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February 2024

E-Newsletter

Leap Into Spring!?

February was filled with all of the celebrations-Groundhogs Day, Mardi Gras, Valentine's Day, President's Day and, today, is Leap Day! And the year is still just getting started! Punxsutawney Phil did not see his shadow this year thus predicting an early spring is upon us. It has been said that Phil's accuracy rate dating back to his first prediction in 1887 is between 36-39% correct. Not too much to hang your hat on if you ask me! The people of Louisiana know Phil's prediction never means much for them. It is 100% accurate however that once our temps start rising, they won't stop! You see, heat, humidity and summer are always a sure thing in our state and that's something you can bet on!

This is another friendly reminder to pay and turn in your 2024 membership dues! You should have received them by either snail mail or email. They are also available on our website at lapropane.org/join/. Make sure you get your dues payment in as soon as possible so you don't miss out on all of the great things going on at the Association. Also, please remember to submit the membership application form as well, whether your information has stayed the same or needs to be updated. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please don't hesitate to reach out to our office. If you know of any companies who are not on our outreach list and would like to become a member, feel free to send them the information or pass their info on to us and we would be happy to reach out. We are better served when we work together as an industry!

If you have any questions, contact the LPGA office at 225-763-8922.



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2024 Calendar of Events

March 19, 1:00 pm: First Quarter Board Meeting, Walk-Ons-Alexandria.

March 11-12:00 pm: Louisiana Regular Legislative Session Convenes.

April 5-7: Southeastern Convention & International Propane Expo, Charlotte Convention Center-Charlotte, NC.

June 2-4: NPGA Propane Days, Washington, DC.

June 3-6:00 pm: Louisiana Regular Legislative Session Final Adjournment.

June 12-13: Clean Fuels Summit Conference & Expo, L'Auberge Casino Resort-Lake Charles.

June 24-26: APGA/LPGA Summer Convention, Hilton Hotel-Pensacola Beach, FL

June 25: Second Quarter Board of Directors Meeting, Hilton Hotel-Pensacola Beach, FL.

September 2024: Third Quarter Board of Directors Meeting, Date and Location TBD.

December 2024: Fourth Quarter Board of Directors Meeting, Natchitoches, LA-Date TBD.



DOE Releases Cooktop Rule

The DOE has released the final cooktop rule, which NPGA supports. The compromise allows for gas cooktops to use 1770 kBtu/year, a significant change from the standard proposed in the February 2023 rulemaking of 1204 kBtu/year. The compromise is only a minor deviation from the baseline standard reviewed by DOE in the proposed rulemaking, which was initially 1775 kBtu/year. This compromise should result in consumers having access to all of the features in their stoves and ranges that they have come to expect and enjoy, and have no meaningful effect on the gas stove market. For further information on the compromise, which includes product classes beyond consumer cooktops, please contact NPGA Vice President of Regulatory & Industry Affairs Benjamin Nussdorf at BNussdorf@npga.org.

Applications Now Open for Propane Construction Research Program

Propane Council's program measures reduction of greenhouse gases.

WASHINGTON (February 20, 2024) – Residential builders can apply now for the 2024 Propane Construction Research Program. Supported by the Propane Education & Research Council (PERC), the program amplifies efforts to install propane appliances in new homes and remodels to reduce carbon emissions in the U.S.

The Propane Construction Research Program (PCRP) works with builders and remodelers who upgrade to propane appliances in new builds or home remodels between January and December 2024. The program is designed to collect data from participating builders to inform research about propane use in the residential building industry. As part of the program, participants will be required to complete a survey that will capture important emissions data regarding each build or remodel project using propane. PERC will offer compensation of up to \$1,000 to builders or remodelers who participate in this program. Participants can also earn a \$500 bonus for installing propane appliances specified for their region. Completion of the survey must occur before compensation can be released.

“We are hopeful builders from across the country will want to participate in this program,” said Bryan Cordill, director of business development for residential and commercial construction at PERC. “It’s straightforward — install propane appliances, submit the emissions data, and receive compensation. Builders can then put the emissions data to work when marketing their services, which could offer them a competitive advantage. That’s because home buyers want to work with businesses that implement sustainable building practices. Propane is a clean energy choice.”

Eligible builders must be a licensed U.S. builder or remodeler, and at least 18 years of age. Qualifying and selected construction professionals will provide emissions data and receive compensation in return. A home must include at least one of the following propane appliances: a boiler or furnace; hydronic air handler; combi boiler; tankless or storage tank water heater; a hybrid heat pump with propane gas emergency heat. The home build or remodel project must be completed between January and December 2024.

Funding is limited, and certain restrictions apply, so builders are encouraged to apply as soon as possible at propane.com/pcrp.

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Propane Education & Research Council (PERC)
The Propane Education & Research Council is a nonprofit that provides leading propane safety and training programs and invests in research and development of new propane-powered technologies. PERC is operated and funded by the propane industry. For more information, visit Propane.com.

\$1.5 Billion Available for Propane Buses and Fueling Infrastructure

The Federal Transit Authority (FTA) has announced the availability of nearly \$1.5 billion to replace, rehabilitate, purchase, or lease buses, related equipment, or facilities with alternatives like propane autogas under the Buses and Bus Facility Program and the Low or No Emission Grant Program. States, local governmental authorities, Indian Tribes, and fixed-route bus operators and services are eligible applicants. Grant funds can cover 80-90% of project costs, and grant funds are available to awarded projects for four fiscal years.

Last year, propane received nearly \$44 million in grant funding through this program to purchase propane buses and install propane fueling infrastructure. The diverse recipients ranged from major cities to rural communities to tribal nations in Colorado, Minnesota, Mississippi, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, and Ohio. Visit the Propane Buses tab on the member dashboard for more information on how to apply, links to register for an information webinar, and a template letter to send to eligible localities within your state.

Questions? Contact NPGA Director, Regulatory Affairs & Associate General Counsel Kate Gaziano at KGaziano@npga.org.



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From tankless water heaters to cooktops and ranges to indoor and outdoor fire features, homeowners love the reliability, comfort and efficiency of propane appliances. And you'll love being compensated for helping to inform research for the industry.

► Learn more and apply today at Propane.com/PCRP

Funds are limited and not guaranteed.

ECC Requirement Reminder-It's the Law!

Companies that distribute hazardous materials are required by law to have a 24-hour emergency contact in place. Your company has the option of using the Louisiana Propane Gas Association—Emergency Contact Center as its 24-hour contact for a fee of \$500.00 per year. This is a cost-and time-efficient way of staying in compliance with current regulations.

One benefit of placing membership with the LPGA, however, is being able to register with the Emergency Contact Center at a discounted price. The registration cost for members is \$250.00. If you wish to become an LPGA member and begin receiving the numerous benefits we offer, contact the office for a registration form or download it online at <https://lapropane.org/join-as-a-dealer/>. Return it along with your dues and you'll be eligible for the ECC member discount.

If your company chooses to register with the LPGA-ECC, return a completed registration agreement, your MSDSs and please read the LPGA-ECC Registration Agreement included in the LPGA Dealer Membership Form. We must have the requested information returned and in the files at the Emergency Contact Center as soon as possible.

In the event of an emergency involving your liquefied petroleum gas products, please designate the following telephone number(s) for the ECC to contact your company:

- I. You may designate a 24-hour number.
- II. If an attended 24-hour telephone number is not available, please provide your during-work-hour contact and telephone numbers, as well as the names and telephone numbers for us to contact after working hours. (Numbers and contacts must provide LPGA-ECC with 24-hour, 7-day per week access to your company.)
- III. Please provide a separate medical emergency contact number if you wish us to call your medical staff directly for medical treatment advice.
- IV. Special instruction/comments: (You may include only special instructions about your contacts or products in this section.)
- V. Please specify an administrative contact for questions about the information and updating of this form.

If you pay to use the LPGA-ECC, make sure your customers have the correct emergency number and are only using it in cases of a true emergency. They should

not be utilizing the emergency number to get in touch with your company because the store location won't answer the phone or no one has returned their call. We take emergencies very seriously in our industry. Additionally, if your company is not paying to use the LPGA-ECC number and your company uses it without authorization, it is possible the company can be fined by the state of Louisiana. We will not tolerate misuse of this number by members or non-members.

Those members that use the LPGA-ECC from year to year, make sure your membership dues stay current and up-to-date so that you remain in the ECC database. As always, make sure the emergency contact information you provide each year is up-to-date as well.

Please make sure you have an emergency contact system in place even if it's not through the association. In the propane industry, safety is always of utmost importance and should be front of mind! Remember to educate your customers on the importance of your company's ECC number but also not to abuse it. As always, if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact our office.

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How Well Can You Tell Propane's Amazing Environmental Story?

Propane marketers need to be fluent in the language of environmental conversations, especially as they relate to propane.

As an energy expert in your local community, it's inevitable that you'll be pressed into these conversations given the heightened focus on the environmental impact that consumers' energy choices have worldwide.

Successful propane retailers must be able to assure their customers and allied partners – such as builders, HVAC and plumbing professionals, and community colleges – that propane is a clean alternative fuel (as defined by the U.S. Department of Energy) and explain how its use in various applications can improve their environmental footprint.

One of the ways to talk about propane is through the lens of carbon intensity, which is a primary consideration for moderating climate change. Your customers and communities will be encouraged to hear that propane scores favorably against gasoline, diesel, and even the average carbon emissions from the U.S. electric grid. That important environmental edge is dramatically enhanced when renewable propane is factored into the equation.

More than ever, your ability to sway energy decisions hinges on how well you can communicate propane's benefits to influential allied partners.

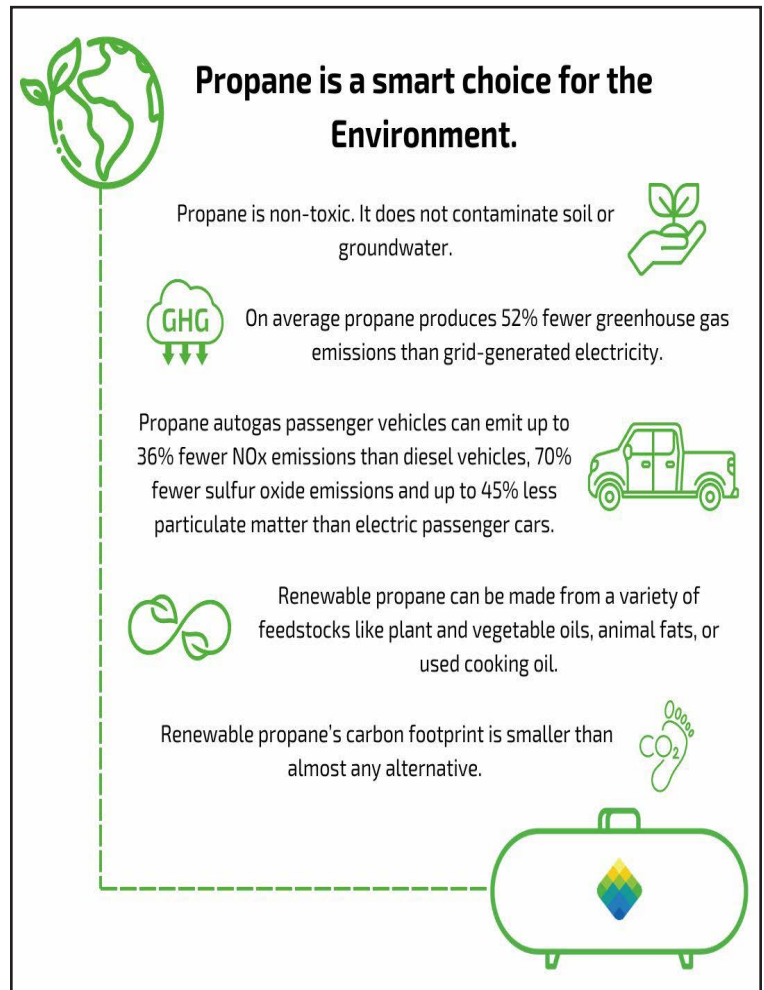
Builder partners, for example, need to know that propane can help make zero net energy homes possible. Including highly efficient propane appliances in residential construction projects is proven to significantly lower a home's energy consumption. And because propane works so well with renewable energies such as wind and solar, pairing propane with them opens the door for zero net energy.

With PERC's Propane Construction Research Program, builders can also earn compensation for specifying propane appliances. That makes it a smart choice both environmentally and economically. Other PERC programs, like the Technical School Grant Program, can bring propane-specific curriculum to your community, expanding the future industry workforce and understanding of propane as a clean, versatile, reliable

energy.

Meanwhile, if your company's vehicle fleet is still running on gasoline and diesel, it's well past time to make the switch to propane autogas. What better message for prospective customers than a personal testimony that you trust the fuel you sell as a linchpin to your daily business success? By adopting autogas, you can reap the financial rewards, set an example in your community, and build trust in propane as an environmentally friendly option.

PERC has resources and data to help you build your understanding and confidence in these important conversations. Check out the featured resources and training on the 'For Propane Providers' page at propane.com and start familiarizing yourself with the many environmental benefits of our amazing energy.





The Energy for Everyone

Propane is an essential part of a diverse energy mix, delivering sustainable solutions to future generations. Embrace the opportunity to join the effort to educate the public on the environmental benefits of propane, which produces far fewer emissions than diesel, gasoline, or even electricity.

THE FUTURE IS NOW

Watch this video to see how advances in renewable propane will bring even more environmentally friendly energy to families, businesses, and farms across the country.

