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A Message from the Executive Director of the Louisiana Propane Gas Association

A New Chapter for the Louisiana Propane Gas Association

By Luke Fitzpatrick

As we move into October and begin preparing for the colder months ahead, the Louisiana Propane Gas Association has an important opportunity to reflect on where we are as an industry and, more importantly, where we are headed.

This has been an exciting time for LPGA as we begin a new chapter with our management team. We are grateful for the welcome and support we have received from the Board of Directors and members as we become more involved in the Association's operations and activities.

Our goal is simple: to bring value to membership, strengthen the Association, and provide the resources, communication, education, and support that Louisiana propane marketers need to succeed. While some things may evolve as we move forward, one thing will remain constant LPGA's commitment to representing and supporting its members while preserving the traditions and relationships that make this Association special.

As we enter the heating season, safety remains at the forefront of everything we do. This is an important time to reinforce safe practices, provide ongoing training for employees, educate customers, and remind the communities we serve about the importance of propane safety. The work our members do every day goes far beyond delivering fuel. You provide comfort, reliability, and essential energy to homes, businesses, farms, and communities throughout Louisiana.

I also encourage each of you to stay engaged with the Association. Your participation, ideas, and feedback help shape the direction of LPGA. Whether through committee involvement, training opportunities, industry events, or simply sharing ideas with fellow members, your involvement makes a difference.

As we look toward the remainder of 2026 and begin planning for 2027, I am excited about the opportunities ahead. Together, we can build on the

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Association's strong foundation, strengthen our industry relationships, and continue creating meaningful value for Louisiana propane professionals.

Thank you for the opportunity to work alongside you. I look forward to meeting more of our members, learning about your business, and working together to make LPGA stronger.

Stay safe, stay connected, and thank you for being part of Louisiana's propane industry.



2026 LPGA Industry Calendar

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
November 5-6, 2026	State Leadership Summit	**The Capital Hilton** Washington, D.C.
December 16, 2026	4th Quarter Board Meeting	**Church Street Inn** Natchitoches, LA
March 23-24, 2027	National Propane Education & Training Conference	**TBD** Charlotte, NC
June 27-30, 2027	LPGA/APGA Summer Convention	**Hotel Monteleone** New Orleans, LA

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New PERC Resources: Diesel Price Graphics

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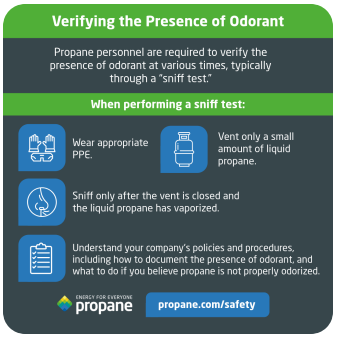
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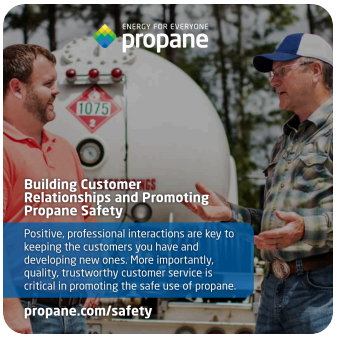
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Week 43

Verifying the Presence of Odorant:

Propane personnel are required to verify the presence of odorant at various times, typically through a “sniff test.” When performing a sniff test: Wear appropriate PPE; Vent only a small amount of liquid propane; Sniff only after the vent is closed and the liquid propane has vaporized; Understand your company's policies and procedures, including how to document the presence of odorant, and what to do if you believe propane is not properly odorized.





Week 44

Building Customer Relationships & Promoting Propane Safety:

Positive, professional interactions are key to keeping the customers you have and developing new ones. More important, quality, trustworthy customer service is critical in promoting the safe use of propane.

Week 45

Safely Transporting a Crane:

Before leaving the yard or job site, a crane operator must prepare the crane for proper transport. Travel only with the boom retracted and in a stowed position as specified by the manufacturer.





Week 46

Rigging Safety:

Proper rigging is critical to ensure a safe and efficient lift of the load. Only trained and qualified personnel should attach rigging to a crane's hook and load. Poor or improper rigging can result in personal injury, property damage, and damage to your vehicle or crane.

Help Your Propane Autogas Customers Earn Compensation

Through the newly launched **Propane Autogas Research Program (PARP)**, qualified commercial fleets can receive **$7,500** for each of up to five eligible propane autogas vehicles, plus up to **$10,000** for new refueling site prep. In return, participants put the vehicles into regular operation and share performance data quarterly for one year.

Proven and ready to deploy, propane autogas helps fleets lower costs, operate cleaner, and perform dependably. Share this opportunity with your commercial fleet customers!

Learn More About PARP



ROUSH CLEANTECH

NEW DERA FUNDING MAKES PROPANE MATH EVEN BETTER



By Chelsea Uphaus, Director of Marketing

For school districts, every transportation dollar matters. And right now, the math behind propane school buses is especially compelling.

With today's fuel prices, school districts are saving an average of $.50 per mile by operating propane buses. That means if a school bus operates 15,000 miles per year, that one bus is saving $7,500 in fuel costs alone that year.

And now, the savings can start before a new bus even hits the road.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recently opened approximately $180 million in funding through the 2026 Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) Program. Eligible school districts have the opportunity to replace older diesel school buses with cleaner alternatives — including propane. Applications are due January 22, 2027.

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That changes the acquisition-cost conversation in a big way.

With DERA funding applied, a propane school bus can become the lowest acquisition-cost school bus option on the market, while continuing to deliver substantial fuel and maintenance savings throughout its service life.

It's a rare combination: significantly reduce the cost of a cleaner bus, and then continue to save every mile after you put it on the road.

For districts with aging diesel buses or looking to purchase new buses, now is a great time to run the numbers.



Propane Autogas Brings Cost Savings to Commercial Fleets

FROM PERC

For corporate and commercial fleets, vehicle decisions increasingly come down to balancing performance, operating costs, reliability, and sustainability. Propane autogas offers a proven solution that can help fleet operators address each of those priorities without sacrificing the capabilities their operations demand.

Propane autogas vehicles can provide lower emissions, dependable performance, reduced maintenance requirements, and greater fuel-price stability compared with conventional gasoline and diesel vehicles. These advantages can contribute to a lower total cost of ownership while helping organizations make progress toward sustainability goals.

Propane can also help reduce engine wear and maintenance demands. For fleet managers, fewer maintenance issues and less downtime mean more vehicles remain on the road, supporting productivity and helping keep operating expenses predictable. Propane autogas is especially well suited for return-to-base fleets, where private refueling infrastructure can provide convenient and reliable access to fuel.

The Propane Education & Research Council's new Propane Autogas Research Program gives qualified commercial fleets an opportunity to experience those benefits while contributing valuable real-world performance data.

Qualified U.S. commercial fleets can receive $7,500 for each eligible propane autogas vehicle, for up to five vehicles, along with up to $10,000 toward new refueling-site preparation. Participating fleets place vehicles into regular service and provide quarterly operating data for one year.

For fleets seeking to control costs, improve uptime, and reduce emissions, propane autogas offers a practical path forward. PERC's Propane Autogas Research Program provides a timely opportunity to put the technology to work in daily fleet operations.

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