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Colonial Pipe Announces Line 25 to Close

VPCGA Invites You to Special Meeting in Lynchburg on October 19th to Address the Issue

Recently Colonial Pipeline Company announced their intention to close Line 25 which supplies gasoline and other petroleum products on a subline that begins in Fluvanna County and serves five terminals in the Roanoke area. This decision, if final, will have major ramifications on the petroleum marketing industry by removing up to a billion gallons a year from Virginia terminals serving customers in Southwest Virginia and beyond. Last Thursday VPCGA Board member Lewis Wall and Cole Candler, along with Mike O'Connor met with Colonial representatives to gather further information on the issue and determine whether there were alternative outcomes rather than closure. On Sunday the VPCGA Board discussed the issue as did a large number of members at the motor fuels issue group.

From all of these discussions one theme emerged - this decision will have a negative impact on VPCGA members and their customers. We will work with all stakeholders to determine if there is an alternative to closure, and if so, how to bring it about. In the past few days we have been in contact with key leaders in the McAulliffe administration who have been supportive of our concerns.

We have set a special membership meeting to discuss the issue, answer your questions and to help develop plans for addressing the Line 25 issue over the coming months. This meeting will be held on Thursday, October 19 at the Kirkley Hotel in Lynchburg at 2:00pm. We have invited representatives of Colonial Pipeline Corp, affected terminals and state and local government to address the issue and answer your questions. It is open to all members and others that may be negatively impacted by this decision. There is no charge to

attend, but registration is required. To register, please <u>click here</u>. To view Colonial Pipeline's line 25 website, <u>click here</u>.

Tim Hampton Receives 2017 Distinguished Service Award

During this week's Annual Meeting at the Homestead, Tim Hampton, recently retired from Parker Oil Company, received the association's Distinguished Service Award. Tim had a long and distinguished career in the oil industry first at Sentry Services and later at Parker. He and his wife Ginger have been regular participants at industry events for many years. Congratulations and best wishes for a happy retirement!



Tim Hampton (L) with Charlie Parker, Parker Oil Co.

Officers and New Directors for 2018-2019 Elected

During the annual membership meeting on Tuesday, the membership elected a new slate of officers for 2018-2019. They are: Chairman of the Board, John Fannon, Fannon Petroleum, Gainesville; First Vice Chair, Gary Gilmore, PAPCO, Virginia Beach; Second Vice Chair, Cole Candler, Candler Oil, Lynchburg; Secretary/Treasurer, Corey Russell, Supreme Petroleum, Suffolk, and Immediate Past Chair Charlie Parker, Parker Oil, South Hill.

Also elected were two new members to the board of directors: Gordon Sutton, Tiger Fuel Charlottesville; and Ken Rice, H.N. Funkhouser & Co., Winchester.

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