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NPGA Initiates Effort on Climate Change Legislation



Last summer, the House of Representatives passed comprehensive climate change legislation (H.R. 2454), which includes a greenhouse gas (CO₂) cap-and-trade system. Under cap-and-trade, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) would set declining yearly targets for greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions and covered entities would be required to purchase allowances for tons of GHGs emitted.

In principle, this would attach a price signal to carbon emissions, making reductions in GHG emissions economically necessary. As passed, H.R. 2454 requires propane producers to purchase emission allowances beginning in 2012.

Now, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, chaired by Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA) has introduced draft companion climate change/cap-and-trade legislation. In order to protect the propane industry - particularly propane marketers - from unreasonable legislation.

NPGA strongly urges you and your staff to write and fax your member of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee detailing the goals the propane industry has for climate change legislation. A number of sample letters are provided at www.npga.org.

News Flash:

The National Propane Gas Association has moved its headquarters office. The new address is 1899 L Street N.W., Suite 350; Washington, D.C. 20036. All phone numbers and email addresses remain the same.

Legislative

Goals

Per NPGA's Board-approved priorities, NPGA's climate change legislative goals consist of the following:

- Propane marketers should not be the point of regulation in a cap-and-trade scheme. Propane GHG emissions are more efficiently tracked upstream at propane producing facilities such as natural gas fractionators.
- Propane and natural gas are nearly identical in terms of carbon content and use and should be regulated at the same time. Requiring propane producers to purchase allowances years before natural gas utilities will force propane prices on rural families higher while urban natural gas consumers enjoy a grace period.
- The federal government should create programs - rebates, financial compensation, and the like - to offset higher consumer fuel (e.g.: propane, heating oil) prices caused by a cap-and-trade program. These funds should fund propane programs proportionate to similar programs for customers of other fuels.

How to Participate in the Grassroots Program

NPGA strongly encourages all member companies - and all employees - to get involved in this grassroots effort. Please encourage the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee to protect propane marketers when considering comprehensive climate change legislation. To participate:

1. Choose a grassroots letter from the list provided below. (Please feel free to customize letters to your interests.)
2. Change the address and addressee to match your Senator.
3. Add information about your company in the bracketed area.
4. Print your letter on company letterhead (or include your street address).
5. Fax your letter to the appropriate Senate office (per the information below).
6. For our records, please fax a copy of your letters to NPGA's grassroots office at 502-412-5454.

Sample grassroots letters which you may adapt for your use may be found at

<http://www.npga.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=1496>

or by contacting Brian Caudill at bcaudill@npga.org



Important News About Energy Guys Materials

"...the propane industry will no longer retain the rights to use images of the Energy Guys for any purpose after December 31, 2009. No industry members, including state propane associations and individual marketers, can use any ads or other items depicting the Energy Guys after that date."

As a result of the recent restriction of the activities of the Propane Education & Research Council (PERC), the Council is removing from the Propane Marketing and Resource Catalog (www.propanemarc.com; registration required) all Energy Guys materials and any other products designed to promote the general benefits of propane to consumer audiences.

In addition, the propane industry will no longer retain the rights to use images of the Energy Guys for any purpose after December 31, 2009. No industry members, including state propane associations and individual marketers, can use any ads or other items depicting the Energy Guys after that date.

State propane associations and propane marketers are responsible for notifying their media partners that the use of any materials depicting either or both of the Energy Guys after December 31, 2009, is strictly prohibited. PERC will not be liable for any penalties or usage charges demanded of any state association or propane retailer who uses the materials after that time and in violation of the current contract.

The restriction of PERC activities was triggered by the August 2009 publication of the Commerce Department's finding that changes in propane prices relative to other energy sources had exceeded a threshold established in the Propane Education and Research Act of 1996.

For details about the expiration of the Energy Guys contract, get in touch with PERC's Kate Caskin at kate.caskin@propanecouncil.org or 202-452-8975.

To learn more about how the restriction will affect the Propane MaRC, write to PERC's Alicia Dunn at alicia.dunn@propanecouncil.org or call her at 202-452-8975.

WVPGA Donates to Fire Service Extension



The West Virginia Service Fire Service Extension is receiving a gift of training materials from WVPGA.

Copies of the Propane Emergencies textbooks, CDs and facilitators guides are being given to the faculty at the Jackson's Mill facility.

The donation is made possible by the use of a grant from PERC to the West Virginia Propane Research & Education Foundation.



Training Course On Comparative Analysis Of Residential Heating Systems

A new online training course for architects, builders, remodelers, and other construction professionals covers the findings of the comparative heating analysis commissioned by the Propane Education & Research Council (PERC).

Construction professionals who take the course learn how geography, climate, and system variables affect overall efficiency and cost-effectiveness. They also get an introduction to the first costs, the operating costs, the carbon emissions, and the payback periods of various residential heating systems, including propane furnaces and boilers.

The course is approved by the American Institute of Architects, and it meets the continuing education requirements for several certificate programs offered by the National Association of Home Builders. For details, get in touch with PERC's Tracy Burluson at tracy.burluson@propanecouncil.org or 202-452-8975.

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