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April 2026

E-Newsletter

April Showers to Bring May Flowers!

I'm not sure if the saying has ever been truer that this year! It seems like it has rained almost every day in April. Luckily, most of the showers still have a cooling effect on our temps. Down South, we take what we can get!

Registration for the APGA/LPGA Summer Convention is officially open! The convention will be held June 29th-July 2nd at the Pensacola Hilton in Pensacola Beach, FL. Make sure to book your room as soon as possible! The discounted rate for the room block expires on **Monday, May 25th**.

Last month, every propane retailer was sent an email and a letter directing them to visit a secure portal on propane.com to complete their company's report for 2025 retail sales. Your submission ensures your state entity receives an accurate amount of state rebate funding that is used for important programs such as safety training and appliance rebate programs. Please submit your survey responses by May 15th.

The final report is shared on propane.com/salesreport and incorporated into the National and State Propane Profiles, showing market trends by state and region. Individual responses are kept confidential and anonymous. Only summary statistics are presented in the final report, and data is never disclosed to third parties. If you're unsure which person at your company is responsible for submitting, please email us at salesreport@propane.com.

As always, if you have any questions or need any information regarding the association, please contact the LPGA office at 225-763-8922 or email our Executive Director Randy Hayden at randy@ccilouisiana.com.



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This is the most current list of paid members we have as of April 23, 2026. If you have any questions, please reach out to the LPGA office. Thank you to those members who have already paid and turned in dues for 2026!

PERC Every Day Safe

Safety culture doesn't happen by accident; it's cultivated through daily conversations, leadership, and decisions. Every Day Safe gives propane company leaders easy-to-use tools to create a customized safety plan that keeps employees focused, supported, and safety-minded every single day. Designed for real-world propane operations, the program helps owners, managers, and trainers strengthen safety from the inside out. Our industry succeeds when we consistently practice the habits that protect people and earn trust. Learn more at propane.com/EveryDaySafe or enroll now.

2026 Calendar of Events

June 1: Louisiana Legislative Session Adjourns.

June 7-9: NPGA Propane Days, Hilton Washington, DC-Capitol Hill.

June 29-July 2: APGA/LPGA Annual Summer Convention, Hilton Hotel-Pensacola Beach, FL.

June 30: Second Quarter Board of Directors Meeting, Hilton Hotel-Pensacola Beach, FL.

September 2026: Third Quarter Board of Directors Meeting-Date and Location TBD.

November 5-6: State Leadership Summit, The Capital Hilton-Washington, DC.

December 2026: Fourth Quarter Board of Directors Meeting-Date and Location TBD.

FMCSA Issues Temporary Exemption to Support NRII Transition

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has issued a temporary exemption to support the National Registry II (NRII) transition. Effective from April 11, 2026 through October 11, 2026, interstate CDL holders, CLP holders, and motor carriers may continue relying on a paper copy of the medical examiner's certificate as proof of medical certification for up to 60 days after the certificate is issued. This exemption provides additional time as State Driver's Licensing Agencies and certified medical examiners complete the transition to secure electronic transmission of medical data. FMCSA recommends that certified medical examiners continue issuing paper medical examiner's certificates (Form MCSA-5876) to drivers in addition to submitting results electronically until further notice. No additional nationwide NRII waivers or exemptions are expected after the six-month period ends on October 11, 2026. For the full exemption and more NRII resources, visit the FMCSA NRII Learning Center.

Questions? Contact Director of Regulatory Affairs and Associate General Counsel Kate Gaziano at Kgaziano@npga.org.



Registration Open for Propane Days

The National Propane Gas Association's 2026 Annual & Mid-Year Board of Directors Meeting and Propane Days will take place June 7 - 9, 2026, at the Hilton Washington DC Capitol Hill.

You can click here to view the Preliminary Agenda.

REGISTRATION

Click to register Here.

Hotel Accommodations

Participants are responsible for reserving their own hotel accommodations. The Hilton Washington DC Capitol Hill is the headquarter hotel for the 2026 Propane Days. The hotel is offering participants a group rate of \$364 single/double occupancy, plus tax. (Triple occupancy is \$384, and quadruple is \$404.) Please book your hotel accommodations online. You may also contact Hilton reservations directly at 1-800-445-8667 and request the National Propane Gas Association or NPGA group. The room block will be available until Friday, May 15, or until the block is sold out.

The program includes a breakfast on Tuesday before Hill visits.

If you have questions concerning registration or hotel accommodations, please contact the NPGA Meetings Department at meetings@npga.org. If you have questions regarding the meeting agenda, please contact me at npadilla@npga.org.

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EPA's New Rule set to Advance Biofuels Production

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has finalized changes to the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) "Set 2" rule, establishing renewable fuel blending requirements for 2026 and 2027 at the highest levels in the agency's history. The rule is intended to strengthen American energy independence, expand domestic biofuel production, and support domestic farmers and rural economies.

The primary objective of the Set 2 rule is to increase the use of domestically produced biofuels, including ethanol, biodiesel, and renewable diesel. By doing so, EPA aims to reduce reliance on foreign oil while creating a more stable and predictable market for American agricultural products. The agency claims that the rule will generate \$31 billion in value for corn and soybean oil markets in 2026, increase net farm income by \$3–4 billion, and contribute more than \$10 billion to rural economies, to support over 100,000 jobs. These estimates would equate to roughly \$4,400 to each corn- and soy-producing farm owner in the US. The rule is also framed as a major step toward energy security, with EPA projecting that increased biofuel use will reduce US oil imports by approximately 300,000 barrels per day across 2026 and 2027. Biopropane/renewable propane production was not mentioned directly, but crop-based biopropane producers may be able to benefit under the new rule.

To meet the new goals, biodiesel and renewable diesel production must increase by more than 60% compared to 2025 levels. Meanwhile, the rule maintains the 15-billion-gallon requirement for conventional ethanol, providing continued stability for corn growers and ethanol producers. The EPA has removed renewable electricity infrastructure from eligibility under the RFS, emphasizing that the Clean Air Act focuses on liquid and gaseous fuels rather than electrification. This change reflects a shift away from prior efforts to incorporate electric vehicle infrastructure into the program. EPA also addressed Small Refinery Exemptions by finalizing a 70% reallocation of previously exempted blending obligations (from 2023–2025) into the 2026 and 2027 compliance years; this approach is intended to balance biofuel demand with maintaining a stable credit market.

Looking ahead, the rule introduces a new provision beginning in 2028, under which foreign-produced fuels and feedstocks will receive only half the compliance value of US-produced biofuels. This measure is designed

to incentivize domestic production and ensure that American farmers benefit more directly from the program. These measures are likely to significantly expand the share of biofuels production in the total national agricultural output for the remainder of the Trump presidency. Coupled with increasing shares of biofuels in clean-energy infrastructure projects, biofuels may enjoy a protected, favored status through 2028.

Overall, the "Set 2" rule significantly expands the Renewable Fuel Standard, prioritizing domestic agriculture, increasing biofuel production, and reinforcing the Trump Administration's goals for US energy independence.

To learn more about this rule and how it may impact federally funded projects, reach out to NPGA's grants and agency engagement manager, Nicholas Edward, at nedward@npga.org.



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April Safety Tips of the Week from PERC

•Keep Consumers Up to Date: Just as it's important for propane workers to keep up to date with the latest safety information, the same is equally true for consumers. PERC's newly updated consumer safety materials are a great way to effectively and easily educate customers on how to use propane while staying safe and informed.

•Vehicle Parking & Security: Before parking a bobtail in a public garage or other building, ensure that: All liquid is purged from the cargo tank, piping, pump, meter hoses and other equipment; The vapor pressure in the piping, pump, meter delivery hose, and related equipment is reduced to approximately zero; and All valves are closed, and the delivery hose or valve outlets are plugged or capped.

•Important Safety Information for Your Customers: Do NOT Refill Small 1lb Cylinders Intended for Single-Use Only. Contact a qualified refiller to determine if a cylinder can be filled properly.

•OSHA Requirements for Labels in Revised Hazard Communication Standard: Information about chemical

hazards be conveyed on labels using quick visual notations that provide immediate recognition of hazards. The labels also must provide instructions on how to handle the chemical so that users are informed about how to protect themselves.




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Latest Tariff Updates

The United States adjusted “Section 232” tariffs on steel, aluminum, and copper imports to cut duty rates on certain derivative products, simplify compliance, and avoid under-reporting of import values (by applying the new rates to the prices paid by U.S. customers). In particular, effective April 6, 2026:

- Articles made entirely or almost entirely of aluminum, steel, or copper will pay a flat 50% on their full value.
- Derivative articles substantially made of steel, aluminum, or copper will pay a flat 25% on their full value.
- Products made abroad but entirely with American steel, aluminum, and copper will be subject to lower tariffs of 10%.
- Products made of 15% or less steel, aluminum, or copper will no longer be subject to Section 232 metals tariffs.

For clarity, steel, aluminum, and copper derivative goods will no longer be value split. Instead, covered tariff codes have been divided into groups that represent either (a) goods the Administration has decided are likely to contain essentially all steel / aluminum / copper, or (b) goods the Administration has decided are likely to

contain less than all steel / aluminum / copper.

Heading 7311 in Annex 1-A of the applicable White House Proclamation covers “Containers for compressed or liquefied gas, of iron or steel” and Heading 7613 in Annex 1-A covers “Aluminum containers for compressed or liquefied gas.” Therefore, these cylinders and tanks are in the category with a 50% tariff.

Heading 2711.12.00.20 in Annex II—not subject to any Section 232 steel or aluminum tariffs—covers “Propane, liquefied, other than with a minimum purity of 90 liquid volume percent,” meaning that propane fuel itself does not get swept into Section 232 steel/aluminum tariffs due to a small amount of tank residue in the fuel.

Details are available in the following Fact Sheet and Proclamation:

Fact Sheet: President Donald J. Trump Strengthens Tariffs on Steel, Aluminum, and Copper Imports – The White House

Strengthening Actions Taken to Adjust Imports of Aluminum, Steel, and Copper Into the United States – The White House



Strengthen Your Relationships with Agriculture and Landscape Customers

Ready to move the conversation from price to performance? These PERC programs help position propane-powered equipment as a smart, cost-effective investment.

Learn more at propane.com/researchprograms



Farmers can earn up to \$10,000 toward new propane equipment – including heating systems, generators, and irrigation engines

– by sharing performance data with PERC. Encourage your agriculture customers to offset upfront costs while upgrading their operation.



Qualified contractors can test-drive a propane zero-turn mower or utility vehicle for 10 days at no cost. Encourage landscapers and dealers in your area to take advantage of this hands-on opportunity.

Grow Your Ag Gallons with PERC's Research and Demonstration Programs

As spring arrives, propane marketers have a strong story to tell in landscaping and agriculture. Propane-powered mowers and utility vehicles help golf courses and lawn care crews meet demand for clean, reliable energy. In the field, farmers are using flame weeding and soil steaming for pre-planting, and as summer approaches, irrigation will drive gallon consumption while producers begin pre-filling tanks for grain drying. Help grow demand by promoting PERC's research and demonstration programs, including 10-day trials of John Deere equipment, incentives for irrigation dealers, and savings of up to \$10,000 for farmers looking to install propane equipment.

To support these efforts, the Propane Education & Research Council (PERC) offers three distinct programs designed to reduce the barrier to entry for end-users while gathering valuable real-world data on propane's performance.

1. The Propane Farm Research Program (PFRP)

The flagship Propane Farm Research Program is designed to help producers adopt new propane technologies while providing PERC with essential performance data. Through this program, farmers can receive an incentive of up to \$10,000 toward the purchase of qualifying propane-powered equipment.

In exchange for the incentive, participants agree to share their experience and equipment performance data with PERC. This data helps the industry better understand how propane performs in diverse agricultural environments.

This includes a wide range of applications such as irrigation engines, building heat for livestock confinement, water heating, and advanced technologies like weed flaming and soil steaming.

2. The Propane Landscape Demonstration Program

The Propane Landscape Demonstration Program provides top-tier lawn care companies and golf course superintendents the opportunity to test-drive the latest propane technology in their own day-to-day operations.

Through this program, PERC coordinates 10-day

equipment trials, often featuring John Deere machinery like the ProGator utility vehicle or zero-turn mowers.

This "try before you buy" approach allows crews to experience the benefits of propane—such as reduced noise levels and lower emissions—without any initial financial commitment. It is an ideal tool for marketers looking to convert large-scale landscape fleets or country clubs that are sensitive to early-morning engine noise.

3. The Propane Irrigation Engine Demonstration Program

Irrigation remains one of the largest growth opportunities for propane in the agricultural market. To accelerate this transition, PERC has developed a program specifically targeting the irrigation sector, including a unique program for dealers who sell this equipment.

Propane irrigation engines offer a significant reduction in fuel costs and greenhouse gas emissions compared to diesel, while providing the reliability farmers need during the peak growing season.

How You Can Help

These programs are most effective when you act as the bridge between PERC and the end-user. By promoting these incentives, you can offer your customers a way to upgrade their operations while lowering their capital expenditure.

Whether it is a \$10,000 research incentive for a farmer or a 10-day trial for a local landscaper, these initiatives provide the perfect opening to start a conversation about the long-term value of propane.



Now Available: 2024 Electric Reliability Data

As NPGA and states continue to battle policy-driven electrification efforts, it's important that our industry better understands the reliability and resiliency deficiencies of centralized electricity production. Electrons generated at power plants reach consumers via a complex network of delivery infrastructure that is constantly facing a barrage of natural and manmade obstacles that often inhibit the timely delivery of energy.

Members can now access 2024 electric reliability data that contains the following information for each state:

- How many minutes the average electric customer lost power for during the year.
- How many non-momentary power outages the average electric customer experienced during the year.
- The average duration of each non-momentary power outage that occurred during the year.

Highlights from the 2024 data:

- The average electric customer in South Carolina experienced 3,137 minutes without power in 2024, the longest of any state.

•The average electric customer in Maine experienced 3.6 non-momentary power outages in 2024, the most of any state.

•The average duration of each non-momentary power outage in South Carolina was 1,327 minutes, the longest of any state.

This information is available under the Fight Electrification section on the Member Dashboard. For more information, please contact NPGA's Senior Director of State Advocacy & Affairs, Jacob Peterson at Jpeterson@npga.org.



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Complete the 2025 Annual Retail Sales Report.

Annually PERC asks for propane retailer participation in the Annual Retail Propane Sales Report. This information is vital to helping PERC and the industry understand market trends across the propane industry and the evolving needs of individual retailers of odorized propane. It will also ensure that each state receives an accurate amount of state rebate funding from PERC to support vital local projects that impact safety, training, and growth.

▶ Submitting your report is easier than ever. Your responses will be kept confidential – go to propane.com/salesreport to get started.

A collage of four photographs showing propane workers in various settings: one working on a tank, one with a customer, one in a truck, and one working on a vehicle.

Claim access or inquire about who is able to complete the report.

8.810 Billion Gallons Sold in 2024.

Two icons of propane delivery trucks, one white and one green.

Propane Education & Research Council