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GPA addresses climate change

In Congress, legislation is awaiting consideration by the full Senate that attempts to address the issue of climate change and carries the potential to tremendously affect the gas processing industry. This legislation, S. 2191, was sponsored by Sen. Joe Lieberman (D-CT) and Sen.

John Warner (R-VA) and is intended to direct the administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program to decrease emissions of greenhouse gases. There is currently no companion legislation in the House of Representatives. While GPA recognizes the substantial political and scientific momentum is addressing the climate change issue and the restriction of emissions of greenhouse gases, we are concerned about language included in this legislation that specifies gas processing facilities as a point of regulation and measurement with no real mechanism to pass along costs. As this important debate continues, we will continue to work with industry and congressional leaders to find fair resolution.

EIA proposes changes to data collection for capturing "in transit" NGLs

The U.S. Department of Energy, Energy Information Administration (EIA) advised the NGL Market Information Committee during the 87th Annual GPA Convention of some proposed changes to collecting statistical volumetric data in 2009. The proposed changes will appear in the Federal Register on April 22, 2008. One of the changes is to capture the amount of "in transit" NGLs moving via barge or tank cars while they are still in transit. These inventories would be reported as if they were already at the destination. Several members voiced concerns about the ability to accurately track and report the incoming shipments of third parties to major storage facilities. Currently, the railroad primary coding systems has individual reporting codes for natural Gasoline and pentanes but combines all the other NGLs in one code. As a result, determining the exact product shipped could take a significant amount of time and potentially still be inaccurate. The NGL Market Information Committee will continue to follow the issue and welcomes your thoughts and/or suggestions for solutions.

GPA honors Safety Award recipients

Without a doubt, safety has an impact on everything we do in this business, from bottom lines to federal regulations to employees' well being. According to safety data compiled by GPA, the gas processing industry is one of the safest in the world, and that's why we annually celebrate the outstanding safety accomplishments of GPA member companies during the GPA Convention, paying special recognition to those who have achieved the overall best safety records. To be considered, companies must submit their safety statistics by deadline, and we appreciate all of you that have participated this year. Equal award categories are established for both our U.S. and non-U.S. operating companies.

First place winners were presented with a 3' x 5' safety flag during the convention's general session.

Among GPA U.S. operating companies, recipients for the most outstanding safety records during 2007 are:

Division I: More than 500,000 work hours

First place – ExxonMobil Corporation: .996 "total cases" incident rate and 1,405,135 work hours

Second place – OGE Enogex: 1.035 "total cases" incident rate and 579,578 work hours

Division II: 100,000 – 500,000 work hours

First Place – Aux Sable Liquid Products: zero “total cases” incident rate and 147,918 work hours

Second Place – Chevron USA: .632 “total cases” incident rate and 316,637 work hours

Division III: Less than 100,000 work hours

First Place – Superior Pipeline Company: zero “total cases” incident rate and 66,985 work hours

Second Place – Copano Processing: zero “total cases” incident rate and 62,189 work hours

Among GPA non-U.S. operating companies, our 2007 outstanding safety records award winners are:

Division I: More than 500,000 work hours

First place – United Gas Derivates Company: zero “total cases” incident rate and 1,089,966 work hours

Second place – Bahrain National Gas Company: zero “total cases” incident rate and 793,734 work hours

Division II: 100,000 – 500,000 work hours

First Place – Phoenix Park Gas Processors Limited: zero “total cases” incident rate and 372,245 work hours

Second Place – BP Natural Gas Liquids – Canada: .421 “total cases” incident rate and 475,510 work hours

Division III: Less than 100,000 work hours

First Place – Swift Energy New Zealand Limited: zero “total cases” incident rate and 86,952 work hours

Second Place – Unocal Canada (Chevron): zero “total cases” incident rate and 35,290 work hours

2007 GPSA Safety Awards

AMEC Paragon Engineering

Compressor Engineering Corporation/CECO Pipeline Services Co., Inc.

EDG, Incorporated

Optimized Process Designs, Inc.

GPA presents highest individual honors: Katz and Hanlon Awards

GPA president Gene Thomas, ExxonMobil, presented the prestigious Katz and Hanlon awards before more than 700 industry peers during the convention’s general session. Thomas said, “These men are two among an elite few who have been recognized by GPA for substantial contributions in education, research and outstanding leadership toward the advancement of our industry.”

Donald L. Katz Award

This special recognition honor goes to an individual within our industry who has notably played a key role in the advancement of gas processing technology and progress.

Dr. Peter Clark, a research professor with the University of Calgary – Alberta (Canada), was named as the 22nd recipient of the award.

Much of Clark’s career has involved work advancing the understanding of the sulfur species chemistry in sour gas handling applications for the industry. He has conducted several important GPA sponsored research projects, such as copper strip test interpretation and acid gas-glycol VLE. He is world-renowned for his sulfur chemistry and sour gas processing expertise. To his credit, he has 231 publications, 5 patents, 504 presentations and 495 confidential reports. Read more about his accomplishments at:

<http://www.gasprocessors.com/2008GpaConvAwards.html>.

Hanlon Award

This award is the gas processing industry’s highest honor and one of the top ranking awards of the petroleum industry. It recognizes an individual whose career includes prominent achievements and outstanding contributions to the gas processing industry.

Allen Tarbutton, a longtime midstream industry veteran who spent much of his career based in Texas, was honored with the highly prestigious GPA Hanlon Award.

Tarbutton was one of the first engineers to use a simulation program like ChemShare to model and optimize plant operations while with Tenneco Oil Company in Agua Dulce, Texas. It was there that he also helped design and construct one of the first mol sieve treating plants at LaPorte, Texas. Later, as chairman of the joint API & GPA Task Group on Gas Plant Operations, he helped write one of the first checklists on gas plant operations. Read more about his accomplishments at: <http://www.gasprocessors.com/2008GpaConvAwards.html>.

GPA awards excellence at 87th annual GPA Convention

PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR SAFETY IMPROVEMENT

This award recognizes companies that have notably improved their own safety records. By the award's criteria, this improvement must be at least a 25% reduction in the company's total recordable incident rate for the year, in comparison to their average of comparable records for the three previous years. Also, the company must not have an OSHA reportable incident during the year.

Anadarko Petroleum Corporation
CenterPoint Energy Field Services
Hess Corporation

OUTSTANDING PAPER AWARDS

This award is GPA's tribute to all of the authors and presenters who have helped make the GPA Annual Meeting "THE" international forum of the gas gathering and processing industry that it has become. At the close of each convention, the Annual Program Committee selects its top three picks and holds the announcement until the following year. The outstanding papers from the 2007 convention are:

Acid Gas Injection at the Artesia Mid. Plant, presented by Chris Root and Hap Schadler, DCP, along with Russ Bentley and Steve Tzap, ZAP Engineering

Design and Operation of Sour Gas Treating Plants H₂S, CO₂ and Mercaptans, presented by A.F. Carlsson, T. Last and C.J. Smith, Shell Global Solutions. A.F.

StripBurn - Simple and Efficient BTEX Control for Direct Fired TEG Reboilers, presented by Allen Logue and Rocky Buras, Gly-Tech Services

NATURAL GAS STAR AWARD

This award assists in highlighting GPA's environmental agenda. The EPA Natural Gas Star Program is one of EPA's premier voluntary partnership programs aimed at achieving cost-effective green house gas emission reductions. Each year, the Star Program presents awards to one Star partner in each industry sector: production, processing, transmission, and distribution. Award winners have demonstrated outstanding performance in reducing methane emissions, identifying and implementing new emission reducing practices, and supporting Natural Gas Star Program outreach activities. The 2007 Gas Processing Sector Partner of the Year is Enbridge Energy Partners.

CITATION FOR SERVICE

One of the most important assets to GPA is our people. We have scores of volunteers who dedicate their personal time, and a lot of it, to make great things happen for our association and the industry. The GPA Citation for Service Award recognizes two outstanding individuals for their leadership and dedicated service to GPA and to the industry.

Dan Lippe, Petral Worldwide Inc.
Dan Altena, R. W. Beck - Barnes & Click Division

Read more about these award recipients at <http://www.gasprocessors.com/2008GpaConvAwards.html>

RECOGNITION AWARDS

While the Citation for Service Award is for service to the association, the Recognition Award crosses all boundaries. Recognition Awards recognize those individuals whose integrity, honor, high principles, and dedication have become hallmarks of our industry. The outstanding individuals who receiving this award are:

Mohammed Ahmed Burashid, The Bahrain National Gas Co.
Pat Holub, Huntsman's Global Gas

Read more about these award recipients at <http://www.gasprocessors.com/2008GpaConvAwards.html>

GPA COMMITTEE LEADER OF THE YEAR AWARD

This award is presented for outstanding guidance within GPA committees or subcommittees. These were presented to:

Al Fatica, Enterprise Products Operating
Wayne Mullins, Enterprise Products Operating

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

This award is presented for outstanding participation and significant contributions in GPA committee service. These were presented to:

Rob Martinovich, ONEOK
Erin Minter, Williams

GPA convention reaches highest attendance since 1998

More than 1,550 industry professionals from 420 companies and 22 countries gathered in Grapevine, Texas, for the 87th Annual GPA Convention last week to meet, share and learn.

"This is the best attendance and participation that we've had in the past 10 years," said Mark Sutton, GPA executive director. "Standing-room-only committee meetings and overflowing sessions proved that those who attended had a genuine interest in becoming involved."

Sutton also said it was also nice to see several young and not-so-familiar faces at the new session targeted toward young professionals. Nearly 30 young professionals had the opportunity to quiz a panel of four "seasoned" industry and GPA leaders about changes in industry, career advice and other topics of interest.

"Judging by the questions that our panel received and from visiting with some of these young men and women during the convention, there is no doubt that the future of GPA and the midstream industry looks bright," Sutton said.

To those who attended the 87th Annual GPA Convention, thank you for supporting the industry and being a part of a great event. As a reminder, we will develop and post-convention web page for registrants that contains a full registration list, links to .pdf files of presentations that have been provided by authors/presenters, and a file containing all of the above in one convenient download. GPA staff will notify registrants once the information becomes available.

New GPA and GPSA Officers

GPA

President: Robert Dunn, Prism Gas Systems I, LP
President Elect: Alan Armstrong, Williams Midstream Gas & Liquids
Vice Presidents:
Jean Leger, Enogex
Bill Ordeman, Enterprise Products Operating
Tim O'Sullivan, SemGroup, LP
Executive Director and Treasurer: Mark Sutton, GPA
Secretary: Johnny Dreyer, GPA

GPSA

President: Chuck Dewees, Caterpillar Inc.
First Vice President: Harvey Hensley, ENGGlobal Engineering Inc.
Second Vice President: Chris Lindenberg, Western Filter Co. Inc.
Treasurer: Jim Marcotte, Daniel Measurement & Control
Secretary: Mark Sutton, GPSA

GPA and GPSA have also elected new members to their Board of Directors, view the updated GPA and GPSA Board of Directors on www.gasprocessors.com.

Call for Papers

We are soliciting abstracts for potential papers to be presented at the 88th Annual Convention of the Gas Processors Association. The Convention will be held March 8-11, 2009 in San Antonio, TX. The forums presented will cover both business and technical aspects of gas processing. Interested parties are encouraged to provide a title and a 200-250 word abstract by July 21, 2008. If you can not meet this deadline, we still welcome your abstract and it will be considered on a space available basis.

Attention job seekers

Is your uploaded resume searchable? Employers get a free resume search with each job posting, so it's an easy way to get your information into their hands. If you prefer to be selective on who sees your resume, upload it confidentially. In that manner, the only employers that see your resume will be those you send it to. By having it readily available, applying online becomes instantaneous. There are currently 16 job opportunities posted on the GPA/GPSA Career Center. Visit <http://careers.gasprocessors.com>.

Attention employers – Career Center specials now until March 31

There is still time to post a job at the special convention pricing listed below.

GPA/GPSA MEMBERS

Single, 30-Day Posting

\$50 US Dollars

Promotional Code: 08CONV30MEM

Single, 90-Day Posting \$100 US Dollars

Promotional Code: 08CONV90MEM

NON-MEMBERS

Single, 30-Day Posting

\$150 US Dollars

Promotional Code: 08CONV30NON

Single, 90-Day Posting \$300 US Dollars

Promotional Code: 08CONV90NON

Don't miss this great opportunity to get your jobs into the hands of the people in our industry! Promotion runs until **March 31, 2008**.

April Events

4 Midcontinent GPA Spring Sporting Clays

8 North Texas GPA Board Meeting

9 Houston GPA Monthly Luncheon

10 CGPA Reception

16 Midcontinent GPA Annual Golf Tournament

17 Midcontinent GPA Annual Luncheon Meeting, Oklahoma City

17 Houston GPA Annual Scholarship Sporting Clays

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