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### **Honoring midstream industry safety: GPA safety statistics**

The 2012 GPA safety statistics were compiled and sent to GPA official representatives and Safety Committee members once the GPA Convention concluded. Key injury/illness incident rates continued a downward trend in 2012. Total cases incident rates declined for the fourth straight year for all facilities and for the sixth straight year for U.S. facilities. No fatalities were reported, and the statistics covered nearly 47 million hours worked.

Vehicle driving statistics also were collected, and the information compiled shows that total vehicle incidents, preventable vehicle incidents and vehicle animal strikes all were reduced in 2012. The statistics encompassed more than 250 million company vehicle miles traveled.

Volunteers from GPA member companies staff the Safety Committee. This committee oversees the safety statistics and safety awards program.

Current and historical safety statistics are available to member company employees via the "Members Only" area of the web site. This area can be accessed by logging into [www.GPAGlobal.org](http://www.GPAGlobal.org) and choosing the "Members Only Area" option on the welcome screen.

### **GPA Safety Award recipients**

GPA awards were based on the following 2012 criteria:

- Lowest "Total Cases Incidence Rate"
- Lowest "Fatalities Plus Lost Workdays Incidence Rate)
- Highest Number of Workhours Reported

Congratulations to the following companies that were honored at the 2013 GPA Convention earlier this month:

### **UNITED STATES FACILITIES**

#### **Division I (more than 500,000 Workhours)**

1st Chevron  
2nd ExxonMobil

#### **Division II (100,000 - 500,000 Workhours)**

1st Highland Partners  
2nd Red Cedar Gathering

**Division III (less than 100,000 Workhours)**

1st PB Energy Storage Services  
2nd Pecan Pipeline Co.

**INTERNATIONAL FACILITIES**

**Division I (more than 500,000 Workhours)**

1st United Gas Derivatives Co.  
2nd Bahrain National Gas Co.

**Division II (100,000 - 500,000 Workhours)**

1st Phoenix Park Gas Processors

**Division III (less than 100,000 Workhours)**

1st Aitken Creek Gas Storage

**GPA President's Award for Safety Improvement**

Aitken Creek Gas Storage  
Chevron  
DCP Midstream  
ExxonMobil  
Superior Pipeline Co.

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**GPSA Safety Award recipients**

GPSA awards are based on companies' 2012 Occupational Safety and Health Administration records, plus a three-year history of active safety programs promoting safety and displaying safety improvement.

More than 35 GPSA member companies reported 2012 safety statistics, and eight were honored with GPSA safety awards at the GPA Convention. These eight companies worked more than 32 million work hours combined, representing about 16,000 employees, and only one lost time accident was reported.

Congratulations to the following GPSA companies receiving safety honors:

Black & Veatch  
Chicago Bridge and Iron Co.  
Evonik Degussa Corp.  
Foster Wheeler USA  
SAIC Energy, Environmental & Infrastructure  
Saxon Construction  
USA Environment  
Vinson Process Controls

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**Individual recognitions**

Congratulations to the following award recipients honored for their contributions to the midstream industry at the 2013 GPA Convention:

**Katz Award**

Dr. Authur Kidnay, Colorado School of Mines

**Entrepreneur Award**

Jim Teague, Enterprise Products Operating

**Lifetime Achievement Award**

Gene Thomas, ExxonMobil (retired)  
John Ehlers, Valero Hydrocarbons (retired)

**Citation for Service Award**

John Admire, DCP Midstream  
Sigbjørn Svenes, Statoil

**Committee Leader of the Year Award**

Joel Moxley, Crestwood Midstream Partners  
Grover Campbell, Chesapeake

**Volunteer of the Year Award**

Eric Estrada, Targa Resources  
Lynn Reed, ONEOK

To view GPA award descriptions and past award recipients, visit [www.GPAGlobal.org/awards/](http://www.GPAGlobal.org/awards/).

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**Fuel gas safety regulations**

The Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB) held a public meeting yesterday to consider a revision to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) process safety management standards that addresses fuel gas safety for both construction and general industry. The CSB will review and clarify several OSHA process safety management standards. Of particular concern to GPA member companies is standard National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 56 that relates to purging fuel gas systems. OSHA has responded that its standards are sufficient, however, due to a recent accident involving the use of fuel gas instead of air when purging a pipe at a chemical facility, the CSB is requesting further review of both OSHA and NFPA standards. An ad hoc committee from Sections A - Facilities Design & Optimization and Section M - Operations & Maintenance, will meet to develop comments in response to CSB's proposal for revisions to NFPA 56.

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**GPA Technical Section H to combine Standard 2145 and TP 17**

GPA Technical Section H - Measurement, Calculations and Handling of Hydrocarbon Fluids Including NGL and Natural Gas is working to combine GPA Standard 2145 and Technical Publication (TP) 17. Standard 2145 - *Table of Physical Properties for Hydrocarbons and Compounds of Interest to the Natural Gas Industry* and TP 17 - *Table of Physical Properties of Hydrocarbons for Extended Analysis of Natural Gas* will be combined and balloted this year, which means there will no longer be a TP 17, only GPA 2145. During the combination of the two documents, it is anticipated that the data source will be changed from values from the Thermodynamic Research Center to data values from the National Institute of Standards (NIST/RefProp-Fluid Thermodynamic and Transport Properties Database). Member companies should be aware that significant changes could result from using a different data source and should be reviewed carefully by each member company to determine impact.

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**New Natural Resources Subcommittee addresses Endangered Species Act**

2013 marks the 40th anniversary of the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Following the 2011 ESA litigation settlements, more than 250 candidate species for listing are under review in the next 5 years, and listings for more than 100 species are pending and must be completed by September. On March 22, the Department of Interior Deputy Secretary said that there were going to be some major ESA announcements soon. Sen. John Cornyn (TX-R) and Congressman Bill Flores (TX - R17) have introduced legislation to improve the listing process and sue and settle pattern of the non-governmental organizations and agencies. GPA is working with these offices to support their legislation.

Our Environmental Committee has formed the new Natural Resources Subcommittee to address the Endangered Species Act issues. Peter Cain, Southwestern Energy, has volunteered as chair, and Jimmie Hammtree, Access Midstream, as vice chair. We appreciate their efforts to serve this new and important subcommittee.

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**DCP Midstream receives 2012 Environmental Excellence Award**

Each year at the GPA Convention a member company is recognized with an Environmental Excellence Award for a project demonstrating initiative and/or leadership in managing its environmental affairs in midstream sector activities. DCP Midstream received the award this year for its "RICE Emission Reduction Projects" in 2012.

Over the past three years, DCP Midstream completed a number of projects in its northern business area to proactively and voluntarily reduce air emissions from several reciprocating internal combustion engines (RICE). To achieve the emissions reduction, older units were replaced, catalyst were added and/or upgraded, and units were removed from service. The primary objectives of these projects were to reduce emissions at facilities below Title V thresholds to reduce regulatory burden, improve operational reliability, and improve fuel efficiency.

In summary, DCP controlled more than 60 engines, and other engines were permanently shutdown. Nineteen old, uncontrolled engines were replaced with 10 new, controlled engines. The project to improve air quality throughout the northern business area resulted in a reduction in excess of 3,700 tons per year (tpy) of nitrogen oxides; 2,700 tpy of carbon monoxide; and 220 tpy of volatile organic compounds. Significantly, emissions at 31 facilities were reduced to levels below the Title V thresholds.

The GPA Environmental Committee is proud to present this award and acknowledge the proactive efforts of our member companies.

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### **GPA Convention recap**

We would like to extend a sincere "thank you" to all of the speakers, sponsors, committee members, and first-time and long-time registrants, who attended the 2013 GPA Convention.

Nearly 2,400 joined us in San Antonio for the conference, which is a 22 percent increase from the last time we convened in San Antonio in 2011. Registrants represented more than 580 companies and 26 countries.

GPA staff has received a number of positive comments about the meetings, speakers, papers and networking opportunities, and we will issue a survey next month to all who attended to give everyone the option of providing candid comments anonymously. We greatly value all feedback and hope you will take time to complete the survey.

If you weren't able to attend, we encourage you to download the 2013 GPA Show Daily issues as a recap of events, which are available in the right column of [www.GPAGlobal.org](http://www.GPAGlobal.org).

Save the dates for next year's GPA Convention, which is scheduled for April 13 - 16, 2014, at the Omni hotel in downtown Dallas.

Interested in presenting a paper next year?  
Visit [www.GPAGlobal.org/convention/2014](http://www.GPAGlobal.org/convention/2014).

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### **GPA School of Gas Chromatography registration is open**

GPA's School of Gas Chromatography will be held August 5 – 9 in Tulsa, Okla., offering invaluable hands-on instruction for basic gas and gas liquid chromatography, with an introduction to extended analysis and portable chromatographs. Registration is limited to 100 students, and 40 have already signed up since registration opened on April 15 so we encourage you to register early if you plan to attend. Early bird registration costs \$600 for GPA/GPSA member companies and \$900 for non-members. After July 11, each rate will increase \$100.

For more information and to register, visit <https://www.gpaglobal.org/chromo/>.

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### **Advocacy Committee leadership**

Our association is fortunate to have volunteers step forward and lead the actions of working committees. Please join us in recognizing our advocacy committee leaders:

#### **Advocacy Steering Committee**

Chair: Al Fatica, Enterprise Products  
Vice Chair: Robert Mitchell, Carrera Gas

#### **Environmental Committee**

Chair: Doug Jordan, Southwestern Energy  
Vice Chair: Oksana Howard, Halcon Field Services

#### **Legislative Committee**

Chair: Steve Johnson, ONEOK  
Vice Chair: Bret Fox, DCP Midstream

#### **Pipeline Safety Committee**

Chair: Alice Ratcliffe, XTO Energy  
Vice Chair: Matt Norton, Crestwood Midstream Partners

**Regulatory Committee**

Chair: Ron Mucci, ONEOK

Vice Chair: Cris Castillo, QEP Resources

**Legal Committee**

Chair: Elizabeth Hawkins, Targa Resources

Vice Chair: Shyla Blackketter Dwyer, Chesapeake

**Safety Committee**

Chair: Bruce Gillick, MarkWest

Vice Chair: Marty Summers, Devon Energy

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**2013 – 2014 GPA Officers****President**

Joel Moxley, Crestwood Midstream Partners

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John Mollenkopf, MarkWest Energy Partners

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Terry McGill, Enbridge Energy Co.

**Vice President**

Rick Cargile, Energy Transfer Partners

**Vice President**

Bill Ordemann, Enterprise Products Partners

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**2013 – 2014 GPSA Officers****President**

Bob Huebel, CB&I Randall Gas Technologies

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David Bardeen, Ariel Corp.

**Second Vice President**

Sean Sullivan, CEO, Elkhorn Holdings

**Treasurer**

Steve Tzap, ZAP Engineering and Construction Services

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**GPA/GPSA Calendar****May**

- 1 Houston GPA Luncheon
- 2 Permian Basin GPA Annual Meeting
- 3 Permian Basin GPA Golf Tournament
- 6 Gulf Cooperation Council Annual Organization Meeting
- 7 MidContinent GPA Golf Tournament
- 7 Gulf Cooperation Council 21st Annual Technical Conference
- 8 MidContinent GPA Annual Meeting
- 9 GPA Canada Operations & Maintenance Conference
- 15-16 GPA Europe European Gas Processing Conference & Exhibition
- 23 North Texas GPA Golf Tournament

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