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### **GPA files comments with EPA on proposed Subpart KKKK amendments**

EPA proposed amendments to the New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) for Stationary Gas Turbines and Stationary Combustion Turbines (40 CFR Part 60 Subpart KKKK) on Aug. 29, 2012. While these proposed amendments were supposed to address editorial and technical corrections to the subpart, they instead proposed substantial changes to definitions and technical aspects that would result in both significant operational and economic impacts to midstream operations. Mark Bareta, principal environmental specialist with The Williams Companies, led a workgroup of the GPA Environmental Committee that provided direct comments to EPA on both legal and technical aspects of the proposed rule. The workgroup recommended that most of the proposed changes not be adopted and that any changes adopted by EPA should be incorporated into a new Subpart KKKKa and not as a revision to the existing Subpart KKKK; they also agreed that certain proposed changes may be acceptable. These comments were submitted to EPA on Dec. 21, 2012.

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### **GPA President Mike Heim testifies at Texas Sunset Commission hearing**

GPA and our members have been engaged with the Texas Sunset Commission addressing the Texas Railroad Commission throughout the past two years, providing comprehensive comments and responses to the Sunset staff recommendations. GPA President Mike Heim, Targa Resources, recently provided testimony focusing on the two recommendations of greatest importance to our members.

First is the recommendation that would require the Commission to transfer all independent hearings to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH). GPA strongly opposed this recommendation in 2010 and remains strongly opposed. The gas utility and legal enforcement cases heard by the Commission are highly specialized and require examiners with specialized energy expertise. The Commission hearings examiners only hear Commission cases, and the education of SOAH examiners in energy issues and terms could result in less efficient hearings and additional costs.

Second is the recommendation that would authorize the Commission to create a pipeline permit fee to help support its Pipeline Safety Program. The job of regulating the Commissions' Gas Services Division and Pipeline Safety Program is of prime importance. Texas and its citizens depend on a safe and reliable pipeline industry. GPA does not oppose raising the pipeline safety and regulatory fee from \$1 to \$2 for every distribution line in Texas. In addition, GPA is open to a discussion with the Commission to establish an equitable T-4 permit fee suggested by the Sunset staff to raise additional revenue for pipeline safety and inspection programs.

Heim also testified that GPA urges the committee to support a critical modification to address the Texas Supreme Court's recent decision, which gives district courts jurisdiction over decisions of whether pipelines are common carriers and therefore have the right of eminent domain. GPA supports the Texas Legislature developing a statewide statute and that the Commission be given exclusive venue to determine common carrier status.

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### **GPA makes Appalachian Basin chapter official**

After much discussion and planning, the GPA Appalachian Basin Chapter is off and running. In spite of the challenge of planning a meeting between the holidays, GPA and GPSA leaders hosted a meeting Nov. 29 to determine the real interest in forming a new regional chapter. We were pleased to have more than 40 interested individuals attend this initial meeting, all eager to get the new chapter started. The decision was made to name our new chapter Appalachian Basin GPA because of the activities that cross state boundaries. Appalachian GPA will provide educational and informational midstream opportunities in Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia and New York.

The new officers for the Appalachian Basin chapter are:

President – Mark Butta, Rice Energy  
Vice President – Jennifer Gilmore, Kahuna Ventures  
Secretary – Mike Manning, Kleinfelder  
Treasurer – Dave Birner, Nalco  
Planning Committee – David Callahan, MarkWest

We want to thank our GPA and GPSA member companies for supporting our new chapter and for encouraging your employees to be engaged. We look forward to working with you.

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### **GPA bids farewell to two committee leaders**

The typical order of progression for our committee chairs and vice chairs is planned to coincide with the annual GPA Convention; the venue provides us the opportunity to express our appreciation for employees of GPA member companies who have stepped forward to serve in a voluntary leadership role to benefit our association and improve our industry. Although we are happy for two key GPA leaders' retirement, we are wishing them well a little earlier than we had hoped. Please join us in thanking Kathy DeYoung and Evan Hanson for their service and contributions to GPA.

Kathy DeYoung, vice president of government and regulatory affairs with Copano Energy, has served as the vice chair of our Pipeline Safety Committee, and in conjunction with that role, she also served on our GPA Advocacy Steering Committee. In addition, Kathy has been a valuable team member with all of our interaction with the *Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration* over the years.

Evan Hanson, director of state government affairs with The Williams Co., has served as the chair of our Legislative Committee, and in conjunction with that role, Evan also served on our GPA Advocacy Steering Committee. Prior to this, Evan served within the Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Committee as the chair of GPA's Targeted State Advocacy Subcommittee.

Kathy and Evan were tremendously valuable members of our advocacy committees for many years, both in their official roles and as respected leaders among their colleagues. Their many years of experience and knowledge of midstream will be missed. We wish them happiness in their retirement.

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### **GPA hires director of communications**

GPA has hired Crystal Myers in a newly created director of communications position. Crystal joined GPA after the first of the year but has worked for the association on a contract basis through Dollahon PR for the past 6 years and, as a result, knows our association and industry well. Crystal will be responsible for developing GPA's communications strategies and will remain the primary contact on GPA Convention sponsorship opportunities. You may contact Crystal through our main office line, (918) 493-3872, or by e-mail: [cmyers@GPAglobal.org](mailto:cmyers@GPAglobal.org).

We plan to announce a new director of technical services in the February eBrief.

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### **GPA Convention updates**

#### **Registration and Hotel Information**

Online registration for the 2013 GPA Convention opened in December. Please keep the following registration deadlines in mind:

#### **GPA & GPSA Members**

By Feb. 8 - \$515  
By March 8 - \$565  
After March 8 - \$615

#### **Non-Member Operators & Suppliers**

By Feb. 8 - \$640  
By March 8 - \$690  
After March 8 - \$740

Before you register, we encourage you to check your company's membership status (<https://www.gpaglobal.org/convention/memberscheck/>) because GPA and GPSA members save on registration. The fastest, easiest way to register is online: [www.GPAglobal.org/convention/register](http://www.GPAglobal.org/convention/register). Your credit card information is protected in our secure online registration form.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter. The direct link to make hotel reservations online will appear after you have registered online for the convention. To make reservations by phone, call the hotel directly and mention the Gas Processors Association to receive the conference hotel rates: toll free in the United States (877) 622-3056  
local: (210) 223-1000

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### **Got talent? GPSA wants you!**

GPSA will host a Tuesday night party at the 2013 GPA Convention like never before, and you can be part of the show. The party theme is "We've Got Talent!" and if you've seen any of the talent search TV shows, you'll have a pretty good idea of what's in store for the night.

Our host is acclaimed comedy magician Bill Herz. He will interact with the audience and the performers throughout the party. Some of the performances will be by professionals that you likely will recognize from national television and stage, and others will be by our own talented GPA and GPSA members. We're not going to tell you which is which. We want you to decide, and we also want you to consider being one of our acts.

Any GPA or GPA company registered attendee is eligible to participate and what we're looking for in the way of performances is "fun." Yes, it can be singing or showing off musical instrument skills, but it can also just be something silly (remember - fun!). Click here for more information (<http://gpsa.gpaglobal.org/entertainment>) or contact Crystal Myers.

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### **All of your customers will be there. How will you stand out?**

Contact Crystal Myers ([cmyers@gpaglobal.org](mailto:cmyers@gpaglobal.org)) for more information about any opportunity below: (918) 493-3872

#### **Stand out by sponsoring a Monday or Tuesday breakfast open to all attendees.**

The "Good Morning GPA" breakfasts (2 available) would be located in the main registration area on Monday or Tuesday morning (sponsor's choice), providing all convention attendees with the option to gather for light breakfast fare and mingle with other attendees prior to their morning meetings. GPA will provide a table for use during the event; sponsors also have the option of upgrading to a sit-down option in a separate room if they'd like to make a presentation during the breakfast(s). The cost of sponsoring the Monday or Tuesday

breakfast is \$10,000; GPA will allow companies to share in the cost of the breakfast sponsorship if desired. Learn more: <https://www.gpaglobal.org/convention/sponsorship#monbreakfast>

**Get credit for supporting a one-of-a-kind GPSA party**

Sharing in the sponsorship of this event for \$500 (referred to as Entertainment sponsorship) makes a great impression on all who attend and also makes this evening possible. Ron Blackmore with Next Level Talent, our longtime GPSA Party entertainment partner, is producing our "We've Got Talent" show, so we're in for an excellent night of high-profile entertainment. Learn more: <https://www.gpaglobal.org/convention/sponsorship#gpsatable>

**Avoid standing in line with a GPSA Party Table sponsorship**

Looking to avoid the long lines and have 10 reserved seats for your colleagues, customers or friends close to the stage? You might consider a GPSA Party Table sponsorship for \$2,500, which includes recognition as an entertainment sponsor as part of the package. There are only 5 tables left, and they won't last long. Learn more: <https://www.gpaglobal.org/convention/sponsorship#gpsa>

**Provide beverages, breakfast or lunch at the NGL Marketers Golf Tournament**

The NGL Marketers Golf Tournament offers a number of ways to market your company during this popular Sunday networking activity, ranging from \$500 to \$5,000. Learn more: <https://www.gpaglobal.org/convention/sponsorship#golf>

**Put your materials directly in the hands of GPA Convention attendees NEW FOR 2013**

For \$750, the new-for-2013 "My Company" Promo Items Area provides you with a reserved 3-ft table space to place your literature and/or promotional items. View full details here: <https://www.gpaglobal.org/convention/sponsorship#promo>

Another option is placing materials in the GPA/GPSA Conference Bag for \$1,000. This fee provides sponsors with access to insert their own literature and/or promotional items into a quality zippered carry-on bag displaying the GPA and GPSA logos. These bags will be handed to the first 1,500 GPA Convention registrants when they pick up their registration packets. Learn more: <https://www.gpaglobal.org/convention/sponsorship#bag>

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**Registration is open for the 2013 International Petroleum Technology Conference**

The sixth International Petroleum Technology Conference (IPTC) is scheduled for March 26 – 28 in Beijing, China. The conference theme is "Challenging Technology and Economic Limits to Meet the Global Energy Demand." This is the third year GPA has served as an endorsing association. For more information, visit <http://www.iptcnet.org/2013/>

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**GPA/GPSA Calendar**

**February**

- 6 – Permian Basin GPA Training Opportunity
  - 7 – Rocky Mountain GPA Lunch and Technical Presentation
  - 7 – MidContinent GPA Lunch and Learn
  - 8 – Rocky Mountain GPA 16th Annual GPA Ski Bus
  - 13 – Houston GPA Luncheon
  - 15 – Houston GPA Sporting Clays Tournament
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