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GPA welcomes Jeff Applekamp to our staff

Please join us in welcoming Jeff Applekamp as GPA's new director of government affairs. We are pleased to have Jeff on board and are confident that his leadership skills and experience will serve our GPA members well.

Before joining GPA, Jeff worked as a contract consultant and lobbyist for OG&E Energy Corp., Kelson Energy Redbud Power Generation and Rural Enterprises of Oklahoma, among others. Prior to that, he served as government affairs manager and lobbyist for Public Service Company of Oklahoma (PSO), where he represented the company before state government agencies, industry groups and public advocacy groups while also planning and executing the company's lobbying efforts and agenda.

"I look forward to diving into GPA's legislative and regulatory affairs activities and also look forward to meeting and working with the committee members," says Jeff. "Our collective efforts will no doubt have a positive impact for the midstream industry, and GPA has already made great progress to date."

Jeff can be reached by e-mail, japplekamp@GPAglobal.org, or by calling the GPA office, (918) 493-3872.

EPA Mandatory Reporting of Greenhouse Gases Rule

EPA signed the final Mandatory Reporting of Greenhouse Gases (GHG) Rule on Sept. 22, 2009. Publication in the Federal Register is expected in the next 4 weeks. The rule, in response to the FY2008 Consolidated Appropriations Act, requires facilities that emit 25,000 metric tons or more per year of GHG emissions will be required to submit annual reports to the EPA. In 2010, the primary reporting obligation for GPA members will be reporting GHG emissions from fuel combustion sources (Subpart C) from facilities emitting above the GHG emission threshold. For more information, visit:

<http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/emissions/ghgrulemaking.html>.

GPA's Environmental Subcommittee and the Washington Advisory Group have worked diligently to positively impact the final rule for gas processors, and there were significant changes from the proposed rule. This positive impact is a direct result of GPA members voting to provide additional resources for our legislative and regulatory advocacy efforts. The subcommittee continues to digest the rule. They will continue to work with EPA to further impact parts of the rule that have

Correction to GPA 2010 Cooperative Industry Research Brochure

Please note that the 2010 research brochure that was recently mailed and placed on the GPA web site contained an incorrect project description on P. 5 under the heading "New Research Project 101, Corrosion in Acid Gas Injection Systems." A correction page has been mailed to those who received GPA Research Ballots and Commitment Forms. A corrected version has also been placed on the GPA research page at <http://www.gpaglobal.org/research/>.

2010 GPA Research Ballot/ Commitment Form Reminder

Please remember that the 2010 GPA Research Ballots and Commitment Forms are due on Oct. 30. Questions about the research program may be directed to [Mark Sutton](#) or [Kenny Wheat](#), GPA staff, who are happy to discuss any aspect of the program with you.

Dates to Remember

Oct. 30 - Research Ballots due.

Nov. 20 - GPA Award Nominations deadline.

GPA/GPSA Events

[View event location and additional details about meetings listed below.](#)

October

6 - GPA Safety and Pipeline Safety Subcommittee Combined Meeting

6 - GPA Technical Section B Workgroup Meeting

7 - GPA Technical Sections A, B, C, H, M, Meetings

8 - GPA NGL Market Information Committee Meeting

8 - GPA Technical Committee Meeting

been deferred. Additionally, they will also assist members with compliance. Below is a quick summary:

- 1) **First reports are due March 31, 2011** for 2010 emissions.
- 2) **Threshold for applicability remains at 25,000 metric tons** per year at the facility level.
- 3) **One of the most significant changes from the proposed rule is the delayed finalization of "Subpart W" for Oil and Natural Gas Systems. As a result, there is no requirement to submit reports for 2010 emissions from fugitives, tanks, vents, dehyds, flares, treaters, etc.** EPA received many comments on the proposed Subpart W and in order to carefully consider and respond to these comments, EPA did not include Subpart W in the final greenhouse gas reporting rule. It appears EPA will re-issue Subpart W as a proposed rule for public comment late this year or early 2010, with the goal to have this subpart finalized such that data collection can begin on January 1, 2011.
- 4) **In March 2011, the primary reporting obligation will be for 2010 GHG emissions from combustion sources (Subpart C), i.e., engines, turbines, heaters, boilers, based on fuel consumption (flares are not included).** There is more detail in the rule related to fuel measurement, and there have been some good accommodations made in the final rule to simplify this reporting.
- 5) **Data for the January - March 2010 period has a lower standard and allows using "best available data."** This allows 3 additional months to put the required measurement equipment in place. If more than 3 months are needed, an extension is available to use "best available data" through Dec. 31, 2010. Any requests for an extension must be submitted within 30 days after the rule is published in the Federal Register.
- 6) **NGL reporting was moved from the gas processing plant to the fractionation plant.** This is another major change to the proposed rule for reporting potential emissions from NGL produced as a fuel supplier. Will need to report the potential CO2 emissions resulting from combustion of the NGL produced at a frac. Will also report the volume of propane odorized at the frac, volume of NGL received from other fracs, and to the extent possible the volumes of NGL known to go to non-emissive use (petrochem) or to other sources that might double count the emission from NGL (refinery). There is some added complexity in this reporting, but will only impact the fractionation plants.
- 7) **EPA removed the "once-in-always-in" provision** and now allows for a facility to stop reporting if they fall below the thresholds for 3-5 years.
- 8) **Final rule requires a "monitoring plan" at each location** that documents procedures for collecting data for GHG emission calculations, as well as QA/QC procedures.

Contact [Johnny Dreyer](#) or [Jeff Applekamp](#) for additional information.

New Draft Senate Climate Change Bill Released

Senators Boxer and Kerry released their proposed climate change bill on Sept. 30. GPA will follow up with a more complete analysis, but with respect to NGLs, the bill appears to use the language that was passed out of the E&C Committee in May, not what was passed by the full House in June. The language remains a major improvement over the original House draft, but lacks the clarity that we had worked for and was accepted by the full House. The bill does push the compliance obligation to the point of fractionation, but it seems that the Boxer language is slightly less clear.

Contact [Jeff Applekamp](#) or [Johnny Dreyer](#) for additional information.

TECH TALK

Technical Committee and Technical Sections to meet next week

GPA's Technical Committee and its sections will meet next week, Oct. 6-8, to discuss various topics, including:

13 - Houston GPA Annual Meeting and Scholarship Golf Tournament

16 - MidContinent GPA Fall Sporting Clays

20-21 - GPA & GPSA Board Meeting

28 - Rocky Mountain GPA Southwest Wyoming Meeting

November

4 - North Texas GPA Annual Sporting Clays

5 - North Texas GPA Annual Meeting

March 2010

21-24 - 89th Annual GPA Convention

- Revisions to GPA Standards
- Facilities design recommended practices documents
- A new GPA demethanized mix specification
- Training-related subjects

One additional item not normally discussed at these meetings will include a summary of the EPA's final GHG reporting rules and how it will impact the midstream industry. If you are unable to attend these meetings, feel free to contact [Kenny Wheat](#) after the meetings for minutes and/or updates.

GPSA Editorial Review Board Revising 12th Edition of Engineering Data Book

The GPSA Editorial Review Board (ERB) met last week in Houston to begin revising the 12th edition of the GPSA Engineering Data Book. The 13th edition will include major revisions to 4-6 of its 26 chapters and minor revisions to all other chapters. The ERB is constantly obtaining new information and ideas for future revisions of the GPSA Data Book to provide users of the book with the most up to date technical information needed in the gas processing industry. The 13th edition is expected to be completed and released within about three years.

GPA Chapter Updates

Rocky Mountain GPA

GPA's Rocky Mountain Chapter recently held its annual meeting in Denver, Colo. With nearly 140 in attendance and great presentations, the meeting was a definite success. Topics for this meeting included "Emission Control Strategies for Amine Stripper Tail Gas," "Economic and Environmental Justification for Compression Upgrades," and "Carbon Consciousness and the Need for Environmental Awareness." GPA President Bob Dunn, Prism Gas, gave an excellent keynote presentation about GPA's national initiatives and its relationship with the local chapters. He also discussed the work of a task force that is reviewing and revising our association's membership rules and categories. The group is taking a hard look at the GPA dues structure and the way the association currently funds its research projects. For information about chapter meetings in your area, keep an eye on the eBrief, or visit the GPA/GPSA calendar: <http://www.gpaglobal.org/calendar/>.

Houston GPA

GPA's Houston Chapter will meet Oct. 13 at the Kingwood Country Club in Kingwood, Texas (just outside of Houston). Attendees to this chapter's annual meeting can look forward to quality presentations, as well as an update of GPA's strategic initiatives from Joel Moxley, Crestwood Midstream Partners. The presentation topic list includes:

- "The Latest on the Health of the Gas Industry" - Bill Gwozd, Ziff Energy
- "Williams Midstream Infrastructure Expansion Gas Plant" - Brian Perilloux, Williams Midstream
- "Impact of the Proposed Cap and Trade Legislation" - David Wochner, Sutherland
- "Health of the Petrochemical Industry" - Mark Lashier, ChevronPhillips Chemical

If you're interested in attending this meeting, visit <http://www.houstongpa.org/> for registration information.

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