025 levels. Nevertheless, the bill provides additional EPA funding above levels requested by the Trump Administration, including by maintaining funding for the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) program.

The bill also includes approximately \$60 million for the Leaking Underground Storage Tanks Program, an increase from the PBR but a decrease from previous fiscal years. Unfortunately, the appropriations bill also includes language that allows funds up to \$300,000 to be raided from the LUST Fund for construction activities unrelated to leak clean ups. Specifically, the Science and Technology, Environmental Programs and Management, Office of Inspector General, Hazardous Substance Superfund, and Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund Program Accounts, are available for the construction, alteration, repair, rehabilitation, and renovation of facilities, provided that the cost does not exceed \$300,000 per project.

The House Appropriations Committee held a subcommittee and full committee markup of the FY 2026 Transportation-Housing and Urban Development (THUD) appropriations bill on Monday and Thursday, respectively. The bill proposes a \$3.1 billion decrease in funding for US DOT, with transit and rail seeing significant cuts in year-over-year funding. Despite proposed cuts in discretionary funds, the bill notably proposes to also transfer over \$4 billion dollars from the Biden-era Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) to fund various programs at the agency, including \$1 billion in unspent funds from the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula Program. The transferred funding will largely be redirected to aviation programs.

The House and Senate are expected to unveil additional funding bills over the coming weeks, including funding bills covering the Departments of Labor and Health and Human Services, as well as programs like the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). **However, with the current federal funding deadline of September 30, the lack of floor action on appropriations bills means a short-term continuing resolution (CR) to prevent a government shutdown at the end of September is increasingly likely which is good news for energy marketers who support the LUST fund.**

#### **Prohibition of Funding for Speed Limiting Devices Language in House Appropriations Bill**

This week, the continuation of the Administration's moves to reverse the Biden Administration's push for speed limiting device mandates for semi-trucks was propelled by blocking funding for promulgation of any rule requiring speed limiting devices.

Specifically, language included in the House Transportations Appropriations bill states that none of the funds appropriated may be used to promulgate any rule or regulation to require vehicles with a gross vehicle weight of more than 26,000 pounds operating in interstate commerce to be equipped with a speed limiting device set to a maximum speed.

In April President Trump signed an executive order calling on DOT to carry out additional administrative, regulatory, or enforcement actions to improve the working conditions of America's truck drivers. Following that order, DOT Secretary Sean Duffy began efforts to roll back the proposed rule that was first proposed under President Obama and revived under President Biden in 2022.

EMA will continue to support efforts to stop the mandate.

#### **EMA Joins Others in Urging the White House to Clean Up the Center for Tobacco Products**

This morning EMA joined NACS, NATSO, NATO and SIGMA in urging President Trump to clean up FDA's Center for Tobacco Products (CTP) and develop a properly functioning regulatory system for vapor and e-cigarette products.

Our industry is systematically losing sales to businesses that sell illicit products because the CTP has abandoned its fundamental responsibility as a regulator. The CTP required manufacturers of vapor products (also known as e-cigarettes) to submit premarket approval applications in order for those products to remain on the market. The deadline for submitting those applications was September 2020 ("Deemed tobacco-derived products") and also 2022 ("synthetic nicotine"). The CTP has dragged its feet on determining the premarket authorization of these deemed products. It is nearly five years since the application deadline and applications for thousands of products remain undecided and innovation remains in limbo.

We urged the White House to:

**Require CTP to make decisions about all premarket applications, and fast.** Many products awaiting decisions are very similar to authorized products and seem easy to authorize.

**Require CTP to provide clarity.** CTP must be told to reveal exactly which products (not just manufacturers) have been denied, exactly which products remain in legal limbo, and exactly which products submitted timely applications.

**Supercharge the multi-agency task force.** Once product clarity has been provided, the federal multi-agency task force led by FDA and DOJ, which was established in June 2024 to combat illicit vapes, should be directed to bring the strongest civil and

criminal enforcement actions against the worst offenders to deter ongoing noncompliance. Illicit product, wherever it is found, should be seized.

**Require more from Customs and Border Protection.** CBP should strengthen its efforts to prevent the importation of illicit Chinese vapes by increasing targeted inspections throughout the supply chain, expanding the use of risk-based analytics tools, and pursuing civil and criminal penalties in cases of fraudulent import misdeclarations.

Click [here](#) to read the entire letter.

**EMA Regulatory Reminder: \$600 Federal Tax Credit for B20 Compatible Furnaces and Boilers Available to Homeowners Expires on December 31, 2025**

The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) included a provision to incentivize the efficiency of heating oil equipment while increasing the amount of biodiesel blended into the fuel. Under the IRA, homeowners are eligible for tax credits of \$600 for installation of new oil/biofuel blend-compatible heating appliances. The credit is available to homeowners on an annual basis and capped at \$600 per year. Beginning January 1, 2023, heating oil dealers should make their customers aware of the new tax credit and explain how to apply for it. The One Big Beautiful Bill included language to end the credit by December 31, 2025, so homeowners have until the end of the year to claim the credit.

In order to qualify for the \$600 federal tax credit, the following conditions must be met:

Equipment Placed in Service After December 31, 2022

- Equipment must have 2021 Energy Star ratings (87 AFUE for oil boilers and 85 AFUE for furnaces) and be certified by the manufacturer to burn heating oil blended with a 20 percent biodiesel or renewable diesel fuel. This equipment is available now.

Many new heating oil boilers and furnaces currently available from manufacturers should be compatible with 20% biodiesel blends and qualify for the \$600 credit on new installations beginning January 1, 2023. Manufacturers are currently providing certification for B20 compatibility on new equipment.

Please check with your supplier to ensure their equipment is compliant and that certifications are available to the homeowner. Homeowners may apply for the credit on IRS Form 5695 and file it with their 1040, 1040-SR or 1040-NR return.

The IRS published the updated Form 5695 to claim the credit. [Click here](#) to view it.

**EMA's Fall Meeting at the NACS Show 2025: October 13-14: Website and Registration Open!**

EMA will hold its Fall Meeting in conjunction with the NACS Show on October 13-14 at the InterContinental Chicago Magnificent Mile. The EMA meeting will begin with a New Attendee Orientation/Federal Legislative Update mid-afternoon on October 13. The NACS/EMA Reception Salute to State Association Executives (all EMA members are welcome) will follow at the McCormick Place Convention Center in the Hunter Club Lounge. On the morning of October 14, 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 Louisiana Marketer and EMA's Past Chair Grady Gaubert sponsored by EMA Board of Director Council Partner Federated Insurance.

*An invitation was sent to your inbox on July 8. Responding to the links on the invitation email is the recommended way to register. Housing registration deadline is September 19, 2025 (Subject to Change) and our room block is sold out for Sunday, October 12, for Monday, October 13, 57 percent is sold out, for Tuesday, October 14, 58 percent is sold out and for Wednesday, October 15, 37 percent is sold out so please do not delay in making plans! Members have access to all other hotels with availability in the block. If the general block has rooms, you will continue to see those options.*

**[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.

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**\*\*Please note that EMA State Execs are comped for NACS Show registration. Additionally, the NACS Show registration is separate from EMA's Fall Meeting registration. [Click here](#) for full instructions to register.**

**Questions registering for the 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.

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## Weekend Reads

[Juul gets FDA's OK to keep selling tobacco and menthol e-cigarettes | AP](#)

[U.S. EV sales could spike, then collapse, as subsidies vanish | AXOIS](#)

[Daimler Deepens Diesel Engine Focus, Boosts Investment | Transport Topics](#)

[DOE approves giving ExxonMobil a million barrels of oil from reserve | msn](#)

[FDA Approves Gardenia \(Genipin\) Blue Color Additive While Encouraging Faster Phase-Out of FD&C Red No. 3 | FDA](#)

[How Likely is \\$100 Oil in 2025? | Rigzone](#)

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## Federated Risk Management Corner

### Protect Your Employees with Personal Protective Equipment

When did you last check the personal protective equipment (PPE) your employees use? Are they wearing it correctly and for the right tasks, or not using it at all?

Ensuring proper PPE use can help your employees stay safe and healthy on the job. And it could keep your business away from costly and preventable [workers compensation](#) claims.



### **Management Responsibilities**

As a leader in your industry, it's up to you to enforce the use of PPE. Consider the following to up your PPE game:

- [Management](#) develops and oversees a PPE program, conducts [hazard assessments](#), and trains supervisors.
- Supervisors provide, train, and ensure proper use of PPE while maintaining records.
- Employees wear PPE, attend regular training, and report repair or replacement needs.

### **The Value of Recordkeeping**

Keep detailed records of [training sessions](#) for compliance and accountability. This includes:

- Who was trained
- The type of training
- When training took place
- What was covered in training

Generally, training records are maintained for three years for each employee. As new hazards are identified, processes and equipment may need updates.

Providing robust PPE solutions can be the difference between a safe business and one with frequent workplace injuries. [Reach out to your local Federated Insurance® marketing representative today](#) for more information on employee safety. Clients can access [mySHIELD®](#) for additional industry-specific safety resources.

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July 30-August 1, 2025 - Idaho (IPM&CSA) Convention - Sun Valley Resort - Sun Valley, ID

August 19-21, 2025 - New Mexico (NMPMA) Convention - Sandia Resort - Albuquerque, NM

September 9-11, 2025 Utah (UPMRA) Convention - Park City Sheraton, Park City, UT

February 17-19, 2026 WPMAEXPO - MGM Grand - Las Vegas, NV

## Member Services



**Petro Pete:** A guy walks into a bar, and there's a horse serving drinks. The horse asks, "What are you staring at? Haven't you ever seen a horse tending bar before?" The guy says, "It's not that. I just never thought the parrot would sell the place."

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