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**SELF-SERVE AT THE PUMP IS NOW AN OPTION FOR OREGONIANS**

Starting August 4, 2023, or as soon as Gov. Tina Kotek signs the bill into law, Oregonians may pump their own gas at retail gas stations across the state, including in areas where self-serve gas was previously prohibited. The law sets limits in nonrural counties, allowing more flexibility for drivers who prefer self-service in rural areas. For example, in nonrural counties, gas

stations may offer self-service at no more than 50% of their pumps and only during operating hours. You can find the [current law here](#).

For answers to frequently asked questions regarding self-serve fueling, see the Oregon Important Issues webpage [here](#)

<https://www.wpma.com/oregon/promoting-affordable-fuels/important-issues>

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

**URGE LAWMAKERS TO SUPPORT THE CREDIT CARD COMPETITION ACT**

Congress left town for August recess last Friday and will return to Capitol Hill after Labor Day. Therefore, EMA encourages you to continue your outreach over August recess when members will be at home to let them know that you want them to cosponsor/support this important legislation. The banks are using every single tool possible to prevent this important legislation from getting to the floor and threatening that credit card rewards will disappear. In a new research paper released last week, global payments consulting firm CMSPI estimated that credit card rewards would be reduced by less than one-tenth of 1 percent "at most" if the legislation becomes law.

[URGE LAWMAKERS TO COSPONSOR S. 1838/H.R. 3881](#)

REMINDER: USDA ANNOUNCES \$450 MILLION IN NEW FUNDING FOR HIGHER BIOFUEL BLENDING INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS

Last month, USDA announced that it will begin accepting new applications for \$450 million in grants through [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. There will be five application windows to distribute the \$450 million in HBIIP grants between July 1, 2023, and September 30, 2024. A sixth application window will be opened if funding has not been exhausted.

[CLICK HERE TO READ THE ENTIRE ALERT](#)

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!](#)

***Please note that the NACS Show registration is separate from EMA's Fall Meeting registration.*

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.

EMA Registration Code

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[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR THE NACS SHOW!](#)

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.

TIRED OF DELAYED 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](#)

WEEKEND READS

[Technology Fuels a New Future for Internal Combustion Engine | Transport Topics](#)

[Ford set to lose \\$4.5 billion on electric vehicles this year, despite increased revenue | Fox Business](#)

[Why are Americans less interested in owning an EV? Cost and charging still play a part | USA Today](#)

[Tesla faces California class action on its EV range claims | Reuters](#)

[U.S. Chamber Challenges NLRB General Counsel's Misguided and Unsupported Attempt to Outlaw Non-Compete Agreements | U.S. Chamber of Commerce](#)

[Sprague Signs Agreement with Biofine | Fuel Oil News](#)



EMA JOURNAL - The Official Publication of the Energy Marketers of America

Check out the EMA Journal anytime online by clicking [here](#).

EMA Spring Journal is the current issue [online](#). EMA Journal's Fall issue can be retained as a reference guide year-round by our members and you can take [the digital edition](#) with you wherever you go. Scroll to select the articles that catch your eye, then share the content with the icons at the top of your screen. Archived covers are handy on the left side of your browser or use the convenient search feature to find a specific topic. If you prefer to read with pages that flip, select "page view" from the menu bar for a classic page-turner. The Journal recently adjusted to three issues per year.

COMPLIMENTARY WEBINAR

Discrimination and Harassment Prevention

**Tuesday, August 15, 2023
11 a.m. CST**

Webinar highlights:

Would your organization benefit from some simple tools to help mitigate the risk of discrimination and harassment claims?

Join this webinar to learn more about key steps employers can take today to evaluate their commitment to the prevention and successful resolution of discrimination and harassment claims.

These are steps you can take at no additional cost and can put into practice right away.



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FREE WEBINAR: HOW TO KEEP YOUR UST INSPECTOR HAPPY **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2023, 10-11 AM PST**

Join the spirited gallery of panelists who will describe their secret formulas of success for passing a UST's compliance inspection. Hear from UST inspectors, service technicians, and operators about the do's and don't's of getting ready for and conducting yourself during a UST government compliance inspection. Attend this important webinar to avoid penalties, enforcement, actions, and red tag shut down.

Audience: Great for new UST operators and inspectors but also helpful for anyone who is interested in avoiding UST compliance enforcement.

Hosted by Ben Thomas, President of UST Training, the speakers include:
Ed Kubinski, OWL/Crompco, Plymouth Meeting, PA
Nicole Okino, US EPA, Philadelphia, PA
Don Reeves, Mascott Equipment, Portland, OR
Javed Surani, Your Environmental Specialist, Beaumont, TX
Jon Tuttle, Stinker Stores, Boise, ID
Brett Smith, MT DEQ, Helena, MT

Seating is limited. Click below to save your seat at this free webinar.
Questions? Call UST Training at (866) 301-8265

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PLEASE NOTE UPCOMING DATES FOR WPMA EVENTS

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



NEW MEXICO CONVENTION

Click [here](#) to to see Schedule of Events for the NMPCSA Convention held August 21-23 at the Sandia Resort in Albuquerque, NM.

Choose your attendee type to register: [Attendee](#) or [Exhibitor](#)



UTAH CONVENTION

Click [here](#) to to see Schedule of Events for the UPMRA Convention held October 25-27 at the Hilton Garden Inn, St. George, UT.

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Look for recipients to be featured in the **WPMA News Scholarship Magazine** coming this **AUGUST**

Petro Pete: Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

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