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## **New Member Service – COVID-19 Regulation Requirements and Compliance Package**

Last week, Virginia became the first state in the nation to mandate that businesses comply with a new set of regulations designed to lower or prevent the transmission of coronavirus at workplaces in the Commonwealth. All workplaces (estimated at 300,000 statewide) will have to begin addressing the compliance and education requirements not later than August 27.

Among the provisions in the regulations:

- Mandatory screening and detailed record keeping on employees testing positive
- Definitions of what constitutes a clean workplace
- Prohibitions on terminating employees who may develop COVID-19
- Requirements for workplace supplies of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Assessment and ranking of every job for its possible risk of spreading COVID-19
- Preventing known or suspected sick employees from returning to work until medically cleared
- Employee testing must be paid for by the employer
- Every employer with ten or more workers has 60 days to prepare a written disease prevention and response plan

In light of this unprecedented increase in the regulatory burden imposed on the business community, VPCMA General Counsel Bruce Arkema has prepared a summary of the responsibilities that all employers will have to address. Additionally he has also prepared a checklist to help assure that your company has taken the necessary steps to meet the new regulations, and forms to assure that the proper training and notification of employees has occurred. Finally, there are checklists to maintain in your files demonstrating compliance. The compliance package may be [found here](#).

During June and July VPCMA submitted testimony opposing most of these changes. Unfortunately, as has become the case so often lately, our common sense amendments fell upon deaf ears. Consequently we hope that this new member service will make complying with these regulations less burdensome.

As always, Thank you for your support of VPCMA.

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## **New 2020 Edition of DOT ERG Requires Update of In-Cab Emergency Response Information**

*From PMAA*

Every four years, the U.S. DOT's Pipeline and Hazardous Material Safety Administration (PHMSA) publishes an updated version of its Emergency Response Guidebook (ERG) required for use by CDL drivers hauling hazardous materials. The latest version of the emergency response guide, ERG 2020 is now available. ERG 2020 updates and replaces the ERG 2016 edition now currently in use by petroleum marketers. The ERG guidebook is intended for use by first responders during the initial phase of a transportation incident involving hazardous materials.

[Click Here to Read the Full Regulatory Alert](#)

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## **NORA/Eurofuel Technology Conference**

4 Days- August 19, 26, September 2, 9

For the first time ever, the National Oilheat Research Alliance (NORA) and Eurofuel (European Heating Oil Association) will host a virtual conference on liquid heating fuels in a carbon constrained world. Manufacturers of heating equipment, liquid fuels now in the market and potential fuels of the future will share their ideas and what steps they are taking to be ready for this future.

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