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EMA Secures Win as PHMSA Halts Proposed Hazmat Registration Increases

From EMA

PHMSA has officially withdrawn its proposal to raise annual hazardous materials registration fees—a significant win for energy marketers and a direct result of EMA's sustained advocacy.

The proposal would have increased yearly HAZMAT registration costs for cargo tank operators. While PHMSA argued the increases were needed to meet higher statutory funding targets for the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness grant program, EMA consistently emphasized the disproportionate impact on fuel marketers already facing elevated operating costs and regulatory pressure.

“EMA's comments, outreach, and coordinated engagement with federal officials played a key role in demonstrating that the proposed fee hikes were unnecessary, burdensome, and poorly timed for an industry critical to energy supply and emergency response,” said EMA President Rob Underwood.

With PHMSA's withdrawal of the rule, current registration fees remain in place—preserving cost stability for fuel distributors and cargo tank operators nationwide.

Method 27 Cargo Tank Testing Standards

From EMA

EMA is preparing to meet with EPA regarding a 2024 regulatory change to the Method 27 test standards that affect cargo tank owners and operators picking up fuel at gasoline distribution facilities. If the rule is not revised, cargo tanks would be required to be certified as passing a 0.5-inch test in order to load gasoline at distribution facilities.

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REGULATORY ALERT - Heating Fuel Provider Reporting Program FINAL RULE

From MAPDA

On Friday, December 12, 2025, the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) issued a [FINAL RULE](#) for its Heating Fuel Provider Reporting Program (HFPRP). The program requires heating fuel providers (HFP) to report annually the amount and type of heating fuel delivered for end-use by county and sector.

Summary of final rule:

"Heating fuel" includes biofuel, kerosene, fuel oil, and propane that can be used to supply heat. It *does not* include motor fuel or diesel fuel.

Beginning January 1, 2026, HFPs must collect and log monthly data that includes the following:

- Separately for each county in Maryland, the total amount of cubic feet, gallons, or tons of each heating fuel delivered by type;
- Separately for each county in Maryland, the sector (commercial, electric power, industrial, residential, or other energy-consuming sector) receiving the heating fuel; and
- Separately for each county in Maryland, a missing data parameter for the total amount of a heating fuel if not available in the provider's invoices, records, etc.

Beginning on April 1, 2027 and annually thereafter, HFPs must provide a fuel delivery report to the Department.

Heating Fuel Providers must maintain and keep records for at least 5 years.

The Department has published the following materials for HFPs:

["Need-to-Know Guide for Heating Fuel Providers](#)

[Technical Support Document - draft HFP Reporting Form on pages 24-26](#)

[Final Rule](#)

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