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James River Bridge Closures Will Impact Industry This Winter

The Virginia Department of Transportation has announced that the James River Bridge, which connects Newport News and Isle of Wight County, will be **closed** on two occasions this winter for 100 hour intervals. The purpose is to replace 40-year old wire ropes that raise the bridge for marine traffic. The closures will occur between November 15 and February 15 and will begin at 1 am Friday and end the following Tuesday at 5 am. We participated in a zoom meeting this week with VDOT and the Department of Emergency Management detailing the project. They want to work with us to minimize possible disruption of petroleum and propane transportation during the closures. Specific dates will be announced in the near future. For additional project details, [click here](#). Members who have vehicles that use the bridge need to sign up for text or email alerts as well as updated status reports. To do so, [click here](#). Finally, members are reminded of existing transportation restrictions imposed on the four tunnels in the Hampton Roads area which are detailed [here](#).

EMA Opposes NHTSA's Proposed Fuel Economy Standards

From EMA

This week, EMA submitted comments opposing the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) proposed fuel economy standards for light duty vehicles and trucks for model year 2027- 2032 and fuel efficiency standards of heavy-duty pickup trucks and vans for model years 2032-2035. The proposed rule will likely discourage investment in lower carbon liquid fuels. The focus on electric vehicle (EV) production will eliminate an opportunity to provide liquid fuels that immediately lower emissions not only for new cars, but for the heavy-duty trucks currently on the road. In addition, **the proposed rule will limit consumer choice and threaten the viability and jobs of small business energy marketers around the country.**

Unfortunately, the proposed rule fails to consider the lifecycle emissions associated with EV production, usage, and end-of-life disposal including emissions from raw material mining and refining, battery manufacturing, and electricity generation for EV charging. An assumption of zero emissions from electric vehicles fails to consider the significant emissions associated with a transition to EV.

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