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New State Regulations on Underground Storage Tanks

In 2015 The US Environmental Protection Agency published a new regulation updating for the first time the 1998 federal underground storage tank regulations. According to the EPA these revisions increase emphasis on properly operating and maintaining UST equipment, prevent and detect UST releases. A summary of the changes prepared by EPA can be [found here](#).

The Virginia DEQ has proposed to amend its regulatory process to adopt the federal changes by reference. However, they released this [regulatory notice](#) only this week, calling for an informal comment period which will end on Friday April 14. Yesterday at its quarterly meeting the VPCGA Board reviewed this proposed change and unanimously agreed that a two week window was insufficient to gauge the impact of the membership of these changes and legal counsel Bruce Arkema today contacted the agency seeking a one month extension of the comment deadline.

We Need Your Assistance.

The entire 111 page regulatory change is [found here](#). We need your input on how these regulations will impact your business and ask that you share with your compliance/technical staff as soon as possible and please send to mike@vpcga.com. Based upon the comments received, the regulations will then go to the state Water Control Board (probably this summer) for approval.

NACS Industry Update Luncheon Two Weeks Away

April 17, 2017

VPCGA is co-hosting the NACS Industry Update Luncheon being held in Richmond on Monday, April 17, 2017, presented by Hank Armour, NACS President & CEO. The

event begins at 11:30am and runs until 2:30pm.

This is an excellent opportunity to network with your peers, enjoy a complimentary lunch and learn about what's going on in the convenience and retail fuels industry as well as important Federal legislative and regulatory issues facing our industry,

There is no cost to attend and registration is required by April 10, 2017. To register, [click here](#) or contact [Ashley Short](#). Venue details will be provided in your registration confirmation prior to the event.

We hope you can join us!

Strauss Scholarship Applications Now Accepted

Applications are being accepted for the 2017 S. Frank Strauss Scholarship Program. This program was established in the 1970's in recognition of Mr. Frank Strauss, who was the long time executive director of the Virginia Food Dealers Association. This program is open to VPCGA members, their employees and the children of VPCGA employees. Awards are made after review by the Association's scholarship committee, which considers need as well as academic achievement in their evaluation. Recipients must be high school graduates by June of this year and attend a post secondary institution of higher education in the fall of 2017. You can view the [application here](#). Complete applications must be received by April 15. You may also post [this flyer](#) for your employees.

Save the Date!

The 69th Annual Meeting will be held September 24-26, 2017 at the Omni Homestead Resort! Look for details and registration July 1!