

REGISTER NOW FOR WOMA'S VIRTUAL SPOTLIGHT SERIES

Necessity is the mother of all invention! And without any face-to-face meetings, WOMA is rising up and offering connection with our membership! WOMA is developing a weekly series that will allow exhibitors, marketers, and major oil companies to come together and share products, services, and education about what we will face in the coming months. Join us every Wednesday from 10:00-11:00 a.m. (Pacific Time) for the 8 weeks (September 23-November 11) where we will be highlighting industry-related topics with a variety of reliable speakers! A second 8-week series will happen January - March with details to follow. If you are interested in owning your own Spotlight Week, please email Lea McCullough at lea@waoil.org for weeks available! More information and registration click here.

(<https://www.wpma.com/washington/calendar-of-events/woma-spotlight-series-2020/registration>)

REGISTER NOW! NEVADA'S BIG DOGS ARE COMING OUT TO GOLF OCTOBER 2

It's true! The Nevada's Big Dog Howl Golf is happening at Arroyo Golf Club in Las Vegas on October 2, 2020. We are excited to see you all! Every precaution is being taken to protect participants, staff, and volunteers. The golf course has implemented many safety measures to ensure we can put on a great tournament! If you are ready to emerge from the DOGHOUSE . . . Register here. (<https://www.wpma.com/nevada/convention/attendee>)

WPMA COVID-19 - CRITICAL REFERENCES FOR MEMBERS

Please visit our web site for up-to-date information related to your business and the COVID-19 pandemic. You will find the link on our home page at www.wpma.com.

MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATES - YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE!

WPMA welcomes industry-related articles for publication in the WPMA News magazine. All members and associate members of WPMA are eligible to submit items for publication. Articles will be included as space allows, and no self-promoting articles or editorials will be accepted. WPMA reserves the right to edit and make adaption of such contributions to accommodate the magazine's space and style. Please submit articles or content to Jan Roothoff, WPMA Administration/IT Director at janr@wpma.com, or mail to Jan Roothoff, Western Petroleum Marketers Association, PO Box 571500, Murray, UT 84157-1500. Submissions for the Winter edition of WPMA News magazine are due before November 1st. Later submissions will be considered for the Spring issue.

PMAA URGES CONGRESS TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM

PMAA joined several associations in sending a letter to Congress in strong support for "The Paycheck Protection Program Small Business Forgiveness Act" (S. 4117) (H.R. 7777), sponsored by Senators Kevin Cramer (R-ND), Bob Menendez (D-NJ), Thom Tillis (R-NC), Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ) as well as Reps. Chrissy Houlahan (D-PA) and Fred Upton (R-MI). The bill would streamline the forgiveness process for small businesses who received PPP loans of less than \$150,000 upon the borrower's completion of a simple, one-page forgiveness document. Click here to read the letter.

(https://www.pmaa.org/weeklyreview/attachments/Coalition_Letter_to_House_Senate_Leadership_0920.pdf)

PMAA also signed a letter in support of the "Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Small Business Enhancement Act" (H.R. 7894), which would provide businesses that have experienced a reduction in gross receipts of more than 20 percent as compared to last year with the opportunity to apply for a second PPP loan; permit businesses to use PPP loan funds on protective equipment and COVID-19 testing expenses; allow businesses to receive their regular tax deductions for eligible expenses paid with PPP loan funds and allowing automatic forgiveness for loans under \$150,000 while maintaining the ability of the Small Business Administration (SBA) to audit those loans for compliance. Click here to view the letter.

(https://www.pmaa.org/weeklyreview/attachments/SBLC_Letter_in_Support_of_HR7894.pdf)

HOS WAIVERS IN PLAY FOR THE PANDEMIC, HURRICANES LAURA AND MARCO, HURRICANE SALLY AND FOR THE WILDFIRES

On Wednesday, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) expanded on an Hours of Service (HOS) waiver that was first granted to Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi in response to Hurricane Sally on Monday. The updated waiver was extended to include the states of Florida and Georgia. The waiver for the five states will remain in effect for the duration of the emergency or until October 14, 2020, whichever is less.

Click here to read the notice.

<https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/emergency/ssc-amended-regional-emergency-declaration-2020-006-tropical-storm-hurricane-sally-09-15>

The waiver applies to all CDL drivers nationwide who deliver designated emergency supplies including fuel into the emergency areas covered by the declaration. FMCSA Regulations Exempted: Parts 390 through 399 of FMCSA regulations as limited by the waiver. (<https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/regulations/title49/b/5/3>)

Further the HOS waiver in response to Hurricanes Laura and Marco is still in effect until September 23.

https://www.pmaa.org/pmaa_today/attachments/FMCSA_Declaration_082520.pdf

The HOS waiver for California, Oregon and Washington because of the widespread wildfire activity is in effect through October 19, 2020.

<https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/emergency/wsc-ca-or-wa-extension-state-emergency-declarations-09-10-2020>

Finally, the nationwide HOS waiver for response to the pandemic continues to be updated (currently through December 31, 2020), but it does not include fuel deliveries.

<https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/emergency/extension-modified-expanded-emergency-declaration-no-2020-002-under-49-cfr-ss-39025>

PMAA will continue to work closely with the FMCSA and other federal agencies to ensure regulatory waivers important to petroleum marketers are in place throughout the duration of such emergencies. PMAA will also continue to work with the federal government in critical communications as well as in obtaining generators for retail stations in areas severely impacted by disasters.

HOUSE GOP OUTLINES LEGISLATIVE ROADMAP IF IT TAKES BACK THE HOUSE

On Tuesday, House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) announced a Republican agenda that would serve as a legislative blueprint if the party were to regain the majority of the House in November. Although the GOP faces a steep climb to win back the House, many in the party are hoping to, at the very least, pick up seats and chip away at the Democrat's majority. The plan, called the "Commitment to America," focuses on ways to battle the COVID-19 pandemic, revive the economy and provide additional resources for police.

The plan also includes a five-year surface transportation reauthorization to fix the nation's transportation infrastructure and a plan to significantly reduce the permitting process for infrastructure projects. In a statement, House Transportation and Infrastructure Ranking Member Sam Graves (R-MO) stated, "Republicans will provide a reasonable, commonsense approach to improving our infrastructure that reforms the infrastructure project review and delivery process, focuses on traditional core transportation needs, emphasizes investment in rural America's often neglected infrastructure, prepares our system for future transportation technologies, and fixes the Highway Trust Fund."

Click here to view the story and GOP plan.

<https://www.rollcall.com/2020/09/15/house-gop-campaign-platform-promises-a-rebuild-from-current-circumstances/>

STOPGAP FUNDING DEAL TO BE ANNOUNCED TODAY

According to congressional aides, a stopgap spending bill will be released later today. House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-MD) announced earlier this week that the House plans to vote on the measure sometime next week to keep the government open when the fiscal year ends on October 1. Republicans and Democrats have been at odds over how long the spending bill should provide funding for the government, with many Republicans aiming to have it last through the election into December, and many Democrats aiming for the bill to last until next year in hopes that the party will take back the Presidency and Senate.

HOUSE ANNOUNCES IT WILL VOTE ON A “SKINNY” CLEAN ENERGY BILL NEXT WEEK

House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-MD) announced that the House will vote on the “Clean Economy and Jobs Innovation Act” (H.R. 4447) next week. The bill’s introduction comes in response to the significant progress the Senate has made on its own energy bill known as the “The American Energy Innovation Act.” Environmental groups are not too enthusiastic with the bill given that it does not set any specific carbon reduction targets.

Both bills contain provisions that would improve electric reliability and energy efficiency; promote the development of hydropower, geothermal, weatherize homes, and methane hydrates; enhance cyber security efforts; bolster mineral security; and repeals a range of obsolete authorities currently within the U.S. Code. However, there are provisions in H.R. 4447 that would expand the use of EVs and would create an (EV) supply equipment rebate program that the Senate bill does not include.

H.R. 4447 will likely pass the House next week, setting up the possibility that a “skinny” energy bill can reach the finish line before Congress adjourns this year.

Click here to view the story.

<https://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/516552-house-dems-tee-up-vote-on-climate-focused-energy-bill-next-week>

EPA DENIES DOZENS OF REFINERS’ BIOFUEL WAIVER REQUESTS

EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler announced this week that the agency is denying 54 biofuel exemption requests from refineries. Refiners had requested that the EPA grant them biofuel exemptions going back to 2011 which would allow them to circumvent a January decision from U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit, which said a refinery can receive new exemptions only if they have received them continuously since the program began. Administrator Wheeler stated that he denied the petitions based on advice he received from the Department of Energy (DOE).

The Trump Administration’s announcement was praised by corn interests and scorned by the oil interests. AFPM President and CEO Chet Thompson said, “The notion that this Administration is ‘following the rule of law’ through its latest betrayal of US refinery workers is laughable. We hope the President and Administrator Wheeler feel a sense of responsibility when RFS compliance costs become even more untenable for refineries of all sizes. The legacy of this Administration’s handling of RFS will be fewer union refining jobs, facility closures, reduced US refining capacity, and increased imports of foreign biodiesel. Telling ethanol interests everything they want to hear in a press release is not going to increase the amount of ethanol that gasoline can absorb or do anything to help farmers and ethanol producers. EPA knows this. And now they need to answer how they plan to correct the 2020 RFS volumes artificially inflated because of small refinery exemptions that will no longer be granted and how they will protect consumers and US energy security by ensuring 2021 standards are achievable.”

In a statement, Wheeler said his “decision follows President Trump’s promise to promote domestic biofuel production, support our nation’s farmers, and in turn strengthens our energy independence. At the EPA, we are delivering on that promise by following the rule-of-law and ensuring 15 billion gallons are blended into the nation’s fuel supply.” President Trump has faced intense pressure from corn belt lawmakers like Sen. Joni Ernst (R-IA) who is in a tough race, in addition to his own tight race in Iowa.

PRESIDENT TRUMP TWEETS SUPPORT FOR E15

President Trump took to Twitter over last weekend to support E15 stating “Subject only to State approval, our important Ethanol Industry will be allowed to use the 10% Pumps for the 15% BLEND.”

Unfortunately, E15 still has a long way to go before it can be sold legally at retail stations. In January 2020, the EPA Office of Underground Storage Tanks said that “Most older and even some newer existing UST systems (which includes but is not limited to tanks, pumps, ancillary equipment, lines, gaskets, and sealants) are not fully compatible with E15 and require modification before storing E15.” Click here for the official statement.

<https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2020-01/documents/e15-ust-compatibility-statement-1-23-20.pdf>

In addition, the President’s declaration does not protect fuel marketers from noncompliance with state and federal UST regulations or from liability for a release resulting from the storage or dispensing of E15.

“The bottom line is that small business fuel marketers are extremely concerned about assuming liability without any legal protections,” said PMAA President Rob Underwood.

BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE SUPPORTS ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Business Roundtable (BRT), a trade association representing CEO's of some of the largest companies in the world, announced that they are in favor of a "market-based" solution to climate change. The association released several documents on Wednesday acknowledging that the climate is changing and that humans are playing a big role. It also acknowledged that much progress has been made to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions but said more needs to be done to combat climate change.

Doug McMillon, CEO of Walmart and BRT chairman, said "Representing more than 200 CEOs from America's leading companies, the new Business Roundtable position on climate change reflects our belief that a national market-based emissions reduction policy is critical to reducing greenhouse gas emissions to levels designed to avoid the worst effects and mitigate the impacts of climate change."

Click here to view the story and BRT documents.

<https://www.politico.com/news/2020/09/15/business-roundtable-endorse-market-based-climate-policy-415804>)

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FEDERATED INSURANCE LAUNCHES MYSHIELDSM: An Online Destination for Risk Management

On August 31, 2020, Federated Insurance launched mySHIELDSM, an online destination for risk management resources to help businesses succeed. A brief video highlights mySHIELD's many features.

<https://players.brightcove.net/pages/v1/index.html?accountId=4699998563001&playerId=HycWj0LE&videoId=6169677332001&autoplay=true>)

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If you're like most business owners, you have one or more go-to employees when it comes to the day-to-day operation of your company. They have the management skills, technical know-how, experience, or customer relationships upon which you rely — you trust them to make the right decisions when you're not available. They can be at any level or in any position, but they are people your business can't do without. Now that you have them on your team, what would happen if you were to lose one of them due to a premature death, long-term illness or disability, or another employment opportunity?

To read the article in its entirety, please click here.

<https://www.federatedinsurance.com/posts/its-your-life/2020-08-can-you-afford-loss-of-key-employee>)

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October 2, 2020 – Nevada NPM&CSA – Big Dogs- Arroyo Golf Club - Las Vegas, NV

November 2, 2020 – Hawaii (HPMA) Golf Tournament – Oahu Country Club – Honolulu, HI

February 16-18, 2021 – WPMA Convention & Expo – Mirage Hotel– Las Vegas, NV

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Petro Pete: “By the time a man is wise enough to watch his step he is too old to go anywhere.”

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