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In late November, GPA Official Representatives received a ballot package requesting an increase in membership dues to fund the enhanced state and federal advocacy recommendations as presented by the LARAC Strategic Planning Task Force earlier this year. The increase will provide additional funds necessary to finance the expanded roles identified as being critical to the midstream industry and those in it. Because of the focus on U.S. matters, only U.S. members are subject to the proposed increase. In order for the dues increase to pass, the fees rate change must be approved by at least two-thirds of the returned ballots. As of press time, the returned ballots show overwhelming support to approve the increase. We strongly encourage each Official Representative to return your ballot by 5 p.m. Central time today to ensure that your vote is counted. For questions on the ballot, contact [Mark Sutton](#). To request an electronic ballot, contact [Judy London](#).

GPA sets conference call to discuss compliance with the Department of Homeland Security Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards

On Nov. 20, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) released the Appendix A Chemicals of Interest final rule, which started the 60-day clock for submittal of the Top Screen analysis. All Top Screen reporting is due by **Jan. 19, 2008**. GPA has held roundtable discussions to assist members in fulfilling obligations under these rules. Many were looking for clarification on how to report NGL mixtures in the Chemical Security Assessment Tool (CSAT) Top-Screen process. As a result of feedback from industry, DHS published revisions to the CSAT User Registration User Guide (ver. 1.4.c) and CSAT Top-Screen User's Manual (ver. 1.3) to address the mixture issue. GPA will host a conference call for members of the Safety Committee on Thursday, Dec. 27 at 10 a.m. Central time to further discuss compliance issues.

[View more information on the Chemical Security Standards.](#)

U.S. President Bush signs energy bill

On Wednesday, Dec. 19, U.S. President George Bush signed an energy bill into law to increase fuel efficiency and reduce U.S. dependence on foreign oil. The bill did not include a tax package that would have rolled back \$13.5 billion in oil and gas company tax breaks. The legislation previously passed both the House and Senate by wide margins after a bi-partisan agreement was reached to

take out the punitive tax language directed at the oil and gas industry. To view full legislation text, go to <http://thomas.loc.gov/>. In the line that reads "Search Bill Text," enter: hr 6. Click on the link next to the line that reads, "6 . Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (Engrossed Amendment as Agreed to by Senate)."

GPA 2145-08 ballot update

GPA 2145-08 has been balloted through Technical Sections H and B, plus the Technical Committee. Due to extensive changes with the documents, a few negative ballots were received with comments that need to be resolved and, therefore, GPA 2145-08 will not be released on Jan. 1, 2008, as originally projected. Once these comments have been resolved, the document will be available for purchase through GPA.

GPA welcomes new team member

Please join us in welcoming Stuart "Stu" McCalman to our staff as director of government affairs. Stu will be responsible for overseeing GPA's enhanced Washington, D.C., advocacy representation and expanded grassroots advocacy efforts in states located in the midstream industry's heartland. He has more than 10 years of experience in Washington, D.C., in public and government relations and policy and strategy development and has worked most recently as a senior legislative analyst for the Pentagon through the office of the assistant secretary of the Air Force for acquisition. Stu will join us at our corporate headquarters in Tulsa, Okla., and can be reached by [e-mail](#) or phone, (918) 493-3872.

2008 GPA Annual Convention: March 2-5, Grapevine, Texas

Brochures for GPA's 87th Annual Convention were mailed in late November. Don't forget that you can save \$100 if you register by **Jan. 4, 2008**, which is also the deadline to register for guaranteed hospitality space.

Join your business partners, customers, competitors, suppliers and industry experts at the premiere midstream industry event.

[Convention information](#)

[Register online](#)

January Events

9 - Houston GPA Monthly Luncheon
22 - Environmental Subcommittee Meeting, Denver
TBD - North Texas GPA Training Meeting/Luncheon

Dates to Remember

Today, Dec. 20 - Last day for GPA U.S. Official Representatives to vote on the membership dues increase.

Dec. 27 - GPA Safety Committee Conference Call to discuss DHS Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards

Jan. 4 - Last day to receive \$100 off on GPA Convention registration. Deadline to register for guaranteed hospitality space.

Feb. 5 - Last day to receive \$50 off on GPA Convention registration. Hotel reservations deadline for discounted rates at the Gaylord Texan Resort & Convention Center.

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