

## **WPMAEXPO**<sup>®</sup>

### **Great news! WPMAEXPO 2025 REGISTRATION & ROOM BLOCK Now Open!**

Registration for WPMAEXPO 2025 is officially open! Join us February 18-20, 2025, at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas. Use the link below to register today!

Don't wait—secure your room now! Our room block is expected to fill up quickly, so be sure to book early. Click the link below to use our hotel link for the WPMAEXPO room block. We do not use a third party vendor for rooming reservations, all rooms are booked directly with the MGM Grand.

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**Attention Exhibitors!** Registrations included with the booth will be available with the exhibitor kit in November.

*WPMA HAS NOT contracted with any service to book accommodations for the convention. Reservations made through any outside agency will be at your own risk. If you have any questions, please contact the WPMA staff at 801-263-9762.*

### **ATTENTION WASHINGTON MEMBERS!** **Request for Campaign Materials - I-2117 "Vote Yes, Pay Less "**

The Washington Independent Distributors of Energy is committed to supporting the "Vote Yes, Pay Less" campaign, particularly regarding Initiative I-2117, which seeks to repeal the Climate Commitment Act. This initiative will appear on the ballot on November 5, 2024, and we are eager to help spread the word.

Here is a peek at the pump topper. Door signs, counter signs, and pump stickers are also available to support the initiative.

Click [here](#) to order materials online.



## We Card Launches New Campaign to Prevent Underage Access to Tobacco and Vapor Products

Join thousands of retailers helping to prevent adult purchases of tobacco and vapor products on behalf of those underage. Click the link below to get your FREE Retail Store Signage Kit. Two options are available.

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### Inside the Beltway Update

With less than 35 days to go before the election and members of Congress hot on the campaign trail, this was a slow week in official Washington. But before Congress left town last week, Reps. Adrian Smith, (R-NE), Angie Craig, (D-MN) and more than 30 of their colleagues introduced the *Nationwide Consumer and Fuel Retailer Choice Act*. The bill aims to enable year-round sales of E15 nationwide. The bipartisan, bicameral legislation would extend the Reid vapor pressure (RVP) volatility waiver to gasoline blends containing up to 15 percent ethanol. The regulatory change would allow E15 to be sold year-round across the country. Sen. Deb Fischer (R-NE) introduced companion legislation in July 2023.

Meanwhile, Senator Joni Ernst (R-IA) and Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) sent a letter to the USDA requesting more funding for the Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program (HBIIP). Specifically, the Senators urged the USDA to extend HBIIP funding through the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) to assist retail store owners to purchase the infrastructure necessary to provide e10 and b20 plus blends at the pump and b20 plus blends for heating fuel distribution facilities.

“Since its inception in 2020, HBIIP has been vital in expanding access to higher blends of biofuels like E15, E85, and B20 for customers. Through a cost-share approach, HBIIP has helped fuel retailers invest over \$77.8 million in biofuel-related infrastructure projects, leading to an estimated 1.2-billion-gallon increase in annual biofuel sales,” wrote the senators. “However, access to these higher blends of renewable fuel can only occur if the proper infrastructure is in place at our gas stations, truck stops, and heating fuel facilities, a gap HBIIP has and will continue to help bridge. As the final quarter ends on September 30, 2024, we strongly encourage the USDA to allocate CCC funds to sustain this essential program.”

Meanwhile, due to severe damage caused by Hurricane Helene and escalation of the conflict in the Middle East, President Biden briefly considered asking Congress to return to pass a broad bill on disaster relief. While the impetus was the storm, there are many measures that could be included in any bill considered, including funding for the replacement of the I-695 bridge that

collapsed in Maryland earlier this year. Still, most believe the \$20 billion in disaster relief funds currently available to the White House and FEMA negate the need for immediate action from Congress, though they will still need to act at some point. In other words, we're ok for now—no need to rush back. That said, the damage that has been done throughout the South and in Appalachia is catastrophic, and while the Administration is working with Governors in the affected states to determine how best to provide assistance, EMA members have been doing so on the front lines, and for that we're all incredibly grateful.

A separate matter that took up oxygen this week was a strike at ports along the East Coast and Gulf of Mexico that began October 1. The International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) union, which represents about 45,000, was entangled in a pay dispute with the United States Maritime Alliance, which represents the interests of the operators of the main ports involved with the dispute. Although the strike could have led to issues like increased traffic congestion at ports, and likely fuel price increases, overall, the strike was unlikely to directly impact the petroleum industry because the industry does not typically rely on dock workers for marine operations. Generally, there was a concern a strike could reignite inflation and create significant supply chain bottlenecks for goods nationwide. Fortunately, the dockworkers' union reached a tentative agreement on wages and are extending an expired contract through Jan. 15, 2025. "Effective immediately, all current job actions will cease, and all work covered by the Master Contract will resume," the union said yesterday evening.

While we're not typically focused on Middle Eastern affairs, but following an Iranian missile attack directed at Israel, Israel is expected to retaliate, and President Biden acknowledged one of the possible targets include Iranian oil facilities. Obviously, a strike on Iranian oil could increase the price of oil which is unwelcome news for anyone who purchases gas in any quantity. Regardless, we will report more as we learn more about the activities unfolding in Israel.

Separately, in an interview with Politico, Rep. Eric Burlison (R-MO) used a few choice words to describe Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, who is implementing policies to "destroy the car industry." Congressman Burlison noted in the interview that he wanted to claw back the \$7.5 billion designated for EV charging stations provided in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and rescind a broad scope of emissions standards. We'll continue to flag as many of these Congressional insights as possible as they can provide interesting color to the otherwise monotonous drone of Congress.

### **IRS Issues Dyed Fuel Waiver in Response to Hurricane Helene**

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The Internal Revenue Service announced Thursday evening that it will not impose a penalty when dyed diesel fuel is sold for use or used on the highway in the States of Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina and in the following counties in Florida, Tennessee and Virginia:

Florida: Alachua, Bay, Bradford, Calhoun, Charlotte, Citrus, Collier, Columbia, Dixie, Escambia, Franklin, Gadsden, Gilchrist, Gulf, Hamilton, Hernando, Hillsborough, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Lafayette, Lee, Leon, Levy, Liberty, Madison, Manatee, Marion, Monroe, Okaloosa, Pasco, Pinellas, Santa Rosa, Sarasota, Sumter, Suwannee, Taylor, Union, Wakulla, Walton and Washington counties.

Tennessee: Carter, Cocke, Greene, Hamblen, Hawkins, Johnson, Unicoi and Washington counties.

Virginia: City of Galax, Grayson, Smyth, Tazewell, Washington, Wise and Wythe counties.

This relief is retroactive to September 26, 2024, and will remain in effect through October 15, 2024. This penalty relief is available to any person that sells or uses dyed diesel fuel for highway use. In the case of the operator of the vehicle in which the dyed diesel fuel is used, the relief is available only if the operator or the person selling such fuel pays the tax of 24.4 cents per gallon that is normally applied to diesel fuel for highway use.

The IRS will not impose penalties for failure to make semimonthly deposits of tax for dyed diesel fuel sold for use or used in diesel powered vehicles on the highway in these areas during the relief period. [IRS Publication 510, Excise Taxes](#) has information on the proper method for reporting and paying the tax. Ordinarily, dyed diesel fuel is not taxed, because it is sold for uses exempt from excise tax, such as to farmers for farming purposes, for home heating use and to local governments.

The IRS is closely monitoring the situation and will provide additional relief as needed.

### **New EMA Member Service Benefit: You Need Drivers. EMA Can Help**

The Energy Marketers of America has partnered with the National Propane Gas Association (NPGA) to provide a new member benefit to help your company get drivers on the road. The ACE (Administrative Compliance Experts) Services Program guides individuals through the Entry Level Driver Training (ELDT) requirements set by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA).

What does ACE do?

Serving as the FMCSA Registered Training Provider, ACE handles:

- FMCSA paperwork and filings
- FMCS audits
- Training materials and training equipment guidance to meet FMCSA requirements

ACE will save you thousands of dollars – up to \$3,000 per driver – AND help you cut through all the red tape.

Learn more about how ACE works, how much it costs, and how you can enroll your company by joining our webinar on Thursday, October 24th at 11am EST below.

[Click Here to Register for the October 24th ACE Webinar](#)

To begin enrollment, please click [here](#) or go to [www.npga.org/ace](http://www.npga.org/ace) or contact ACE at 202-466-7203 or [eldt@npga.org](mailto:eldt@npga.org).  
"Our company has had many drivers go through the program... ACE keeps all of the records for you and allows you to keep it in house. Simple, easy, cost effective. An absolute unbelievable program. To me, signing up for ELDT and utilizing the ACE program is a no-brainer" – Damon Gibson, CHS

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### Weekend Reads

[California Assembly Votes Up Bill for Spare Fuel Reserves | Rigzone](#)

[New ad—Ridin' with Biden—urges Congress to overturn Biden-Harris gas car ban, while polling in competitive states shows liability of the issue across the ticket](#)

[Saudi Minister Warns of \\$50 Oil as OPEC+ Members Flout Production Curbs](#)

[Kwik Trip adding electric vehicle charging stations](#)



### Federated Insurance Risk Management Academy Webinar

**Fire Prevention: Thursday, October 17 2024, 2:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time**

A fire can spark up in seconds, and it could happen to you, potentially leaving your business damaged or destroyed. This presentation focuses on steps your business can take to help prevent fires, along with identifying various causes and hazards that may not be on your radar to help you, and your business stay safe.

What you will learn:

- How to analyze some of the main causes of fire across all industries
- Common causes of fires that are not on most company's radars
- How to address potential fire risks through consistent risk management

[Advanced registration](#) for this 30-minute webinar.

Download a complimentary [Fire Safety Checklist](#) to be used routinely to identify potential fire hazards within your business.



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## 2025 WPMAEXPO KEYNOTE SPEAKER DONALD TRUMP JR

### PLEASE NOTE UPCOMING DATES FOR WPMA EVENTS

December 5, 2024 - Washington (WIDE) Holiday Party - Topgolf - Renton, WA

December 11, 2024 - Oregon (OFA) Holiday Party - Portland Golf Club - Portland, OR

February 18-20, 2025 - WPMAEXPO, MGM Grand Resort, Las Vegas, NV

April 24-25, 2025 - Nevada (NPM&CSA) Big Dogs Event - Red Rock Casino/Angel Park Golf Course

June 3-4, 2025 - Montana (MPMCSA) Convention - Fairmont Hot Springs - Fairmont, MT

June 16-18, 2025 - Washington (WIDE) Convention - Davenport Hotel - Spokane, WA

July 20-22, 2025 - Oregon (OFA) Conference - Sunriver Resort - Sunriver, OR

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

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**Petro Pete: How much did Santa pay for his sleigh? Nothing, it was on the house.  
(only 82 days until Christmas)**

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