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Legislative & Regulatory Affairs Update

The 111th Congress began its first session on Jan. 6, and it promises to be an active legislative session dealing with various issues of direct GPA interest. In fact, hearings have already begun in the House of Representatives on comprehensive climate change legislation that could have a significant effect on the midstream sector. Additionally, many state legislatures will begin their own sessions this month and the next. GPA, through its State Advocacy Subcommittee, will be primed to address issues of GPA interest as they arise. Should you have questions as to GPA actions on both the state and federal level, please contact Stuart McCalman, GPA Director of Government Affairs: smccalman@GPAGlobal.org.

GPA Members - Deadline to Submit Safety Statistics is Feb. 1

The Safety Subcommittee is currently compiling 2008 safety statistics, and GPA must receive your completed annual safety statistics reporting form **no later than Feb. 1** to be eligible for a company award. Our high response rate is the reason that these statistics remain relevant and meaningful for the gas processing industry. Even if you cannot meet this deadline, we encourage you to submit your reporting form as soon as practical so the information may be included in our database.

GPSA Safety Awards Program – Deadline is Feb. 1

GPSA is committed to honoring member companies with outstanding safety records and programs. Forms have been mailed to member company representatives with a **Feb. 1 deadline**. The program currently covers U.S.-based companies and will present awards in two divisions (less than 50,000 workhours and more than 50,000 workhours). Safety committee members will segregate companies into similar groups/classifications to allow for a fair comparison.

Additionally, a "Most Improved" award will be given at the 2009 GPA Convention for each division. Companies must submit all three years of safety data on the submission form to be eligible for this new award.

We want to expand the safety award program, and increased participation is integral in making this happen. If you choose not to participate, we would like to know why so we can alter the program to meet our member companies' needs. E-mail Johnny Dreyer, jdreyer@GPAGlobal.org, with questions or for more information.

2009 International Petroleum Technology Conference Call For Papers

The International Petroleum Technology Conference (IPTC) is a major multi-disciplinary event sponsored by five leading industry societies, and GPA is included among that group. The fourth edition of the IPTC will be held Dec. 7-9, 2009, in Doha, Qatar, with the theme "World Energy Challenges: Endurance and Commitment."

You are invited and encouraged to contribute to one of the most renowned and prestigious events in the industry by submitting a paper proposal (abstract) for consideration by the IPTC program committee. The deadline to submit abstracts for this conference is **March 21**. Complete details on the conference, including a list of more than 50 topics and instructions for submission, can be viewed in this IPTC brochure: http://www.gpaglobal.org/pdf/2009_IPTC_CallForPapers.pdf. Thank you for supporting GPA as we support this valuable conference.

GPA Data Bank Soon to be Available to Member Companies

More than 26 years ago, GPA set out to create an interactive tool that would put GPA research data at the fingertips of member companies. The GPA Data Bank, 5th Edition, delivers more than 35 years of GPA research data for immediate, productive use in process simulation tools. Included is a completely re-mastered thermo-physical property database containing all 220 Research Reports and Technical Publications (and growing), plus powerful data fitting, correlation, and phase equilibrium software applications. This new edition is more than twice the size of previous versions and includes a significant amount of new VLE data for low-boiling hydrocarbons.

The GPA Data Bank, 5th Edition, was jointly developed by EPCON International (developer of the popular API Technical Data Book and Engineer's Aide software) and DDBST (developer of the popular Dortmund Data Bank and co-founder of the UNIFAC consortium). The result is software that can be widely used by engineers within your organization with direct links to major process simulators to immediately improve your company's gas processing operations.

GPA's Research Committee, Technical Section F, will meet in March to finalize the GPA Data Bank's completion and work to ensure that we indeed have a finished product ready to be released.

To learn more about the GPA Data Bank, we encourage you to attend the Technical Section F – Technical Data Development Forum at the GPA Convention on Monday, March 9, where Todd Willman, EPCON International, will present a paper on this valuable tool.

GPA 2172-09 Now Available for Online Purchase

GPA 2172-09, *Calculation of Gross Heating Value, Relative Density, Compressibility and Theoretical Hydrocarbon Liquid Content for Natural Gas Mixtures for Custody Transfer*, is now available for purchase online (online only at this time). The main changes in this revision address methods for incorporating water vapor into the analysis calculation, provide the method for calculating theoretical hydrocarbon liquid content (GPM), and discuss characterizing the heavy ends in the gas analysis typically seen as hexanes plus. The standard is effective January 2009 but allows for a two-year implementation date. Hard copies of the standard are expected to be available in a few weeks.

GPA Research Projects Awarded to Contractors

- GPA Project 073 – *Oxygen Removal in Natural Gas Systems* has been awarded to Trimeric Corporation.
- GPA Project 081 – *Industrial Natural Gas Dewpoint by Equation of State Prediction* has been awarded to Bryan Research & Engineering.
- GPA Project 083 – *Solubility of Non-Aromatic Hydrocarbons in TEG Solutions* has been awarded to Laboratory for Thermophysical Properties (LTP GmbH) University of Oldenburg.

For more information on these projects and other ongoing GPA sponsored research, please download the 2009 Research Brochure: http://www.GPAGlobal.org/pdf/CooperativeIndustryBrochure_09.pdf.

Environmental Subcommittee Meeting

This group will meet Wednesday, Jan. 28 at DCP offices in Denver, Colo. Please RSVP to either Scott Wallace (Scott.Wallace@dvn.com) or John Admire (JAdmire@dcpmidstream.com) so they may get an accurate headcount for planning purposes.

GPA School of Gas Chromatography

Remember when reviewing the new year's budget that training can actually save you money. With that in mind, budget to send your employee(s) to the upcoming School of Gas Chromatography. The cost of sending one person to the school is minimal when looking at the overall picture – one mistake can cost you more than sending one employee for training.

This intensive one-week school sponsored by GPA will be held Aug. 10–14 at the University of Tulsa (Okla.)

campus and is one of the best available worldwide (which explains why it has sold out four of the past six years!). It is directed toward chromatograph operators, measurement technicians and engineers involved in chromatography. This school is also beneficial to lab technicians, even though they may not be GPA or GPSA members. If your company does business with commercial laboratories, recommend that they send their employees to this outstanding school. This is an excellent way to ensure that the commercial labs with whom your company does business are truly familiar with standard GPA methods and analytical procedures.

The school is effective because it consists of lectures, demonstrations, hands-on operation AND is taught by people who work in our industry.

With the need to train and retain employees, the school's attendance has grown. Attendees come from around the globe with these countries represented in past schools: Canada, Chile, China, Egypt, Mexico, Peru, Thailand, United States and the West Indies.

Registration begins at GPA's Annual Convention in March. Start planning today by reviewing the information in this informative download: <http://www.GPAGlobal.org/pdf/GPAChromoInfo2009.pdf>.

GPSA Reminders

Directors Ballot

All GPSA Official Representatives (OR) should have received their 2009 GPSA Board of Directors Ballot. These ballots must be returned to the GPSA offices (contact information on ballot) no later than Feb. 16. Results of the ballot will be announced at the GPSA Membership meeting in March in San Antonio. We encourage all GPSA ORs to take an active role in the annual election process and **return your ballots**. For questions regarding this process, please contact Piper Penny: ppenny@GPAGlobal.org.

Membership Dues

If you haven't already renewed your 2009 GPSA Membership, please do so by Jan. 31. Invoices were mailed in early December and should be paid by Jan. 31. If you need another copy of the invoice, please contact Piper Penny.

GPA Membership Dues Reminder

2009 GPA Membership dues invoices were mailed in mid-December. Please take the time to process your dues invoice for payment by Jan. 31. If you did not receive an invoice or need another copy, please contact Piper Penny: ppenny@GPAGlobal.org.

GPA/GPSA Career Center Job Postings

If you have friends who are looking for jobs in our industry, be sure to tell them about the GPA/GPSA Career Center, which can be found at www.GPAGlobal.org. The following opportunities are posted:

[Business Development Manager](#), Lummus Technology
[Operator Qualification & Public Awareness Prog Mgr](#), DCP Midstream

Passing of Bill Randall

We are saddened to inform you of the loss of Bill Randall, founder and former president of Randall Corporation, who passed away on Dec. 9, 2008. In 1970, Bill formed his own engineering company to provide the industry with a new and innovative design of cryogenic plants that were capable of deep ethane extraction and could be fabricated and installed in a matter of months. To a very large degree, these plants were a significant factor in the industry's major expansion of ethane production between 1970 and 1980. During this period, total ethane production from gas plants grew from 63 million barrels to more than 150 million barrels annually. In 1974, he built and installed 26 plants and, prior to his departure from the gas processing scene, he installed nearly 200 cryogenic plants. Bill received the 1991 GPA Hanlon Award from then president Oscar Barron for his aggressive and innovative industry leadership.

2009 GPA Convention Information

An e-mail highlighting 2009 GPA Convention news and opportunities will be sent early next week, so please watch your inbox for all information relating to the March event.

If you haven't registered, please remember that **Feb. 6** is the last day to save on pre-registration. We also encourage you to make your hotel reservations as soon as possible, because the Marriott Rivercenter hotel has alerted GPA that our room block for the 2009 convention has sold out on some nights during the event. GPA is working to free up more rooms at the Marriott and contract for overflow rooms at other hotels. Periodically

check www.GPAglobal.org for updated hotel and convention information, and again, watch for next week's e-mail.

Dates to Remember

Jan. 30 – a printable version of Convention presentations are due from authors.

Jan. 31 – GPA and GPSA membership payments are due.

Feb. 1 – Deadline for GPA and GPSA member companies to submit safety statistics & be eligible for awards presented at the 2009 GPA Convention.

Feb. 6 – Last day to receive convention registration discounts. After this date, on-site registration fees will apply.

Feb. 16 – GPSA Board of Directors ballots are due.

March 21 – IPTC Call For Papers deadline

GPA Calendar

For event location and additional details about meetings listed below, visit: www.GPAglobal.org/calendar.php

February

- 5 Rocky Mountain GPA Luncheon and Technical Presentations
- 6 Rocky Mountain GPA Ski Train
- 9-10 North Texas Red River Conference (rescheduled from October)
- 11 Houston GPA Luncheon Meeting
- 17 Midcontinent GPA Dinner Meeting
- 18 GPA Europe Offshore Processing Conference
- 19 Houston GPA Sporting Clays

March

- 8 - 11 88th Annual GPA Convention
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