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### **GPA Board approves Special Assessment Policy**

At its recent meeting in San Antonio, GPA's Board of Directors unanimously approved a policy that will allow GPA to make special assessments to its membership in order to fund an activity that is considered important to the membership and in the midstream industry, but is outside the normal operating or research budget.

At the meeting, it was explained that in implementing the association's strategic plan and its mission to be the primary advocate for the midstream industry, GPA faces challenges to fund critically important activities that were not anticipated when its annual budget was approved. Two EPA rulemakings (RICE MACT and Green House Gas Subpart W) are examples of this type of issue. Each of these issues were effectively handled by GPA's Environmental Subcommittee, but when negotiations between industry and EPA came to a standstill, the Environmental Subcommittee recommended that GPA take further administrative and procedural steps that would help convince EPA to reconsider its position on the matters. These two non-budgeted activities represented millions of dollars in additional regulatory compliance burdens to the midstream industry. The Environmental Subcommittee felt that dollars spent now, collectively shared by GPA members, could offer big savings to member companies in the future.

In order for GPA to challenge these rulemakings, it required retaining expensive outside expertise to supplement the volunteer committee resources. Each of the above mentioned non-budgeted activities were funded voluntarily by member companies active on GPA's Environmental Subcommittee. Because of the short lead time, companies not represented on the Environmental Subcommittee were not solicited to provide support but all GPA member companies benefited from GPA's efforts.

After much discussion of the disparity of voluntary funding by a limited number of member companies, GPA's Executive and Finance Committee recommended that staff develop a Special Assessment Policy that would provide funding for non-budgeted activities – similar to the method that the Texas Pipeline Association utilizes to handle this type of issue. The full policy can be viewed by visiting this link:

<http://www.gpaglobal.org/assets/gpaglobal/gpa/temp/SAP2011.pdf>

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### **Senate Bill 275 – Pipeline Transportation Safety Improvement Act of 2011**

Matt Norton, GPA Pipeline Safety Committee Chair, continues to lead committee activities addressing the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation S. 275. At issue is the term "gas pipeline facilities," which is broadly defined and could be interpreted to include facilities such as natural gas gathering lines and lower-pressure pipelines that have not traditionally been subject to federal pipeline regulations based on the lower level of risk they present. Additionally, the wording could subject facilities that are well regulated by state agencies to additional unnecessary and costly federal regulations.

Congress and Department of Transportation (DOT) clearly differentiate the transmission of gas through pipelines from the gathering of gas, both onshore and offshore. Congress required DOT to further define the term "gathering lines," indicating that it viewed certain distinctions between different types of pipelines and how such lines are regulated. DOT defined gathering lines as "those that transport gas from a production facility to a transmission line or main," which indicates that DOT views gathering lines as separate from transmission lines. Working with Hunton & Williams and other natural gas associations, GPA is working for the inclusion of language on S. 275 that clarifies the bill apply only to gas transmission pipeline facilities currently subject to federal regulation.

### **GPA Legislative Committee**

Evan Hanson, Williams, has become chair, and Steve Johnson, ONEOK, has become Vice Chair of the newly restructured Legislative Committee. Members of the GPA Legislative Committee address both state and federal legislation and advocacy matters. For the 2011 legislative session, the committee initiated a new activity of member company volunteers serving as State Coordinators within GPA's key states. Throughout the legislative session, our State Coordinators have monitored, reported and lobbied legislation affecting our industry. Leadership of our Legislative Committee continues to increase GPA advocacy activities in Washington, D.C.

### **Environmental Committee Meeting**

Oksana Howard and Crosstex Energy Services hosted the first Environmental Committee meeting in late April after the restructuring of GPA committees and subcommittees. The Environmental Committee continues to address many issues affecting GPA member companies. The two--day meeting focused on GHG Mandatory Reporting rule (MRR) Subparts applicable to midstream operations, discussion of various federal and regional Issues, and RICE MACT petitions for review and reconsideration.

Click here for the latest GPA summary of RICE MACT and Subpart W:

[http://www.gpaglobal.org/assets/gpaglobal/gpa/pdf/Summary-RICEMACT\\_SubpartW\\_May2011.pdf](http://www.gpaglobal.org/assets/gpaglobal/gpa/pdf/Summary-RICEMACT_SubpartW_May2011.pdf)

If you would like to have an employee from your company join the Environmental Committee, please contact Jeff Applekamp at [japplekamp@GPAglobal.org](mailto:japplekamp@GPAglobal.org).

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### **SAVE THE DATE for the 2012 GPA Convention**

The 2012 event will be held April 15-18 in New Orleans. A preliminary informational page has been setup at: <http://gpaglobal.org/convention/2012/>

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### **Call for Papers - 2012 GPA Convention**

The convention planning committee is already developing the program for the 2012 GPA Convention and invites you to share your knowledge at the premier midstream industry event, April 15-18, in New Orleans.

***Requested midstream topics include:*** International developments - Legislative and regulatory issues/impacts - Safety - Environmental - Pipeline Safety - Product quality and specifications - Operational and maintenance issues - Reliability - Business/Commercial - NGL Activities - Technical developments - Marketing and downstream issues - Applications of thermodynamics and phase equilibria - Shared practices - LNG - Computer technology - Research and data development

All authors/companies that send a 200-250 word abstract (with full contact information) to GPA by Oct. 7 will be considered for a presentation slot at the 2012 convention. Abstracts submitted early will be given priority consideration. For those with pertinent papers not matching the descriptions below, we encourage you to go ahead and send in your abstract by the deadline for consideration as additional forums may be added. Presenters receive complimentary registration to the event.

Please send abstracts to Johnny Dreyer: [jdreyer@GPAglobal.org](mailto:jdreyer@GPAglobal.org).

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### **GPA and GPSA board members announced**

GPA and GPSA elected their respective Board of Directors at the April convention. Both boards underwent significant changes due to by-laws revisions approved in 2010. Members are:

**GPA**

Dennis Casto, Aka Energy Group, LLC  
Matthew Berghorn, Anadarko Petroleum Corp.  
William McAdam, Aux Sable Liquid Products Inc.  
Nevin Gates, BP  
Robert Mitchell, Carrera Gas Co., L.L.C.  
Walter Ferguson, CenterPoint Energy  
Bob Purgason, Chesapeake Midstream Partners  
Rolando Rodriguez, Chevron Products Co.  
Phillip Nickel, Cimarex Energy Co.  
William Duey, ConocoPhillips  
Sharon Robinson, Copano Energy, L.L.C.  
Joel Moxley, Crestwood Midstream Partners, L.P.  
Stan Golemon, Crosstex Energy Services, L.P.  
Tom O'Connor, DCP Midstream  
David Pierce, Devon Energy Corporation  
Arild Wilson, DONG Energy Exploration and Production  
Chris Wren, Eagle Rock Energy Partners, L.P.  
Terry McGill, Enbridge Energy Company, Inc.  
John Phillips, Energy Transfer  
Paul Brewer, Enogex LLC  
Bill Ordemann, Enterprise Products Operating LP  
Chuck Mart, ExxonMobil Upstream Research Co.  
Ender Barillas, Hess Corporation  
Larry Loudenslager, KinderHawk Field Services, LLC  
John Mollenkopf, MarkWest Energy Partners, L.P.  
John Hogsett, Mustang Gas Products, LLC  
Terry Spencer, ONEOK Partners, L.P.  
Henry Galpin, Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc.  
Scott Southard, Prism Gas Systems, I, L.P.  
Richard Fitt, PSI Midstream  
Michael Wood, PVR Midstream LLC  
Tom Williams, Seminole Energy  
Pervaiz Nasir, Shell Global Solutions  
Richard Rehm, Southern Union Gas Services  
John R. Lee, Southwestern Midstream  
Sigbjorn Svenes, Statoil ASA  
Bill Ward, Superior Pipeline Co.  
Michael Heim, Targa Resources, Inc.  
Alan Armstrong, The Williams Companies  
Rory Miller, The Williams Companies  
Shane Alexander, XTO Energy Inc.

**GPSA**

Michael Derr, Afton Pumps, Inc.  
Kurt Metzler, Air Products & Chemicals, Inc.  
David Bardeen, Ariel Corp.  
Gary Bartlett, Bartlett Equipment Co.  
Ron Brice, Brice Equipment  
Jerry Bullin, Bryan Research & Engineering, Inc.  
Greg Jean, Cameron Process Systems  
Richard Barber, Caterpillar Inc.  
Bob Huebel, CB&I Randall Gas Technologies  
Stan Dorak, Coastal Chemical Co., LLC  
Tim Knox, Compressor Systems, Inc.  
Phil Burnside, CompressorTech Two  
Jim Marcotte, Daniel Measurement & Control  
Tim Scism, Dresser-Rand Company  
Sheila Gailloreto, Dresser Waukesha, Dresser Inc.  
Ron Pasadyn, EDG, Inc.  
Sean Sullivan, Elkhorn Construction, Inc.  
Mark Helm, Exterran  
Bill Flowers, Fisher Controls

Alan Sudbrock, Gas Technology Corp.  
Jerry Gulsby, Gulsby Engineering, Inc.  
Pat Holub, Huntsman  
Sam Johnson, M & J Valve  
Anne Keller, Midstream Energy Group  
Bob Tuttle, New Tech Engineering  
John Wilkinson, Ortloff Engineers, Ltd.  
Allen Walker, PECO-Facet  
Lamar Seale, Thomas Russell Co.  
David Richmond, Washington Group International  
Chris Lindenberg, Western Filter Co., Inc.

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### **Spaces still available! GPA's School of Gas Chromatography**

This intensive one-week school is one of the best available worldwide (which explains why it sells out so quickly). The 2011 school will be held Aug. 8-12 at the University of Tulsa, Okla. The school is directed toward chromatograph operators, measurement technicians and engineers involved in chromatography and is also beneficial to lab technicians. GPA/GPSA membership is not required to take advantage of this training. Registration is open and available on a first come, first served basis.

Register early and save!

### **Early Bird Registration - by or before July 11**

\$525 U.S. Dollars - GPA / GPSA Member  
\$800 U.S. Dollars - Non-Member

### **Standard Registration - on or after July 12, 2011**

\$625 U.S. Dollars - GPA/GPSA Member  
\$900 U.S. Dollars - Non-Member

You may [download the registration form](#) and fax it to the GPA office. For questions or additional information, contact [Kenny Wheat](#) or [Judy London](#).

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### **Dates announced 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

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### **GPA/GPSA Calendar**

For event location and additional details about meetings listed below, visit: [www.GPAGlobal.org/calendar/](http://www.GPAGlobal.org/calendar/)

#### **June**

1 GPA Canada 2011 Northern Committee Golf Tournament  
1 North Texas GPA Spring Golf Tournament  
9 Rocky Mountain GPA Chapter Meeting  
10 Rocky Mountain GPA Golf Tournament  
27-29 GPA/GPSA Summer Board Meetings

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### **Gas Processors Association**

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