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Inside the Beltway Update

The Trump administration announced this week that it will release up to one-third of the Northeast Home Heating Oil Reserve to lower fuel costs ahead of winter. Companies will be allowed to borrow up to 315,000 barrels of fuel oil prior to mid-November but must return the same volume of fuel by next winter.
The move comes after Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME) and Sen. Angus King (I-ME) called on the administration to release oil from the reserve. Energy Secretary Chris Wright said the release is a temporary measure to mitigate the current supply disruption. He also urged Northeast Democrats to support a new natural gas pipeline to lower the cost of heating oil. It remains unclear what impact the release will have because, according to a Government Accountability Office report, the reserve holds less than two days of regional fuel consumption. **Read More** . . .

EMA Regulatory Alert: IRS Relieves Dyed Diesel Highway Users and Sellers of Certain Form 720 Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements Through End of Year

On Wednesday evening, the IRS took another significant step to implement Executive Order 14435, “Emergency Tax Relief on Diesel Fuel.” In **IR-2026-125**, the IRS announced that, for taxable uses of dyed diesel occurring from October 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, it will not challenge temporary failures to meet return-filing, reporting, and recordkeeping requirements solely attributable to liability under Internal Revenue Code § 4041(a).

EMA appreciates that the White House reached out to EMA directly for its views and its members’ concerns. **Read More** . . .

Coalition Urges Treasury to Adopt 45Z Credit Transparency

EMA, NATSO, and SIGMA have led a **coalition letter** urging the Treasury Department and IRS to include credit value transparency requirements in the final Section 45Z Clean Fuel Production Credit rule. he letter was formally submitted on Thursday, October 22.

The coalition argues that the 45Z credit's structure keeps much of its value from reaching consumers. Because the credit is complex to calculate, the regulatory framework creates information asymmetries that prevent the credit from putting downward pressure on fuel prices. To close that gap, the letter asks Treasury to require any producer claiming the 45Z credit to disclose on its bills of lading or product transfer documents:

- Whether the facility received a 45Z credit in the prior tax year
- The average credit value per gallon the facility produced in that year
- Whether the facility's credit value reflected USDA-recognized regenerative agriculture practices, and whether the facility used carbon capture and storage

The disclosures would give wholesalers, terminal operators, and retail blenders the information they need to negotiate prices reflecting a fair share of the credit value, without requiring proprietary or transaction-specific data. The coalition notes that producers already calculate this information for their tax filings, and that Treasury can adopt the requirement under its existing authority without congressional action. With diesel prices at record highs, the letter frames transparency as a ready tool for lowering prices at the pump.

EMA will keep members updated as Treasury finalizes the rule.

EMA Member Advisory: Critical PHP Security Vulnerabilities ("PHP2Shell")

Critical security vulnerabilities in PHP, the widely used software technology that powers millions of websites (including those built with WordPress and other popular content management systems), have been publicly disclosed this week. Collectively referred to as "PHP2Shell," these issues affect a large share of the web—by some estimates, roughly 70–75% of websites whose server-side language is known. **Read More** . . .

HR Question of the Month

Federated Insurance's HR Question of the Month focuses on employment-related practices liability issues. This month's question is: **Refusing to Pay Overtime.**

One of our employees constantly clocks in early and starts working before his shift is supposed to begin. He also clocks out after his shift is supposed to end. Since he does this all the time, he usually ends up working over 40 hours a week, and we have to pay him overtime. However, we have a very clear policy stating that employees must receive prior approval before working overtime. Can we refuse to pay him for the unauthorized overtime he works, since he violated our policy and did not receive prior approval? If not, what can we do?

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Exclusive-US aims to loan about a third of heating oil reserve in bid to tame prices



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