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**October 2021**

# E-Newsletter

## Fall in Love with Propane

The fall season is finally here! Halloween is just days away and hopefully the cooler weather is too. Louisiana and much of the south are used to milder winters but not without our share of bone-chilling freezes. After the big freeze of last winter that left many in Texas and some in Louisiana without power for days, it's worth it to talk to your customers about making winter preparations and ensuring they have enough propane in the tank to get them through whatever this winter may have in store.

Our final board meeting of 2021 has been set for Wednesday, December 8 at 1:00 pm at the Church Street Inn in Natchitoches. It will be followed by a Dutch treat dinner later that evening. More details will follow once a location and time are confirmed for dinner. We hope you all will save the date and make plans to join us for this member-favorite event in the City of Lights.

We are excited to finally be able to have our LPGF trainings next week in Alexandria. There is a CETP Basic Principles and Practices of Propane Class scheduled for November 2 and a Basic Skills Hands-On Training Class on November 3. Both will be held at the Holiday Inn in downtown Alexandria. These classes are offered free to dealers in Louisiana by the LA Propane Gas Foundation. Thank you to our LPGA President and Trainer, Ralph Poole of Bergquist, for once again volunteering his time to teach these classes.

For any questions, concerns or additional information, please contact the LPGA office at 225-763-8922 or at [marica@ccilouisiana.com](mailto:marica@ccilouisiana.com).



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## 2021-2022 Calendar of Events

**November 2, 2021:** CETP Basic Principles and Practices of Propane Training Class, Holiday Inn downtown-Alexandria.

**November 3, 2021:** Basic Skills Hands-On Training Class, Holiday Inn downtown-Alexandria.

**December 8, 2021:** Fourth Quarter Board of Directors Meeting, Church Street Inn-Natchitoches.

**December 15, 2021:** 2022-2023 NPGF/SF Scholarship Application Period Opens.

**March 2022, TBD:** First Quarter Board of Directors Meeting, Best Western-Alexandria.

**April 22-24, 2022:** NPGA Southeastern Convention & International Propane Expo, Music City Center-Nashville, TN.

**July 26-28, 2022:** APGA/LPGA Summer Convention, Perdido Beach Resort-Orange Beach, AL.

**July 27, 2022:** Second Quarter Board of Directors Meeting, Perdido Beach Resort-Orange Beach, AL.

## Happy 25th Birthday, PERC!

October 11 marked 25 years since the passing of the Propane Education and Research Act (PERA) in 1996! Congratulations to PERC leadership—both past and present, volunteer and staff—for achieving so many industry successes. PERA defines what we all know to be true: propane is an essential energy source used by millions of Americans in homes and businesses. PERA provides for the tremendous work PERC does when it comes to safety, training, education, and research. And PERC's work across sectors—from residential to agriculture to fleets and beyond—is unparalleled and demonstrative of the role propane can play in a low carbon future. As we look ahead, we know the next 25 years will be even better. Thank you to everyone at PERC and everyone who supports PERC from your friends at NPGA.

Stephen Kaminski  
NPGA President and CEO



# How Not to Deep-Fry Your Turkey this Thanksgiving

By Anna Ball, LPGA Staffer

Even though Thanksgiving is still a month away, it will be here before you know it and it is never too early to start preparing. As the popularity of deep-fried turkey grows so do the number of burn victims that visit the emergency room each year. We want to help minimize any mishaps so here are four mistakes to avoid this Thanksgiving.

Failing to completely thaw the turkey will cause some issues. This is because when a turkey is not completely thawed, the ice then transforms into steam, which then reacts with the oil and causes it to boil over the fryer and can create an explosive fire. In order to avoid this, give yourself plenty of time to allow your turkey to completely thaw, even if it means taking it out several days before the big day.

When deep-frying a turkey, it is important to keep your eye on the oil temperature. Your oil should be about 350 degrees, but it never hurts to double check the label. You can tell if the oil is overheated if it begins to smoke and if it reaches about 400 degrees, the oil can catch fire

without the presence of a turkey.

Do you know how much oil you will need to deep fry your turkey? If you are unsure, you can find out by placing your turkey in a large cooking pot and filling it with water until your turkey is covered in water. Then mark the area with a line to help determine how much oil you will need.

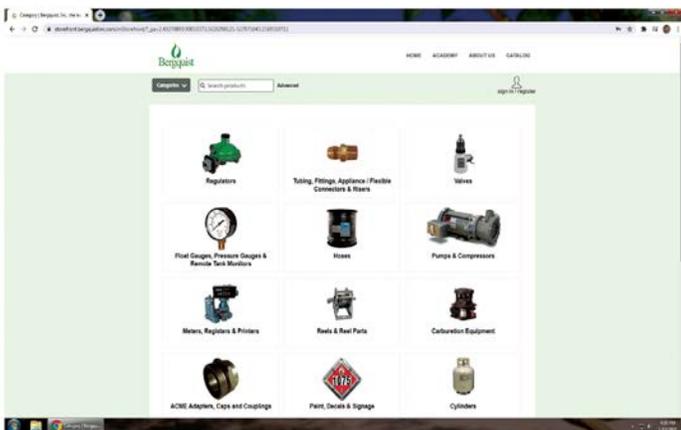
When it comes to where you should fry your turkey, we recommend using an outdoor fryer away from your house and any trees. You should never fry a turkey on your wooden deck or underneath a carport.

Deep fried turkeys are delicious and an absolute staple in some Thanksgiving celebrations. However, if you decide to deep fry your turkey, please use the utmost cause to avoid any potential disasters.



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## CHRISTMAS UNDER THE CITY OF LIGHTS

JOIN US WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2021  
AT 1:00 PM FOR THE LPGA FOURTH QUARTER  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AT THE CHURCH  
STREET INN (120 CHURCH ST. NATCHITOCHE, LA  
71457). A DUTCH CHRISTMAS DINNER WILL  
FOLLOW THAT EVENING AT A TIME AND  
LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED.  
PLEASE RSVP TO [MARICA@CCILOUISIANA.COM](mailto:MARICA@CCILOUISIANA.COM).

A room block has been set up at the Church Street Inn for Wednesday night. Please contact them directly at 318-238-8888 to make your reservation. The block is under the LA Propane Gas Association.

# COVID-19 Vaccination Exception Request Document for Servicing Federal Agencies

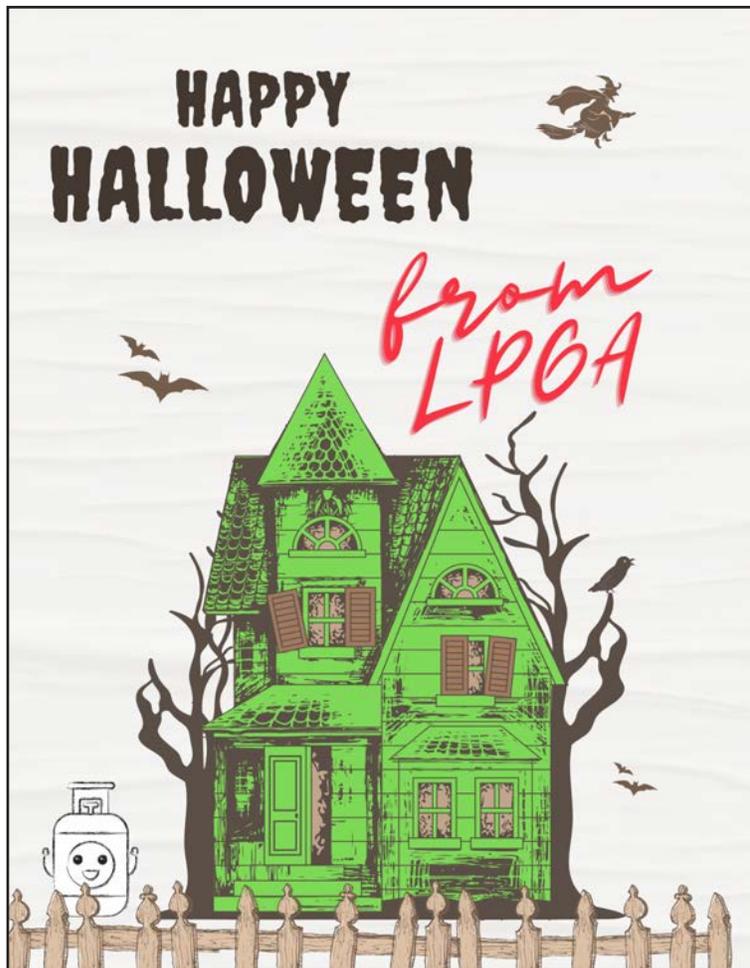
NPGA developed a template document for propane marketers to request a temporary exception from the COVID-19 vaccination mandate for federal contractors and subcontractors. The Draft Request for Federal Contractor is available on the NPGA Member Dashboard here: <https://www.npga.org/member-dashboard/>. In September, President Joe Biden issued an Executive Order calling for certain safety protocols for federal contractors and subcontractors. Among the protocols, the Executive Order instructs the Safer Federal Workforce Task Force to produce guidance to assist federal agencies in implementing the vaccination requirements for existing and future contracts.

The guidance published by the Safer Federal Workforce Task Force includes an exception pathway for federal contractors and subcontractors serving urgent, mission-critical needs of federal agencies. NPGA's Federal Regulatory Task Force called on NPGA staff to develop a template document to request an exception from the vaccination mandate for propane marketers serving as federal contractors and subcontractors. Also available on the Member Dashboard is NPGA's

guidance summarizing the primary requirements of the COVID-19 vaccination executive orders, answers to frequently asked questions, and additional government resources.

OSHA has not yet published an Emergency Temporary Standard that will detail President Biden's announcement that companies with 100 or more employees must mandate COVID-19 vaccination. It is speculated that the Emergency Temporary Standard will require applicable employees to be fully vaccinated by a specified date or provide proof of negative COVID-19 test results on a regular basis. It is expected that the Emergency Temporary Standard will address many questions of scope, including the definition of employee, vaccination status before employment or thereafter, testing frequency and type, testing cost, etc. OSHA must initiate a regular rulemaking within six months of publishing the Emergency Temporary Standard.

Please direct any questions to Sarah Reboli, NPGA Senior Director of Regulatory & Industry Affairs, at [sreboli@npga.org](mailto:sreboli@npga.org).



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## NFPA 58 Open for Public Comments

The development of the 2023 edition of NFPA 58 "LP-Gas Code" has progressed with the completion of the committee ballot. Proposals to NFPA 58 that were developed through the Technology, Standards and Safety Committee (TS&S) were for the most part successful, although some work remains to be done and will be addressed in the coming months.

The First Draft Report, where changes to the text that were approved by the NFPA Technical Committee on LP-Gas can be reviewed, are found at this link: <https://www.nfpa.org/login?npg=https%3A%2F%2Fsubmit.tals.nfpa.org%2FTerraViewWeb> and then clicking on "First Draft Report." To submit a comment to the first draft, click on "NFPA 58" in the block at the left and proceed by following the instructions. The deadline for submitting public comments is January 5, 2022. Contact Bruce Swiecicki at [bswecicki@npga.org](mailto:bswecicki@npga.org) for more information.

# Are You Ready for Peak Demand? There's Still Time to Prepare!

Peak demand is beginning in many parts of the country, and most experts are predicting logistical challenges at different points in the propane supply chain. There's still time for you to do a few things to make sure you're ready for what's to come, and here are some suggestions from NPGA's Propane Supply and Logistics Committee and Propane Producers and Wholesalers Section.

## Prepare With Credit Lines

- \*Develop plans with your suppliers so you can stay within your credit line during the peak winter months.
- \*Is it enough to support your peak winter volume needs?
- \*Consider paying via electronic funds transfer (EFT) or wire if you aren't already. Keeping account current will be key to managing your credit line.

## Think About Supply Security

- \*Consider contracting a portion of your winter supply needs at the closest off-hub storage site. Trucking capacity will be at a premium. The closer you can source your gas, the better.
- \*With the backwardation in the market (the winter months are cheaper than the current months), it doesn't incentivize suppliers to store propane. Spot gas could be sparse and expensive.

## Line Up Your Transportation

- \*Discuss your anticipated winter demand with your transportation partners so you are prepared. Limited trucks and drivers could lead to delayed deliveries, so having early conversations is essential. Keeping your tanks full will offer a buffer if there are delays.

## Use Resources from NPGA and PERC

- \*NPGA's Member Dashboard includes the ABCs of Supply Planning, an updated white paper on supply and logistics planning, as well as updated supply reports from IHS Markit.
- \*Access NPGA's Propane Logistics Analysis Network (PLAN) on your desktop or through the NPGAAction app. Submit wait times at terminals and help inform the industry!
- \*PERC provides information to customers on winter preparation as well as a collection of resources to

communicate with consumers, including radio and print ads and other collateral materials.



## PERC Hosts Renewable Propane Webinar

Throughout the country, thousands of suburban and rural communities are challenged to securing reliable, inexpensive and low carbon energy. Recent natural disasters and unexpected events show towns and unincorporated areas are vulnerable to long-term loss of power and are best served with multiple low carbon energy options. Renewable propane presents a real and cost-effective strategy to ensure that rural America can participate in the imperative to decarbonize.

Join the Propane Education & Research Council on November 3 at 1 p.m. (ET) for a webinar to learn more about renewable propane and its use in rural applications. To register, go here: <https://www.renewablegas360.com/webinar/delivering-resiliency-and-building-decarbonization-with-renewable-propane/>. The webinar is part of the Renewable Gas 360 Educational Series and features PERC's Bryan Cordill, the Western Propane Gas Association's Joy Alafia, as well as Tom Paine of ConSol and Robert Baldwin of the National Renewable Energy Laboratory.



## How Low Can Propane Emissions Go?



*By: Todd Mouw, President of ROUSH CleanTech*

As the number of commercial trucks, school and transit buses that operate on propane autogas continues to increase, our industry continues to innovate and create new methods to further reduce the emissions profile of this very popular transportation fuel. A renewable option for propane is a requirement for this energy source to remain viable for decades to come.

Renewable propane is a non-fossil fuel produced from 100% renewable raw materials, such as beef fats, vegetable oils, grease residue and other biomass feedstocks that are inexpensive and abundant. Sometimes referred to as “biopropane,” this clean and renewable energy source has the same benefits of conventional propane autogas.

Both types of propane reduce emissions, cut costs and provide fleets with the same vehicle performance and reliability. And, simply put, the chemical structure and physical properties of renewable and conventional propane are the same — they just come from different sources.

Back in 2018, we were the first company to develop and certify a 0.02g NO<sub>x</sub> propane engine that could operate on renewable propane to help our clients reach near-zero emissions levels, reduce greenhouse gases and meet growing demand for cleaner products.

Today, there’s growing interest in renewable propane due to more availability. Already on the West Coast,

U-Haul purchased its first million gallons of renewable propane last year and recently added another million gallons of renewable propane to sell at its California stores. On the East Coast, the Commonwealth of Virginia received its first gallons of renewable propane to fuel police vehicles and buses in Petersburg. According to the Propane Education & Research Council, these propane vehicles operating on renewable propane have a lower lifetime carbon footprint than electric vehicles charged using the electric grid in Virginia.

PERC has shared other data about the merits of renewable propane. For example, the council points out that at the point of combustion, renewable propane is carbon neutral, meaning no new carbon is added to the atmosphere when renewable propane is burned. The council is also testing renewable propane, including blends with conventional propane and standard development. It has been informing OEMs of potential engine use and creating awareness of the fuel for producer, seller, transporter and end-user.

The power and reliability of domestically produced propane is helping the nation lead a clean transportation revolution. Renewable propane adds to our nation’s energy portfolio and expands propane as an even more important energy source. Give us a call at 800.59.ROUSH to learn more.

Enjoy the warm days and cool nights of Fall!

*Todd Mouw is president of ROUSH CleanTech, an industry leader of advanced clean vehicle technology. Mouw has more than two decades of experience in the automotive and high-tech industries. As former president of the NTEA Green Truck Association, Mouw helped set standards in the green trucking industry. To learn more, visit [ROUSHcleantech.com](http://ROUSHcleantech.com).*

# Women in Propane Business Council Debuts New Website

The Women in Propane Business Council is super-excited to show off their brand-new website! You can visit it at <https://www.womeninpropane.org/>.

This new site is packed with ALL the information you need with regard to WIP Programs & Events, Membership, and Sponsorship opportunities and much more! They are especially proud of their new interactive Calendar of Events which is a concise and handy tool that lists detailed information about upcoming events complete with registration links.

Are you interested in their DiSC on the Road Leadership Training program? Or perhaps you are a young professional in search of guidance from an industry expert. You can connect with your FREE Mentor in their Virtual Knowledge Exchange mentoring program.

Did you miss an issue of a newsletter or want to reference an article? You can easily find past Newsletter issues archived on the site.

Information on becoming a State Ambassador, volunteering for one their friendly WIP Committees, or joining the Women in Propane Council as an individual or corporate Member - it's all right there at your fingertips!

They think you will be as fond of the new website as much as they are. They would love to hear your comments and suggestions - send them an email anytime at [wip@npga.org](mailto:wip@npga.org). Don't forget to bookmark the new site!



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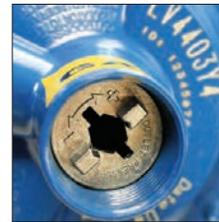
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# GAS EQUIPMENT COMPANY, Inc

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## Gas Equipment Company, Inc. Announces Gijs Majoor as New CEO

### *Company enters new era with a change in top leadership.*

For Immediate Release-October 8, 2021 (Dallas, Texas)

Gas Equipment Company, Inc. (GEC) announces Gijs Majoor has been appointed CEO of the company effective October 1, 2021. He succeeds M.J. "Skeeter" LaDue who will retire early 2022.

Gijs brings a strong business acumen to GEC. He earned MBA's in both Logistics and Finance during his 12-year military career in the Royal Netherlands Navy. For the last four years, Gijs has been VP of Supply Chain & Sustainable Fuels with Pinnacle Propane, LLC headquartered in Texas, an SHV Energy company - a global leader of propane supply.

"I am honored to be entrusted with carrying on Skeeter's legacy and leading this renowned company forward. There is a lot to live up to, but with our excellent team, and the support of our MAKEEN Energy colleagues around the world, I am certain that we will achieve great things together." - Gijs Majoor

Skeeter is the last of three generations of LaDues to guide and grow GEC. While Skeeter is retiring, he will still have a role in the company. He will move into an Advisory position which will allow the company to still access his vast knowledge accumulated over the many years.

"I've been in GEC for almost 5 decades, and in charge of it for about half that time, and now is the right time to hand the wheel over to someone else. Gijs is absolutely the right person for the job, and I look forward to offer my support to him as we grow and develop in the future." - Skeeter LaDue

*in-process, transfer and control equipment operating ten warehouse branches in the U.S. Headquartered in Dallas, TX, since 1937, GEC has always maintained a personalized approach to business. Armed with extensive product knowledge, field sales and customer service people conduct training seminars, provide safety information, and establish a direct link to premier manufacturers. GEC is the American branch of MAKEEN Energy's gas equipment division KC ProSupply.*

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*Skeeter LaDue and Gijs Majoor*

***About Gas Equipment Company, Inc***

*Gas Equipment Company is a warehouse distributor of*