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UPCOMING NATIONWIDE ROADSIDE INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT BLITZ TO FOCUS ON TRUCK BRAKES

The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) selected August 21-27, 2022, as the dates for this year's Brake Safety Week. Brake Safety Week is an annual commercial motor vehicle roadside inspection and enforcement blitz conducted by law enforcement jurisdictions across the United States. This event is important to energy marketers because brake-related violations comprise the largest percentage of all out-of-service (OAS) vehicle violations cited during roadside inspections. During last year's Brake Safety Week, brake systems and brake adjustment violations accounted for 38.9% of all vehicle out-of-service violations, the most of any category of vehicle violations. This year, inspectors will conduct the North American Standard Level I and Level V driver and vehicle inspections. Drivers and/or vehicles failing inspection will be immediately removed from service.

Driver Related Inspection

Inspectors will be looking at all driver related compliance requirements including CDL driver licenses, Medical Examiner Certificates, driver hours of service logs, seat belt usage, driver vehicle inspection reports and compliance with DOT drug and alcohol requirements.

Equipment Related Inspection

Inspectors will be looking at all vehicle related compliance requirements including, brakes, coupling devices; driveline/driveshaft; exhaust systems; frames; fuel systems; lighting devices (headlamps, tail lamps, stop lamps, turn signals and lamps/flags on projecting loads); steering mechanisms; suspensions; tires; wheels, rims and hubs; windshield wipers; electrical cables and systems in engine and battery compartments and specification cargo tank requirements.

Brake Related Inspection

During the brake portion of the vehicle inspection, inspectors will check for missing, non-functioning, loose, contaminated or cracked parts on the brake system; non-manufactured holes caused by rust and friction; broken springs in the parking brake housing. Inspectors will also listen for audible air leaks around brake components and lines and check for proper air pressure in the brake system (between 90-100 psi). Inspectors will check for S-cam flip-over and measure push-rod travel, make certain slack adjusters are the same length (from center of S-cam to center of clevis pin) and the air chambers on each axle are the same size. Brake-system warning devices, such as ABS malfunction lamp(s) and low air-pressure warning devices will also be inspected for proper functioning. In addition, inspectors will ensure the trailer breakaway system is operable, and inspect the tractor protection system, including the bleed-back system on the trailer.

Energy marketers should make certain that cargo tank vehicle equipment is operating as required, inform drivers of the inspection and enforcement blitz so that they will have their required credentials and documents available and in order.

INSIDE THE BELTWAY UPDATE

President Biden signed into law the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) - a climate, health, and tax-focused reconciliation package. The IRS does not impose new taxes on small businesses (such as the proposed 3.8% tax on business income) and does not raise individual, corporate, capital gains rates, or change step up in basis. The main cost of the bill is \$360 billion for clean and traditional energy development.

At the urging of EMA and other industry groups, Senator Maggie Hassan (D-NH) clarified in the Congressional Record that Section 13704 of IRA – which addresses production tax credits for biofuels – includes residential and commercial heating fuel.” Senate Finance Committee Chairman Ron Wyden (D-OR) confirmed Senator Hassan’s clarification.

With passage of the IRA, both the House and the Senate are away from DC and will return after Labor Day. Nonetheless, EMA continues efforts to engage Congressional members and staff to promote our remaining 117th Congress priorities. This week, EMA contacted House and Senate senior staff to urge support for S.4674, The Credit Card Competition Act. Introduced by Senators Richard Durbin (D-IL) and Roger Marshall (R-KS), the bipartisan legislation would give retailers greater choice for routing credit card transactions, resulting in cost savings that will be passed onto the consumer. EMA members are encouraged to request that their Members of Congress cosponsor the legislation.

**[CLICK HERE TO URGE YOUR SENATORS TO COSPONSOR
“THE CREDIT CARD COMPETITION ACT!”](#)**

FEDERAL JUDGE POSTPONES EFFECTIVE DATE OF REQUIRED WARNINGS ON CIGARETTES UNTIL OCTOBER 6, 2023

This week, the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas issued an order in the case of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. et al. v. United States Food and Drug Administration et al., No. 6:20-cv-00176, to further postpone the effective date of the "Required Warnings for Cigarette Packages and Advertisements" final rule. The new effective date of the final rule is October 6, 2023. [Click here](#) for more information.

WEEKEND READS:

[Federal Tax Credits End Suddenly for Most EVs, Plug-In Hybrids](#)

[Oil companies work around Jones Act to supply U.S. fuel markets](#)

[The Inflation Reduction Act Is No Oil Killer](#)

[EV prices charge ahead: Ford F-150 Lightning price spike highlights increases](#)

[U.S. oil refiners aim to run full bore, spurning recession fears](#)

EMA FALL MEETING: PLEASE MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS AND REGISTER NOW

for EMA's Fall Meeting at the NACS Show September 30-October 1

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 conference details [HERE](#) from how to make your hotel reservations through NACS housing, to viewing the conference schedule and registering with secure event payment processing. **Registrations must be received by August 29 to be included in our hotel guarantee.**

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.**

RISK MANAGEMENT ACADEMY FOR ALL INDUSTRIES OFFERED BY FEDERATED INSURANCE ON NOVEMBER 7-9, 2022

Federated Insurance is offering complimentary risk management training for all industries on November 7-9, 2022. Through this valuable session, you will discover methods you can use immediately to help protect profits by reducing risk at your business.

Companies that are the most successful at controlling losses and protecting profits have integrated risk management into their overall company culture. Many have designated a key person as their risk manager. This person is supported by your company's top management and is both responsible and accountable for identifying loss exposures and implementing risk management solutions.

This seminar's objective is to help your risk manager learn the exposures specific to your industry, connect with peers from across the country and apply these best practices within your business.

You can learn more by viewing a brief [video](#) about the Risk Management Academy. To [reserve your spot](#) in the upcoming session or for more information, please contact drm@fedins.com or call 800.533.0472 Extension 455.5958. **Federated is a Partner in EMA's Board of Directors Council.**

FEDERATED INSURANCE: RISK MANAGEMENT CORNER

Do You Have Your Employee's Backs – Literally?

Although the human body can withstand a lot, few things can put an employee on their back faster than a spinal cord, disc, ligament, or back muscle injury.

As your most valuable asset, your employees' health and well-being should be at the top of your list when it comes to successful workplace safety. Back pain accounts for a major portion of all recorded absences from work and is the third leading cause of physical limitation and disability¹. By helping your employees understand the value of safe lifting techniques, you can help break old habits, leading to new, safer ways to lift heavy or unwieldy items.

To read about how to evaluate your risk management safety program and lifting techniques, please click [here](#). Please always feel free to 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.**

1- Federated Back Safety Training Data 2019-2020

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MARCH 1st!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

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

WPMAEXPO KEYNOTE SPEAKER IS JON DORENBOS

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Petro Pete: "When life gives you melons, you might be dyslexic."

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