

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 has developed 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>)

WOMA SILENT AUCTION IS OPEN

Please remember that the WOMA Silent Auction is open, and has some pretty nice items to bid on. Don't forget that Christmas is right around the corner, and this could be an outstanding opportunity to do some shopping and support the "Tony Reinhard Memorial Fund" which funds a college scholarship each year from Washington State. [Click here](#) to view the items and submit your bids.

PROSPECTS OF A CORONAVIRUS RELIEF PACKAGE DURING A LAME-DUCK CONGRESS

On Wednesday, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) called on Congress to approve a coronavirus relief package before the end of the year. With the balance of the Senate and the keys to 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue uncertain as of November 5, Sen. McConnell's statements present a shift from his recent suggestion that a measure was more likely early in the 117th Congress.

Prior to the election, negotiations over another coronavirus relief package were handled predominately between House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin. Despite reported progress, negotiators failed to reach an agreement on the overall price tag of the next coronavirus relief package. The Trump Administration proposed a \$1.8 trillion deal; Speaker Pelosi called for funding exceeding \$2 trillion; and Senate Republicans expressed reluctance to support any package that exceeded \$1 trillion. Liability protections remain a top priority for Senate Republicans; Speaker Pelosi insists robust state and local aid is paramount for Democratic support.

During a November 4 press conference, Leader McConnell said, "We need another rescue package. Hopefully the partisan passions that prevented us from doing another rescue package will subside with the election and I think we need to do it and I think we need to do it before the end of the year." Passing relief legislation during the final weeks of the 116th Congress is not an easy task. Senator Roy Blunt (R-MO), Chairman of the Republican Policy Committee and senior Senate Appropriations Committee member, said he will "be surprised if we're able to get a whole lot done in a lame duck session."

Meanwhile, President Trump is challenging the election in key battleground states such as Pennsylvania, Georgia, Wisconsin, and Nevada. While the path to 270 electoral votes appears to favor Vice President Biden, it may be weeks until official results are certified.

This uncertainty could result in Senate Majority Leader McConnell, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) and Speaker Pelosi serving as the primary negotiators. Unlike recent months, Congressional leaders may be more inclined to reach an agreement given the reduced Democratic House majority and a strong likelihood that Senate control may be delayed until two Senate runoff elections in Georgia occur on January 5.

In addition to a coronavirus relief measure, Congress must keep the government funded beyond the current December 11 continuing resolution deadline. Should Congress pass a coronavirus measure before January, an outstanding question is whether President Trump would sign the legislation into law.

EPA APPROVES NEW STANDARD FOR UST SYSTEM SUMP REPAIR

The National Leak Prevention Association-Ken Wilcox Associates, Inc. (NLPA/KWA) recently completed the development of a standard for the repair of UST system containment sumps. Under EPA UST regulations (40 CFR 280.33(a)), all UST system repairs must be conducted according to a code of practice developed by a nationally recognized association or an independent testing laboratory to ensure that repairs will prevent releases once the sump is returned to service. Without proper repairs, sumps may fail to prevent releases when piping or pumping equipment leaks. The EPA has authorized Standard 823 as compliant for the proper repair of UST system sumps.

Specifically, NLP/KWA Standard 823 establishes requirements for repairing sumps due to structural failure or corrosion by providing:

- Minimum criteria for qualifying a containment sump for repair,
- Testing and performance requirements for materials used to:
 - Seal containment sumps as a preventative maintenance or repair measure,
 - Install or replace a sump entry fitting, and
 - Fabricate a new single wall or double wall sump using the existing sump as a fabrication mold.
- Minimum requirements for installer certification and training by the equipment or material manufacturer

NLP/KWA Standard 823 also provides post sump repair testing procedures for liquid tightness. EPA UST regulations require owners and operators using the standard to ensure that sump repairs follow all applicable steps in the standard, including post-repair testing for liquid tightness.

UST system owners and operators should check with their state UST implementing agencies to determine whether state specific sump repair requirements vary from EPA's Standard 823 determination. Generally, most state UST authorities adopt EPA requirements without change. The contact information for every state and territorial UST authority can be found [here](#).

The [EPA's Office of Underground Storage Tanks \(OUST\) technical online compendium](#) has been updated to reflect that this code of practice meets the regulatory requirements as an acceptable standard for containment sump repairs and more information about the standard can be found [here](#).

In addition, the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission (NEIWPC) is planning to host a webinar about this standard in December. Click [here](#) for more information.

IMPACT OF TRANSPORTATION-RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES

The Fuel Institute released a new study recently that provides an overview and analysis of U.S. and global environmental initiatives to reduce emissions from the transportation sector. The Impact of Transportation-Related Environmental Initiatives report evaluates and compares the impact that different environmentally focused transportation-energy regulations, policies, and initiatives will have on emissions and costs to consumers over the next 20 years.

The report discusses existing initiatives such as the zero-emission vehicle mandate, the Low Carbon Fuel Standard, the Renewable Fuel Standard, and federal and state electric vehicle subsidies as well as potential future initiatives such as the Cleaner Trucks Initiative and Transportation Climate Initiative. It includes an assessment of fourteen U.S. initiatives in the areas of emissions, fuel economy, and carbon pricing; alternative fuels, congestion pricing, tolls, and telecommuting; and mobility.

The report can be downloaded from the Fuel Institutes website by clicking [here](#).

DOL ISSUES FINAL RULE ON ESG INVESTMENTS

On Monday, the Department of Labor issued a final rule regarding environmental, social, or governance (ESG) investments for retirement plans. Originally proposed in June, the final rule limits the ability of financial advisors managing private pension plans covered by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to make ESG-motivated investments, and only allows investments "based solely on financial considerations relevant to the risk-adjusted economic value of a particular investment or investment court of action." The June proposed rule received more than 8,700 comments, the majority of which were negative. Large investment firms, such as BlackRock, Fidelity, and Vanguard, also reacted negatively to the rule. Investment firms have also argued this will prevent them from considering the effects of climate change when making investment decisions.

The rule has not yet been published in the Federal Register.

FEDERATED INSURANCE RISK MANAGEMENT ACADEMY WEBINAR

Cost-Effective Solutions for Mid-Pandemic Workplace Controversies: Tuesday, November 10, 2020, 1:00 p.m. CT

In this webinar, we will identify seven types of challenges and recurring problems that employers face today, and we will discuss cost-effective solutions your organization can implement to reduce risk while preparing for year-end and for 2021. We'll offer practical tips and resources and will answer questions at the end of this webinar.

[Advanced registration](#) is required for this one-hour webinar.

For additional information or to discuss this in further detail, please contact your [Federated](#) regional representative or PMAA's National Account Executive [Jon Medo](#) at 800.533.0472.

FEDERATED INSURANCE EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES NETWORK HR QUESTION OF THE MONTH

School is Open – Opt to Stay Home on FFCRA Leave?

Federated Insurance's HR Question of the Month focuses on employment-related practices liability issues. This month's question is: ***Does an employee, who has opted to stay home with her school aged child, who chose to virtually learn, when the school is open, and the other 2 children are in school, still qualify for extended leave under the Emergency Families First Coronavirus Response Act?*** The Department of Labor recently addressed this very issue in an update of its Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) online resource. Prior to this time there had been no direct guidance and employers were left with ambiguity. It is now quite clear. Please click [here](#) to read the response.

PASSING OF FRANK MACALUSO, NEW MEXICO

Farmington – Former NMPMA member Frank Macaluso, 89, passed away on Oct 31 at his home, surrounded by his family. He was preceded in death by his wife of 59 years, Peggy.

Frank began his career as a banker. He moved to Farmington, New Mexico in 1952 and worked for Citizens Bank in Aztec. In 1959 Frank founded Macaluso Oil Company, a petroleum product distributor. In 2000 the company expanded to Albuquerque and Santa Fe and became Amigo Petroleum Company. The company was sold to Giant Industries in 2006.

Throughout the years Frank served as President of the New Mexico Petroleum Marketers Association, on the Governor's Business Advisory Council, the New Mexico Board of Finance, and the University of New Mexico Foundation. He was also a New Mexican Amigo, proudly serving as President.

Due to the current restrictions, the family will have a private mass at Sacred Heart Church, with a celebration of life at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family ask anyone who would like to honor Frank to donate to Four Corners Foundation (PATH) at PO Box 5160, Farmington, NM 87499. Those wishing to leave condolences may do so at [farmingtonfuneral.com](#).

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.

The logo for WPMA EXPO features the letters 'WPMA' in a bold, italicized, green font, followed by 'EXPO' in a white, outlined, sans-serif font.

February 16-18, 2021. The Mirage Las Vegas, Nevada.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

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

March 15, 2021 – Hawaii (HPMA) Golf Tournament – Oahu Country Club – Honolulu, HI

May 13-14, 2021 - Nevada (NPM&CSA) Big Dogs - Red Rock Hotel & Casino - Las Vegas, NV

June 1-2, 2021 - Montana (MPMCSA) Convention -Fairmont Hot Springs Resort - Fairmont, MT

June 21-24, 2021 - Washington (WOMA) Convention - Suncadia Resort - Cle Elum, WA

July 17-19, 2021 - Oregon (OFA) Annual Conference - Sunriver Resort - Sunriver, OR

August 4-6, 2021 - Idaho (IPM&CSA) Convention - Sun Valley Resort - Sun Valley, ID

August 23-25, 2021 - New Mexico (NMPMA) Convention - Sandia Resort & Casino - Albuquerque, NM

September 15-17, 2021 - Utah (UPMRA) Convention - Sheraton Park City Hotel - Park City, UT

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Petro Pete: “What if there were no hypothetical questions?”

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