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July 2026

E-Newsletter

Not Good-Bye but See You Later!

After many years of faithful service, Randy is finally easing his way into retirement. He and his team at Creative Communications, Inc. are turning over the controls of the Louisiana Propane Gas Association to a new staff. This will come with some growing pains and challenges along the way, I'm sure, but it will all come out better on the other side!

A personal farewell note from Randy Hayden: The time has finally come for me to step out of the role as Executive Director for LPGA. It's actually has been over two years in the making, but the reigns have officially been handed over to Luke Fitzpatrick, President and CEO of the Missouri Propane Gas Association. I have been honored to be in the position of Executive Director and represent this industry for the past 25 years. I have met and worked with people who will be friends for life! I am especially honored to be included in an exclusive list of industry titans from the association. Of course, I'll stay in touch and will always be available to host in the Hospitality Suite for Summer Conventions! I am confident I am leaving you in good and beyond capable hands with Luke and his team. Love and cheers to a new era for Louisiana Propane! Your friend in propane, Randy

During the transition, you can email Randy Hayden at randy@ccilouisiana.com or Luke Fitzpatrick at luke@missouripropane.com with any questions or issues. The office number should remain the same (225-763-8922). In the coming months, be aware new emails and contact/staff changes will occur. Thank you for your patience and understanding!



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2026-2027 Calendar of Events

September 29, 2026: Third Quarter Board of Directors Meeting-Location TBD.

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

October 7: National Propane Day!

December 16, 2026, 1:00 pm: Fourth Quarter Board of Directors Meeting-Church Street Inn, Natchitoches, LA. A Dutch Treat Christmas Dinner will follow that evening at a TBD location.

April 4-6, 2027: 2027 Southeastern & International Propane Expo, Music City Center-Nashville, TN.

June 7-9, 2027: NPGA Propane Days 2027, Capital Hilton-Washington, DC.

July Safety Tips of the Week from PERC

- Delivering Cylinders to Residential Customers: Exchange cylinders must be positioned at least 3 feet away from any building opening located below the level of the relief valve discharge and at least 5 feet away from any exterior ignition source. Pressure regulators must be positioned so that rain, ice, snow, sleet, or debris cannot enter or block the regulator vent.

- Delivering Cylinders to Commercial Customers: Commercial cylinder delivery may be less complicated than residential delivery, but has additional inspection requirements to ensure commercial storage facilities meet NFPA 58 regulations. Your vigilance in facility inspection and deliveries is key to ensuring safety.

- Safety Precautions When Filling Containers: When delivering to a container with a bobtail, before connecting a hose, check the ACME threads, O-rings, or gaskets for signs of wear or damage that may compromise the connection between the hose and the container.



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FIVE New Refresher Training Learning Paths

PERC has released five new refresher training learning paths to help propane professionals meet NFPA refresher training requirements while reinforcing critical job skills. These engaging, scenario-based learning paths feature real world situations propane professionals may encounter on the job, along with immediate feedback that explains both correct and incorrect answers.

The new learning paths include:

- Exterior Gas Piping, Regulator, and Meter Installer
- Gas System Startup Service Technician
- Gas Vaporizer Installation and Service Technician
- Interior Gas Piping Installer
- Propane System Layout & Design

Additional refresher learning paths, including Bobtail Delivery Driver and Cylinder Delivery Driver, are also available in The Learning Center. To explore the full selection, click “PEP Safety,” then open the “PEP Refresher Training” folder.

Refresher training is customizable, just as is PEP initial training, helping your company quickly recap what you

need. If a Learning Path is not what you’re looking for, all PEP refresher content can also be taken in shorter modules by topic. Topic-specific refresher content, including hazardous materials training, is available in The Learning Center under “PEP Safety,” “PEP Refresher Training,” and “PEP Safety Training by Topic.”

Find the Refresher Training by Topic & Learning Path here.



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Tracy Wells

Beating the Heatwave: How Commercial Facilities Can Bypass Peak Demand Charges and Grid Blackouts with Propane

Earlier this month, PJM, the largest grid operator in the U.S., issued an all-region Hot Weather Alert for its 13-state territory. With prolonged 90-degree temperatures pushing peak electricity load forecasts past a high of 160,000 MW, the grid is maxed out. For commercial and industrial facilities, this first summer extreme heatwave brings a dual threat: rolling blackouts and peak-pricing penalties.

A Strained Grid Is a Costly Liability

The electric grid is under unprecedented pressure, and the financial risk for commercial operators are escalating. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) warns that, with energy consumption surging and older power plants going offline, the risk of power outages will increase 100-fold by 2030. A single power outage can result in significant financial consequences, including lost revenue, severe labor disruption, and equipment damage.

To survive these peak hours without draining budgets, forward-thinking facilities are taking control of their own energy with propane-powered distributed generation and peak-shaving systems. By generating on-site electricity with propane prime power, microgrids, or combined heat and power (CHP) systems, businesses can reduce reliance on the public grid during periods of peak demand. This helps lower costly utility demand charges while providing operational flexibility and reducing strain on the electric grid when capacity is at its limit.

Beyond power generation, propane offers another advantage during summer heatwaves: process and space cooling. Propane-powered chillers can reduce a facility's HVAC electricity consumption by 80% to 90%, allowing operators to avoid excessive time-of-day and peak demand utility rates.

Propane: The Ultimate Economic Advantage

In an era of rising electricity rates and volatile global energy markets, propane offers a clear economic advantage by delivering long-term budget predictability.

●Because the U.S. produces an abundant, domestic supply of propane, its pricing historically remains

insulated from the geopolitical shocks and volatility that plague diesel and gasoline.

●Highly efficient propane generators operate at a significantly lower cost per kilowatt-hour, running up to 26% cheaper than Tier 4 Final diesel generators.

●Propane is stable and can be stored without risk of degradation, eliminating the expensive, recurring fuel-maintenance measures required with diesel - and ensuring systems are always ready when the grid goes down.

Reliable power is a critical component of operational resilience. As extreme weather becomes more common, grid reliability is no longer guaranteed. Scalable propane energy solutions help commercial facilities maintain reliable operations, mitigate the impact of utility rate volatility, and take greater control of their energy future.

Learn How to Achieve Reliability Beyond the Grid.



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Propane Exports Surge in Second Quarter

The United States is now exporting, on average, more than 2 million barrels (84 million gallons) of propane each day to global markets – the highest amount since the Energy Information Administration began tracking data.

May and June 2026 were the two strongest months for propane exports on record. Exports averaged more than 2.2 million barrels (92 million gallons) per day during the last week of May alone, a record daily amount. Increased exports of American propane have coincided with the ongoing war in Iran, which has impacted the Strait of Hormuz, a vital waterway for the global hydrocarbon market. The top destinations for U.S. propane are Japan, China, Mexico, and South Korea.

America is the world's leading producer and supplier of propane, ensuring plentiful energy for domestic and foreign markets alike. As the ongoing instability in the Middle East demonstrates, there is tremendous economic and national security benefits to having such a robust and resilient domestically-sourced supply of clean and affordable propane.

For more information, contact NPGA's Senior Director of State Advocacy & Affairs, Jacob Peterson at jpeterson@npga.org.



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October 7



National Propane Day is October 7, and it's the perfect opportunity to celebrate propane and share its many advantages with the customers and communities you serve. Ready-to-use resources make it easy to engage customers, strengthen relationships, and showcase propane's value in your community.



► Download social posts, bill stuffers, and more at propane.com/NPD2026. Plus, watch for National Propane Day trivia and chances to win starting in September.

National Propane Day

National Propane Day is on October 7 and this year, we're encouraging you to make Your Power Play!

Propane is uniquely poised for growth thanks to the many benefits it offers. The safe, reliable, affordable, and abundant energy source we all know and love has a distinct edge over the electric grid, diesel, and other energy sources that can't match propane's performance.

National Propane Day is the perfect opportunity to proudly share propane's many advantages with your community.

Celebrate by hosting a customer appreciation event to reach current and prospective customers. Show them how propane provides the ultimate energy advantage at home, at work, on the farm, and more. Encourage them to explore even more ways that propane can power their home or business.

Utilize resources from our new advertising campaign, Your Power Play, to highlight how propane wins in each market segment. Make your own Power

Play – demonstrate operational excellence through outstanding customer service, by embracing available technology, and by prioritizing safety in everything you do.

PERC has also created National Propane Day resources like social posts, bill stuffers, and more for propane retailers to download and share leading up to October 7. Check out the toolkit and the pop-up shop at propane.com/NPD2026, and stay tuned for chances to win trivia starting in September.

This National Propane Day, let's celebrate all the ways propane is a Power Play for the members of our communities, but let's also celebrate YOU: the hardworking men and women who make a Power Play every day to deliver our reliable, safe, clean, and affordable energy across the country. Thank you for all you do to support our industry.

Happy National Propane Day!



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