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GPA efforts on Form EIA-915

A GPA ad hoc task force has been working with the Energy Information Administration (EIA) on proposed Form EIA-915 (Monthly Gas Processing and Liquids Report). GPA has provided formal comments and supplemental comments to EIA since May 2014. To streamline the process, the GPA ad hoc group met with EIA representatives in Houston on Aug. 20.

The ad hoc group is led by GPA Chairman Joel Moxley, Crestwood Midstream, and other GPA companies participating include DCP Midstream, Enterprise Products, MarkWest Energy Partners and Targa Resources.

EIA explained why they collect data, why Form EIA-915 is important and the development process of the form. GPA provided details as to objections gas processors have to the detail and dissemination of the data being requested.

Below are some highlights of the discussions:

- The longstanding excellent working relationship between GPA and EIA will continue to be mutually beneficial.
- GPA regrets that it did not offer feedback earlier in the development of Form EIA-915.
- EIA would like GPA's support of Form EIA-915.
- Other groups besides EIA are interested in the data on Form EIA-915.
- Release of Form EIA-915 to the Office of Management and Budget has been delayed due to GPA's concerns.
- EIA collects three types of data – public, confidential and Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act (CIPSEA).
- CIPSEA-protected data is the highest level of confidential data EIA collects and is only used for statistical purposes.
- GPA is adamant that the data currently requested on the proposed Form EIA-915 would put gas processing companies at a competitive disadvantage with their peers and their customers.
- GPA strongly believes that Form EIA-915 should be provided CIPSEA protection, which would alleviate many of the issues that GPA members have with the data collection/dissemination concerning Form EIA-915.

GPA agreed to provide two edited versions of Form EIA-915 for EIA's consideration. One version would contain the data GPA feels gas processors can provide if CIPSEA would apply. The second version would illustrate the data GPA feels gas processors can provide if CIPSEA would not apply. GPA plans to submit these markups to EIA by Sept. 5.

GPA attends Oil & Natural Gas Sector Coordinating Council meeting

GPA Vice President of Government Affairs Jeff Applekamp represented GPA at the recent Oil & Natural Gas Sector Coordinator Council (ONG SCC) meeting in Washington, D.C. Other energy trade associations represented were the American Gas Association, American Petroleum Institute, International Liquid Terminals Association, Interstate Natural Gas Association, NATSO, Offshore Operators Committee, and American Fuels and Petrochemical Manufacturers, who hosted the first day of the two-day event. The second day meetings were held at the Department of Energy.

"The SCCs, Sector Coordinating Councils, were designed by the Department of Homeland Security to serve as a partnership model encouraging critical infrastructure owners and operators to create or identify SCCs as the principal entity for coordinating with the government on a wide range of critical infrastructure protection activities and issues. They are self-organized and self-run with a spokesperson designated by the sector membership.

Government Coordinating Councils (GCCs) are formed as the government counterpart for each SCC, to enable interagency and cross-jurisdictional coordination. The GCC comprises representatives from across various levels of government (federal, state, local, or tribe) as appropriate to operating landscape of each individual SCC."

GPA was initially invited to participate with the ONG SCC upon its founding, and active engagement with the group will ensure GPA has a voice in discussions of security, and recovery, of oil and natural gas facilities in America. The ONG SCC provides regular reports of activities affecting our industry and has scheduled meetings throughout the year in similar fashion to GPA advocacy committees. Our GPA Regulatory Committee is engaged in monitoring ONG SCC activities and will work with Applekamp as GPA interfaces with the group. The next scheduled meetings will be Nov. 11-12 in Houston.

2015 GPA Convention speaking opportunities

Are you interested in sharing your expertise with midstream industry decision makers? We're looking for speakers for the 2015 GPA Convention, scheduled for April 12 -15 in San Antonio, Texas. Our open Call for Papers process brings some of the best industry experts to present at our conference each year, and that could be you. More information is below, but please note that the deadline to submit your abstract is **Oct. 22, 2014**.

What we're looking for

Midstream topics (gas processing, gas gathering, fractionation, storage and transportation) that are relevant, timely and informative, relating, but not limited, to these activities:

- * Alternative energy
- * Compliance
- * Computer technology
- * Environmental
- * Facilities design
- * Gas and product treating
- * Legislative, regulatory & safety
- * Liquefied natural gas
- * Natural gas liquids business or market perspective
- * Operations & maintenance
- * Pipeline safety
- * Project economics and finance
- * Research
- * Technical data development
- * Technology developments in gas processing
- * Technology to improve operations
- * Training
- * Unconventional gas
- * Worldwide developments
- * Young professionals

What we aren't looking for

The primary focus of the GPA Convention is sharing knowledge and best practices to benefit the midstream industry as a whole. With that in mind, we are not looking for overly commercial papers with regard to a specific company or service. We receive some great abstracts every year that contain valuable information but aren't selected because they are too commercial.

How topics/papers are selected

As abstracts come in, members of the GPA Program Committee review each one and select the most appropriate and relevant papers for each convention session. GPA Program Committee members represent more than 40 different midstream industry companies that face the same challenges and opportunities that you do.

How to be considered

All authors who send a 200-250 word abstract to GPA by Oct. 22 will be considered as a potential presenter at the 2015 GPA Convention. Abstracts submitted early will be given priority consideration. Submit your abstract here:

<https://gpaconvention.org/submit-abstract>

For more information about next year's conference, visit www.GPAconvention.org.

Vendor Night deadline reminder

As a reminder to companies interested in participating as an exhibitor at the 2015 GPA Convention, the Vendor Night selection process for 2015 will be handled using a lottery system. The enrollment period to participate in the lottery closes this Friday, Aug. 29 at 5 p.m. Central time. No additional entries will be accepted after the enrollment deadline.

While the lottery system still leaves the selection process up to chance, it also provides companies that have been engaged in GPA and GPSA activities with more entries to award them for their involvement without excluding non-members and other companies that haven't been as involved.

For complete details about the lottery system and process and to access the online enrollment form, visit www.GPAconvention.org/exhibit.

If you have questions once you look through the information linked above, call or e-mail Crystal Myers, (918) 493-3872.

GPA completes successful chromatography school

Ninety-eight students attended GPA's School of Gas Chromatography, which was held earlier this month in Tulsa, Okla. In its 41st year, the 2014 school was dedicated to Carl B. Sutton, who served as GPA's corporate secretary for 25 years and was instrumental in organizing the first chromatography school in 1965. The Sutton family was present for a special dedication to Mr. Sutton held during the school's instructor and vendor dinner on Aug. 3.

Feedback from student surveys indicated another successful year. Students appreciate the hands-on teaching style to learn about specific pieces and functions of the equipment. The surveys also presented a picture of the percentage of different types of equipment being operated by the students: 29% online, 25% portable, 36% lab and 16% volume analysts.

GPA would once again like to thank all of the instructors and vendors and their companies. Without their involvement, the school wouldn't be possible.

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MarkWest Hydrocarbon
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Errata available for the GPSA Engineering Data Book

Errata sheets are available for volumes 1 and 2 of the GPSA Engineering Data Book's 13th Edition (2012). Errata are available for sections 1, 4, 10, 13, 16, 17, 21, 23, 25 and 26.

Registered Data Book users will receive an e-mail soon with information on how to download an electronic version of the errata. In the meantime, PDF files of the errata pages may be downloaded from the GPSA web site:

<http://gpsa.gpaglobal.org/databookerrata/>

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Technical Publication 31 is available

GPA Technical Publication 31 - *GPA 2261 and GPA 2177 Methods Precision Statements Calculation* has been completed and is available for purchase on the GPA web site under "Publications." The technical paper summarizes calculations for GPA 2261 and GPA 2177 methods precision statements, repeatability and reproducibility from data obtained during RR-188 *GPA Round Robin Chromatograph Test Project*.

GPA submits comments to Texas Railroad Commission

Members of GPA's Regulatory Committee came together to develop and submit comments to the Railroad Commission of Texas on the proposed amendments relating to pipeline permits addressing Common Carrier status. GPA supports efforts by the commission to ensure that pipelines permitted in Texas are properly classified. It is clearly the commission's responsibility to classify pipelines under its jurisdiction as private lines, common carrier or gas utilities, based upon applicable statutory provisions. Proper pipeline classification is necessary because each category of pipeline has different regulatory obligations based on existing statutes and rules.

PERC to conduct propane fuel survey

In its 2015 budget, the Propane Education and Research Council (PERC) has proposed a \$398,000 project for a national propane fuel survey program in which propane samples will be collected from selected sites across the United States and subjected to fuel quality tests. It is anticipated that the collection and survey work will be done by Southwest Research out of San Antonio, Texas. The data may help identify fuel-quality trends that could affect the performance and reliability of propane-fueled appliances, engines and vehicles and impact PERC's goal of increasing propane usage.

GPA/GPSA Calendar

September

- 5 - Rocky Mountain GPA Sporting Clays
 - 17 - Permian Basin GPA Liquids Handling Technical Training
 - 17-20 - GPA Europe Annual Conference
 - 18 - 23rd Annual North Texas GPA Shrimp Boil
 - 18 - Houston GPA Shrimp Boil
 - 24 - GPA Safety Committee Meeting
 - 25 - Second Annual North Texas GPA East Texas/North Louisiana Shrimp Boil/Kick-Off Meeting
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