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A Message from the President/CEO of the Missouri Propane Gas Association

The State of Propane is Collaboration

By Luke Fitzpatrick



The propane industry has always been built on relationships. Whether it is a trusted supplier, a neighboring marketer lending a hand after a storm, or associations sharing ideas and solutions, our greatest strength has always been our people and our willingness to work together.

That is why I am so excited about the opportunity to work with the marketers and propane professionals of Louisiana.

The Missouri Propane Gas Association is honored to welcome the Louisiana Propane Gas Association under our association management services, joining the Arkansas Propane Gas Association as part of our growing management family. This is more than an operational milestone it is an opportunity to build relationships, share ideas, and create greater value for propane marketers across three states.

Our goal is not to change what makes Louisiana successful. We want to support it, learn from it, and build on it. We want to understand your business, your markets, your challenges, and your ideas.

Together, Missouri, Arkansas, and Louisiana can share training programs, workforce development initiatives, safety and compliance resources, marketing strategies, technology, and member engagement ideas. The challenges facing our industry workforce shortages, regulations, severe weather, customer education, competition, and growing the next generation of propane professionals do not stop at state lines. Neither do the opportunities.

This partnership gives us an opportunity to develop solutions together, strengthen our collective voice, expand educational opportunities, and provide greater value to our members.

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To the marketers of Louisiana, I want you to know that we are coming with an open mind and a willingness to listen. We are not bringing a Missouri playbook. We are bringing experience, resources, and a genuine desire to work alongside you.
I am excited to get to know more of you and build relationships throughout Louisiana. While we compete in the marketplace, we also understand that we are part of something bigger. When challenges arise, we help one another. When opportunities emerge, we work together.

That is propane. That is our industry.

Growth is not about becoming bigger for the sake of being bigger. Growth is about creating greater value stronger associations, better member services, greater education, stronger advocacy, and a brighter future for our industry.

To the marketers of Louisiana, thank you for the opportunity to work with you. We are excited to learn from you, share our experiences, and discover what we can accomplish together.

Here's to new relationships, new ideas, and new opportunities and to an even stronger propane industry, built together.

2026 LPGA Industry Calendar

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
September 29, 2026 **11:30 am**	3rd Quarter Board Meeting	**Fezzo's** 720 I10 S Frontage Rd Scott, LA 70583
October 7, 2026	National Propane Day	
November 5-6, 2026	State Leadership Summit	**The Capital Hilton** Washington, D.C.
December 2026	4th Quarter Board Meeting	TBD

September Safety Tips of the Week

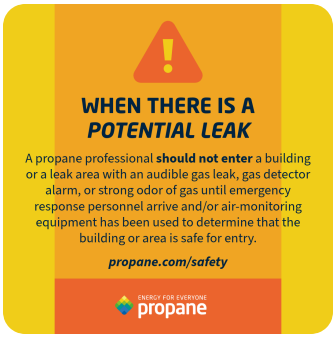
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Week 34

Parking Safely Inside:

Before parking a vehicle indoors at a public garage or building that transports propane, remove all product (reduced to 0 psig) from the vehicle (cargo tank, piping, pump, meter, hose, & related equipment), remove any portable containers (tanks & cylinders), ensure all valves are closed, and delivery hose or valve outlets are plugged or capped.





Week 35

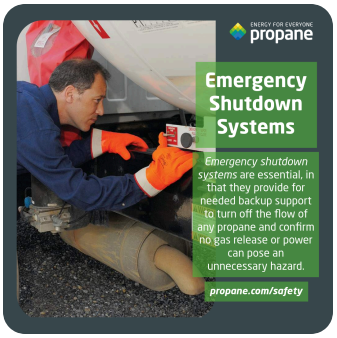
When There Is a Potential Leak:

A propane professional should not enter a building or a leak area with an audible gas leak, gas detector alarm, or strong odor of gas until emergency response personnel arrive and/or air-monitoring equipment has been used to determine that the building or area is safe for entry.

Week 36

Emergency Shutdown Systems:

Emergency shutdown systems are essential, in that they provide for needed backup support to turn off the flow of any propane and confirm no gas release or power can pose an unnecessary hazard.





Week 37

Safety Tips for Propane Transfers:

Remove all ignition sources and combustible materials; Wear appropriate PPE; Inspect hoses and fittings before making connections; Carry hose-end valves by the body, not the handle; Know the locations and procedures for emergency shutoff valves.

Week 38

Before Unloading a Cargo Tank Motor Vehicle (CTMV):

You must verify that there is sufficient space in the bulk storage tanks to hold the CTMV's contents. There are two major steps you need to take: verify the CTMV's contents and determine the available storage tank capacity.



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Preparing for the Fall & Winter Season



Even though it's warm out right now, it's time to start preparing for the colder months. In the fall, companies start focusing on early tank fill programs on the farm and getting ready for grain drying season. From making plans for winter deliveries to offering solutions such as fireplace installations and generators, start showing your residential and commercial customers all the ways you can help keep them warm and comfortable throughout the cooler seasons. PERC has put together a variety of materials and resources to help you prepare:

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A collection of customizable materials for marketers to use to promote winter preparation: Radio spots, bill stuffers, social posts, newspaper ad templates, print ads, and brochures.

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Access Our Grain Drying Demand Models

Designed to help propane marketers effectively estimate demand as harvest season approaches, Grain Drying Demand Models put 25 years of U.S. crop data to work for your business. Clicking through this real-time data lets you see how current corn moisture levels compare to past years, helping you predict the propane needs for farmers in your area.

Access the Models

TRUCK DRIVER APPRECIATION WEEK

Nominate an Exceptional Driver to be Recognized During Truck Driver Appreciation Week

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National Truck Driver Appreciation Week is September 13-19, and it's the perfect time to honor the propane delivery drivers who go above and beyond for your customers and your company.

Nominate an exceptional transport or bobtail driver from your company to be featured during Truck Driver Appreciation Week. Nominees will be entered into a drawing and highlighted across PERC and industry communications channels, helping your company show appreciation and celebrate your team's dedication.

This year, your customers can submit nominations too! Get the bill stuffer on the National Truck Driver Appreciation Week Collection in the Resource Catalog.

Submit Your Nomination

Long Duration Power Outages on the Rise



According to recently released data from the 2024 Residential Energy Consumption (RECs), 22% all of U.S. households experienced a power outage lasting at least 24 hours in 2024, an increase of 4% from 2020. National data clearly shows that longer power outages are being more commonplace.

At the state level, 54% homeowners in Maine experienced a power outage lasting at least 24 hours, the highest percentage of any state. Following Maine, Louisiana (49%), South Carolina (45%), Florida (38%), and West Virginia (35%) had the highest number of households report that they had endured a power outage of a least 24 hours during the reporting year.

Power outages can be disruptive, economically devastating, and pose health and security risks. Fortunately, propane-powered standby generators can provide instantaneous power to a home when the grid is down. Propane burns cleanly and has an indefinite shelf life, which means the fuel can be relied upon when needed most. Visit the Home Use section of PERC's website for more information on propane generators.



Winter Prep and Grain Drying

FROM PERC

Even though temperatures are still warm, now is the time for propane marketers to begin preparing for the colder months ahead.

Start by reviewing your winter supply strategy, delivery routes, staffing needs, and equipment. Planning early can help your team respond efficiently when demand increases and ensure your customers have the propane they need throughout the heating season.

This is also an important time to connect with agriculture customers. Encourage farmers to participate in early tank fill programs and prepare for grain drying season before harvest begins. PERC's Grain Drying Demand Models use 25 years of U.S. crop data to help marketers forecast potential gallon demand and plan supply and logistics needs. Filling tanks before harvest can help customers manage costs and ensure fuel is available when crop moisture levels require drying.

Winter preparation creates opportunities beyond agriculture, too. Talk with residential and commercial customers about scheduling early fills, establishing automatic delivery or tank monitoring services, and inspecting their propane systems before cold weather arrives.

It is also a good time to introduce customers to additional propane solutions that can help them stay warm, comfortable, and prepared. That could include propane fireplaces, high-efficiency heating systems, water heaters, commercial heating equipment, or standby generators that provide reliable energy during a power outage.

Preparing now helps reduce last-minute challenges when temperatures fall. More importantly, it allows you to position your company as a trusted energy partner that can support customers throughout the entire winter season.

Visit Propane.com/winter-prep to access PERC resources that can help you communicate with your customers and prepare your business for the colder months.



National Propane Day is Coming

October 7 is National Propane Day! It's a great opportunity to celebrate propane and showcase the many ways your business helps keep Arkansas homes, farms and businesses powered, comfortable and moving.



To help you get ready, PERC has National Propane Day promotional materials available for members to download and use in your own marketing efforts. From social media graphics to promotional resources, these materials make it easy to join the celebration and spread the word about the benefits of propane.

Ready to start planning? Download the National Propane Day materials and start sharing them with your customers, employees and community!

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