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# RESOURCE INFORMATION FOR MAUI WILDFIRES ON HAWAII ENERGY MARKETERS ASSOCIATION (HEMA) WEBPAGE

It has been a heartbreaking time in Hawaii with the tragic loss of lives, homes, and businesses on Maui due to the devastating wildfires. As an organization, but also as individual citizens and operators in the communities, our thoughts will continue to be with all who have been affected by this tragedy.

HEMA is actively collaborating with our Member Companies to provide practical aid during this crisis. For those seeking to extend a helping hand, our resources page offers avenues to donate, along with crucial information for those directly affected by the wildfires.

Together, we strive to rebuild and heal.

## **CLICK HERE FOR THE HEMA RESOURCES**

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



### INSIDE THE BELTWAY UPDATE

While Congress is in Recess for the entire month of August, Congressional leaders are already preparing for what promises to be a busy Fall. Congress is looking down the pike at a swath of must-pass or must-extend legislation by September 30, which includes funding the government through FY 2024, reauthorizing the Federal Aviation Administration, passing the 2023 Farm Bill, and more. Despite Congress's growing list of must-dos, House Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) and Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) have expressed a sense of urgency to advance a short-term government funding extension to avoid a government shutdown on October 1.

When the House returns September 12, lawmakers will have only 12 working days until the fiscal year deadline expires and, as such, Speaker McCarthy told the House Republican caucus this week that a stopgap spending bill -- or continuing resolution (CR) – will be the priority when Congress returns. Leader Schumer said that a stopgap spending bill through early December "makes a good deal of sense."

However, passage of a CR is not guaranteed due to House Freedom Caucus opposition to current spending levels. While a government shutdown remains possible, McCarthy and Schumer's comments show the two leaders are aligned across party lines in wanting to avoid the government shutdown, passage of which will require votes from Republicans and Democrats.

#### HURICANE SEASON IS HERE, STAY PREPARED

Ninety percent of annual tropical activity in the Atlantic basin occurs after August 1st. EMA urges you to stay prepared for the destructive effects of hurricane season. This season is expected to have an above normal amount of tropical activity over the Atlantic basin.

Energy marketers are at ground zero during disasters and always stand ready to respond. They work around the clock to distribute fuel where it is needed. EMA and its state associations work to assist marketers in removing obstacles to their ability to supply and distribute fuel and to help with resources. EMA also stays in constant communication with the federal government and provides information to government agencies regarding stations that are open following a disaster.

EMA founded the Disaster Fuel Response Program where we provide information about marketers who are willing to deliver fuel to utilities, government agencies, first responders, medical facilities, companies and organizations that respond to disasters. We urge you to consider adding your company to the program listing. Members that join the program are under no obligations whatsoever, it simply means you might be contacted by a business or government entity to seek your business. All sizes of marketing companies are welcome in the program.

CLICK HERE FOR INFORMATION ON EMA'S DISASTER RESPONSE PROGRAM, HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS AND FEDERAL WAIVERS

### 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.

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#### 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 EMANS2023 CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR THE NACS SHOW!

Questions registering? Contact NACS Show registration customer service at <u>nacs@maritz.com</u> or 469-513-9489, Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. EST, for assistance.

#### WEEKEND READS

With more EV charging stations, why is driver satisfaction down?

How a Republican president could hobble the climate law | E&E News

Democrats' climate law set off a wave of energy projects in GOP districts. A backlash followed. | Politico

This Is When USA Oil Output Will Average Over 13MM Barrels Per Day | Rigzone

Return of the ICE: Have EVs Peaked? | Auto Evolution

Nikola recalls electric trucks due to battery pack fire risks | Transport Dive

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Jesse Watters currently serves as the host of Jesse Watters Primetime (weekdays, 7PM/ET) and co-host of The Five (weekdays, 5-6PM/ET) on FOX News and Author of the #1 New York Times Best Selling Book, "How I Saved The World."

He joined Fox News in 2002 as a production assistant. On Jesse Watters Primetime, Jesse takes on compelling guests and top newsmakers with his original style and fun personality. In March 2017, he aired an exclusive interview with President Donald Trump aboard Air Force One.

On The Five, Jesse is part of a roundtable ensemble of FNC personalities who discuss, debate and even debunk the hot news stories, controversies and issues of the day. In 2003, Jesse made his on-camera debut as a correspondent for The O'Reilly Factor.

While working with the program, he showcased his popular man-on-the-street interviews, traveling to different locations while quizzing individuals about politics, pop culture, and current events. Jesse graduated from Trinity College with a Bachelor of Arts in history.

#### 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 February 20-22, 2024 - WPMAEXPO - Mirage/Hard Rock Resort - Las Vegas, NV

# **REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENT**



### **UTAH CONVENTION**

Click <u>here</u> to to see Schedule of Events for the UPMRA Convention held October 25-27 at the Hilton Garden Inn, St. George, UT.

Choose your attendee type to register: Attendee or Exhibitor



Petro Pete: One of the cows didn't produce milk today. It was an udder failure.

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