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Save the Dates: Online Fuels Tax Compliance Seminars June 2 and 4

The landmark Virginia transportation bill passed by the General Assembly during the past session becomes effective in just seven weeks. We have worked with the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles to develop compliance seminars on the requirements petroleum marketers must comply with prior to the July 1 effective date. There will be two live online sessions on June 2nd and 4th. There is no cost to participate, but you will need to register as we have a limit of 250 participants per session. In the unlikely event that we cannot accommodate everyone, another session will be held later in June.

Who should participate?

Company owners and operators, CFO's and comptrollers, regional managers and all those in your organization who are responsible for remitting fuels taxes to the Commonwealth

Among the topics to be covered include:

The provisions of the transportation act;

Specific information on the fuels tax provisions of the bill including:

- Conversion from a percentage tax based upon wholesale prices to a cents per gallon system;
- How will statewide taxes change on July 1?

- How will local taxes change after July 1?
- Will the regional gas tax receipts be spent only in the area that generates them
- How can we determine the index to which tax rates will be tied to after 7/1/22?
- Will there be a tax on inventory?
- When will the taxes be due?
- Do I have to file electronically?
- How does the act address fuel that is stolen, subject to bankruptcy or evaporated?
- To whom can I raise company specific individual questions (after the seminar?)

Presenters will be Tammy West, DMV Director of Motor Fuel Tax services, Gabriel Boisvert, Deputy Director DMV and Mike O'Connor, VPCMA.

Look for full details and registration information next week.

PHMSA Issues Q&A Regarding the Use of Electronic Shipping Papers

From PMAA

The U.S. DOT's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) has issued a guidance document on methods for transferring product transfer documents (shipping papers) while adhering to social distancing requirements. The guidance is important to petroleum marketers and heating fuel dealers because it clarifies that while electronic shipping papers for hazardous materials may be used for all parties along the distribution chain, including for shippers certification signatures, hard copies of shipping papers must still be kept in the cab of the cargo tank transport truck at all times in the event of an accident or investigation. This guidance does not apply to heating fuel delivery tickets left with commercial and residential customers. State law requires delivery tickets to be left with customers at the time the tank is filled and not electronically transferred - unless, otherwise waived by a State for COVID-19 social distancing purposes. At this time PMAA is not aware of any such state waiver.

Shipping Papers

Q1 - Does PHMSA's guidance issued on April 10, 2020, titled [Notice Highlighting](#)

[Existing Options Related to Hazardous Materials Shipping Papers and Social Distancing during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency](#) provide any relief from the HMR or enforcement actions?

A1 - No. The guidance is intended to clarify that shippers and carriers can comply with the HMR with respect to the exchange of shipping papers while also adhering to social distancing guidelines.

Q2 - Is a computer-generated signature an acceptable way of complying with the signature certification requirements of the HMR?

A2 - Yes. A certification may be accomplished by mechanical means such as a computer-generated electronic signature, in addition to other conventional forms of certification (e.g., signed manually, by typewriter, or by other mechanical means). (See 49 CFR 172.204(d)(2))

Q3 - When hazardous materials are being transported by highway, do electronic shipping papers comply with the requirements of the HMR?

A3 - No. In accordance with 49 CFR 177.817(e), during highway transportation a shipping paper must be in hard copy form. Furthermore, a driver of a motor vehicle containing hazardous material and each carrier using such a vehicle, shall ensure that the shipping paper is readily available to, and recognizable by, authorities in the event of an accident or investigation. *Note: While a physical paper is required to be in the vehicle, the HMR do not prohibit having and transmitting an additional electronic shipping paper throughout the transport chain to support efficiencies and/or social distancing.*

Federated Insurance to Host Post-Pandemic Webinar

Tuesday, May 19, 2020, 12:00 p.m. CT 60 minutes | Advance registration required

Federated Insurance has announced a webinar titled Post-Pandemic Return-to-Work Considerations for Employers. The webinar will focus on key issues and challenges faced by businesses and their leaders as they reopen and adapt to quickly-evolving pandemic-related conditions.

What you will learn:

- * Work safety and hygiene for workers returning from layoffs and furloughs
- * Simple tips when considering what traditional onboarding tools should be deployed when ramping back up - such as DMV and background reports
- * Frequent asked questions we have received from employers with an expanded question-and-answer period

Recommended Participants:

HR Professionals, Risk Managers, Managers, and Supervisors

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[Click here to register.](#)

PMAA Announces New, Free, Commercial Routing App Providing Custom Routing Combined with Real Time Information on State Restrictions and Regulatory Waivers

From PMAA

Wednesday the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) and Idaho National Laboratory (INL) launched an exemplary new Commercial Routing Assistance (CRA) app, which DHS funded and INL developed in partnership with PMAA through the All Hazards Consortium's working group, and other industry and government operational professionals.

This free app incorporates vetted data to plot multiple automated or custom routing options while also providing state by state information on regulatory waivers, government closures, prohibitions, restrictions on movement and other orders that affect intrastate and interstate transportation during state and federal emergency declarations. PMAA worked closely with CISA and its government partners on development of the app to give marketers, drivers and state association executives the ability to determine in real time, the full impact of emergency declarations on petroleum marketers and heating oil providers in the states and across the nation.

The App includes a one touch interactive map that allows planners, drivers, and decision-makers to develop strategies necessary to maintain efficient and uninterrupted marketing operations during the COVID-19 environment or other disasters or restrictions. CDL renewal extensions, state driver license agency closures, CDL driver medical renewal grace periods, rest stops and parking closures, and increased size and weight limitations are included for the entire driver route.

There are two URLs for access to the Commercial Routing App (CRA). The CRA tool can be accessed via the DHS public URL at <https://cra.inl.gov>, or alternatively through the All Hazards Consortium/PMAA private URL at <http://www.commroute1.org> which includes a short video tutorial on how to use the website.

PMAA members should use www.commroute1.org as far more information (such as training webinars and an extensive PPE directory which includes real time inventory availability) will be available via this URL (but not on the public site) within the next few weeks.

Save the Date

VPCMA Annual Meeting
September 27-29, 2020
The Greenbrier Resort
White Sulphur Springs, WV

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