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EIA requests updated contact information

As we approach what are historically the most active months of the hurricane season, the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) is working on its emergency response planning. In this effort, EIA is asking GPA members and natural gas processing plant operators to update your emergency contact names, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses. Of particular interest to EIA are any emergency contact staff changes that may have occurred, namely the staff that can provide status updates to EIA on operations during a supply emergency. In addition, EIA is asking that all processing plant operators report any ownership or operator changes, plant decommissions and/or acquisitions. Contact information and additional plant information was initially requested on Form EIA-757: http://www.eia.doe.gov/pub/oil_gas/natural_gas/survey_forms/eia757af.pdf.

Please contact Michael Kopalek with questions, (202) 586-4001, and e-mail updated information to OOGEIA-757@eia.gov.

GPA continues work on Subpart W

GPA continues to make progress on Subpart W and should see helpful changes to the rule in the near future. From the start of our efforts, GPA has focused on two primary concerns: (1) the use of Best Available Monitoring Methods (BAMM) was unreasonably limited in the final rule; and (2) the applicability provisions in the final rule are unclear, making it hard to determine whether reports must be submitted for certain facilities and equipment. With regard to BAMM, our goal has been to extend "automatic BAMM" to all source types for all of 2011 and to make case-by-case BAMM reasonably available after 2011. On June 27, EPA proposed amendments to Subpart W that would accomplish these things. Reportedly, EPA plans to finalize that rule in September, which brings us close to achieving our BAMM objectives.

With regard to the applicability issues, EPA has drafted another set of proposed amendments to Subpart W that would address our primary concerns. For example, EPA plans to amend the definition of "onshore natural gas processing facility" to make sure that it actually covers only processing plants. EPA plans to issue this proposed rule in September and finalize it by the end of the year. GPA Environmental Committee leaders have had a chance to review and comment on the draft proposed rule and are confident that it addresses the right issues in the right way. The applicability issues should be resolved soon after the BAMM issues.

Lastly, GPA has raised additional issues with EPA unrelated to the two primary issues described above. For example, we have argued that the Subpart W compressor monitoring requirements are unreasonably

burdensome and should be revised to provide more flexibility. EPA does not believe that such issues need to be resolved before the end of 2011 but is willing to work on them if GPA continues to pursue the issues.

Van Ness Feldman is GPA's new federal advocacy firm

Following a lengthy search and selection process, GPA leaders have selected the Washington, D.C., firm of Van Ness Feldman as our new federal advocacy firm. Van Ness Feldman is a top ranked firm for their expertise in energy, environmental and government relations, and has extensive regulatory experience relevant to GPA's key interests in the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Department of Transportation and Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA). Van Ness Feldman member Lisa Epifani is an expert on energy and environmental matters and will lead GPA's advocacy efforts. With the current increased level of activity in Congress addressing pipeline safety, Epifani is working with members of the GPA Legislative Committee and Pipeline Safety Committee.

Apply now to be considered for GPA's Environmental Excellence Award

The GPA Environmental Excellence Award is a project-based award honoring companies' achievements in energy conservation and environmental support. GPA member companies may apply through the self-nomination process to be considered for the award recognition at the 2012 GPA Convention, where they will be able to demonstrate their projects so other member companies may benefit from this knowledge and information. **The application deadline is Dec. 31, 2011.** Visit <http://GPAglobal.org/awards/envexcellence/> for full program details and application forms.

Call for Papers - 2012 GPA Convention

The GPA Convention is the premier midstream industry event, bringing professionals together each year to meet, share and learn. Our open Call for Papers brings some of the best industry experts to present at our conference each year, and that could be you! We invite you to share your knowledge and expertise with more than 1,500 industry professionals at the 2012 GPA Convention in New Orleans, La. If you would like to be considered, please send your abstract(s) to Johnny Dreyer, jdreyer@GPAglobal.org, by Oct. 7, 2011.

Presentations chosen will cover midstream topics (gas processing, gas gathering, fractionation, storage and transportation) relating to these activities:

- Computer Technology
- Environmental
- Midstream Facilities Design
- Legislative, Regulatory & Safety
- LNG Technology
- NGL Business or Market Perspective
- Operations & Maintenance
- Pipeline Safety
- Technical Data Development
- Technology Developments in Gas Processing
- Technology to Improve Operations
- Worldwide Developments
- Young Professionals
- Training
- Compliance

For more information, visit www.GPAglobal.org.

Thanks for helping GPA conclude another successful chromatography school!

2011 marked the 38th year for GPA's one-of-a-kind School of Gas Chromatography. For each of the past six years, the school reached maximum capacity prior to enrollment deadlines, plus has had waiting lists. Capacity was expanded to accept 110 students this year, and again filled prior to deadline and had a waiting list.

The school's instructors, lecturers and demonstrators are midstream industry employees who brought with them a working knowledge of the various products, problems and solutions from personal experience.

We extend a special "thanks" to everyone who shared their time, expertise, staff or equipment to make this school the success that it was! GPA certainly could not host this school without your support and participation.

LPG Charity Fund's Tulsa Texas Hold'Em Poker Tournament

We encourage you to consider participating in the LPG Charity Fund's Texas Hold'Em Poker Tournament fundraiser

on Sept. 21 at the Hard Rock Casino in Catoosa, Okla. Registration and lunch will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the tournament will begin at 1 p.m.

The LPG Charity Fund's primary objective is to assist LPG and gas processing industry members with medical expenses or financial needs in catastrophic situations. The LPG Charity Fund is a tax-exempt publicly supported organization in accordance with the Internal Revenue Service Code, section 501(c)3.

A block of rooms has been reserved for Sept. 20-21 at the Hard Rock Casino for \$109/night. To reserve a room, call the hotel at (800) 760-6700 or visit www.HardRockCasinoTulsa.com. Please keep this attendee code handy when you book your reservation by phone or online: **LPGC072711**.

For more information about the LPG Charity Fund, visit <http://www.lpgfund.com/>. For more information about the poker tournament, visit http://www.lpgfund.com/Event_Register-744B.php.

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Houston GPA Information

Don't forget to renew your membership! Go to www.houstongpa.org and renew today to ensure your opportunity for discounted lunches and educational sessions, access to the membership database, and a great opportunity to network.

The Houston GPA Shrimp Boil will be held on Sept. 22 from 5-8 p.m. at Woodrows on Chimney Rock, just north of Richmond. Registration costs \$50 per person and is open online: www.houstongpa.org.

The Houston GPA Annual Meeting and Golf Tournament will be held at the Pine Forest Country Club on Oct. 11. You may register online for the meeting only or for the meeting and golf tournament: www.houstongpa.org.

Rocky Mountain GPA Annual Meeting

Registration has opened for the Rocky Mountain GPA Annual Meeting to be held Sept. 8 at the Denver Athletic Club. Save by registering early! Pre-register online for \$60; the on-site cost is \$75 (no credit cards accepted on-site). Please go to <https://www.gpaglobal.org/chapters/RMRegistration2011> to register.

Dates for GPA chapters' fall annual meetings

Sept. 8 Rocky Mountain GPA Annual Meeting
Oct. 11 Houston GPA Annual Meeting and Golf Tournament
Nov. 3 North Texas GPA Annual Meeting

Technical Section meeting dates

Technical sections A, B, C, H and M will meet at the Wyndham Dallas Love Field hotel, Oct. 10-12. Please mark your calendars and look for additional information coming soon.

GPA/GPSA Calendar

For event location and additional details about meetings listed below, visit: www.GPAglobal.org/calendar/

August

17 GPARM YP Event - Rockies Game

September

8 Rocky Mountain GPA Annual Meeting
8 GPA Canada 50th Annual Golf Classic
9 Rocky Mountain GPA Sporting Clay Tournament
15 North Texas GPA Annual Shrimp Boil
21 LPG Charity Fund 1st Poker Tournament
22 Houston GPA Annual Shrimp Boil
21-23 GPAE Annual Conference

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