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### **Technical Section H begins revision process for GPA 2145**

A group of Technical Section H – Measurement, Calculations and Handling of Hydrocarbon Fluids Including NGL and Natural Gas members met in Houston to work out details of GPA 2145 - *Table of Physical Properties for Hydrocarbons and Other Compounds of Interest to the Natural Gas Industry*. Since GPA 2145 is referenced in thousands of industry contracts for custody transfer of hydrocarbons, it is arguably one of the most important standards GPA maintains. When GPA 2145 is balloted sometime within the next two months, Technical Section H members will be voting on a new revision process for changes to equation of state or additional substantiated improved measurements. The balloted document will also have the following revisions (this summary does not include all changes):

1. All values for helium will be updated based on a new equation of state (EOS).
2. Propylene heat capacities will be updated based on the final EOS.
3. The "volume of air required to burn one volume of gas" will be updated to reflect the revised concentration of oxygen in air (explained further in a footnote in the document).
4. The definition of the relative density will be modified based solely on a fixed value (28.9625 lbm/mol), not on the molar mass of air.
5. The main tables will be updated to list pure fluids only; all properties for the air (a mixture) will be removed from the tables and included in the air footnote.

Section H is working to have GPA 2145 revised, balloted and published by January 2015.

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### **GPA submits comments to U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service**

In our continued efforts to comply with rules and regulations from various governmental agencies, we are experiencing an increase in animals and insects identified as "threatened" or "endangered" and their impact upon the operations of GPA member companies. In this effort, GPA's Natural Resources Subcommittee joined several operating companies and other associations and submitted comments to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's 12-Month Finding on Petition to list the Northern Long-Eared Bat and the Eastern Small-Footed Bat as Endangered or Threatened Species and Proposed Rule.

GPA adopted and supported comments that were submitted addressing not just the impact those classifications could have upon the operations of business in designated areas, but even more importantly, addressing the scientific data

used. In addressing numerous data points, GPA urged the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to withdraw its proposed listing of the bats and reconsider the issue.

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### **GPSA membership approves changes to bylaws**

We are pleased to report that the proposed changes to the GPSA bylaws that were recently balloted were approved unanimously by the membership. The closing date for the ballot package was Jan. 15, and all returned ballots approved the bylaw changes; one ballot contained a comment that was editorial in nature. Changes to the bylaws include:

1. Minor formatting, consistency and administrative modifications (throughout)
2. Revised language to potentially increase the size of the board from 30 to 40 companies
3. Clarifying language to eliminate the misunderstandings as to which district a director must run for election
4. New language that limits the amount of time a person can serve on the board

These bylaws changes will become effective immediately, and the 2014 GPSA Nominating Committee will implement the necessary changes in the nomination process for its work. GPSA member companies should look for their directors' ballot to be delivered via e-mail in the next several weeks, and we ask that all members exercise their rights and return their ballots.

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### **GPSA Safety Awards**

GPSA Official Representatives with U.S.-based operations were sent a request on Jan. 7 for company 2013 safety statistics. These statistics will be used to determine GPSA safety awards that will be presented at the GPA Convention in April.

Companies must submit their safety statistics by Feb. 11 on the GPSA-specific forms. If you did not receive a form for your company, e-mail Johnny Dreyer, [jdreyer@GPAGlobal.org](mailto:jdreyer@GPAGlobal.org).

Companies can supplement the data on the form with additional information that would make a case for their respective companies to enhance their submittal. This would include outlining the activities a company has taken during the year to promote safety within the company or the industry (and explain the outstanding results accomplished) and a description of methods used to involve both management and employees in a proactive safety program.

The program is limited to U.S.-based companies, and data is based on OSHA recordable information. The following items will be used to judge outstanding accomplishments:

- Total recordable incident rate
- Incident rate days away from work cases
- Lost work severity rate
- EMR insurance rate
- Lost time accident rate
- Overall safety program

Since there is great diversity within GPSA member companies, Safety Committee members will segregate companies into similar groups/classifications depending on the submissions received. They will then decide how many awards are given based on the number of participants per division. Potential groups/classifications are:

- Pure engineering
- Engineering/construction
- Manufacturing-oriented
- Service-oriented
- Some combination of the above

Additionally, a "Most Improved" award may be given. Companies must complete three years of data on the submission form to be eligible for this award.

GPSA wants to expand the safety award program, and increased participation is integral in making this happen. We strongly encourage companies to participate, but if you choose not to participate, we would like to know why so that we can alter the program to meet your member company needs.

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## **GPA Safety Statistics**

GPA staff has begun the process of soliciting and compiling midstream industry annual safety statistics. GPA and the Safety Committee strongly encourage each company to submit safety statistics because this continued participation is the reason that these statistics are meaningful for the midstream industry. Safety statistics will be confidential and compiled in a general report available to members. The submitted statistics are also used to determine GPA safety award recipients. To be eligible for a company award, GPA must receive company statistics **no later than Feb. 11**. View additional Safety Statistics information, including past winners, here: <https://www.gpaglobal.org/committees/safety/>

## **New-for-2013 awards**

GPA's three traditional awards divisions have been expanded to four. The four division thresholds are:

- Division I - Greater than or equal to 1,000,000 operational workhours
- Division II - less than 1,000,000 and more than or equal to 200,000 operational workhours
- Division III - less than 200,000 and more than or equal to 50,000 operational workhours
- Division IV - less than 50,000 operational workhours

E-mail Johnny Dreyer, [jdreyer@GPAglobal.org](mailto:jdreyer@GPAglobal.org), if your company did not receive the safety statistics request, which was sent by e-mail on Jan. 17 and includes the following information/data requests:

- Historical synopsis of GPA companies reporting statistics
- Statistics reporting form (instructions were included with the form)
- Explanation of personnel to be included:
  - Operational midstream employees
  - Total midstream employees
- Individual facility awards form (GPA awards individual plants or entities, regardless of size, for achieving accident free [no lost time accidents] 5-year or 1/2 million workhour intervals during the year)
- Description of the company safety awards (awards are determined from the information provided to GPA on the statistics reporting form)

Please send feedback concerning enhancing or bettering this process to Johnny Dreyer or any member of the Safety Committee.

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## **ASTM – Natural Gasoline Task Force**

During the ASTM meeting held in December, D02 Subcommittee A was designated as the proper subcommittee to form a task group with the primary purpose of establishing a new quality specification for natural gasoline. Since December, the task group met to discuss title, scope, terminology, performance requirements, test methods, workmanship (technologies for impurities/contaminates), sampling and parameters for the new proposed specifications.

The task force's goals are to:

1. Provide a consistent terminology for producer, user and regulatory communities
2. Harmonize, if possible, the various industry specifications for the applications for natural gasoline in spark-ignition engine fuels
3. Provide a central reference for the known regulatory requirements in these applications
4. Provide a specification regulatory bodies can adopt

The initial focus will be the development of a specification to use natural gasoline as the hydrocarbon for Flex Fuel blending, with other uses of natural gasoline to follow.

During the meeting, a request was made to submit possible terms and definitions. GPA has provided the task force with GPA 2108, which contains GPA's natural gasoline specifications, and GPA 3132, which provides the definition/scope for natural gasoline.

The task force is represented by the following companies: BP, ExxonMobil, Sunoco, GM, Marathon, Magellan, NuStar Energy, ONEOK and POET Ethanol Products. The task force also includes members of the Renewable Fuels Association, and staff from the Illinois and Tennessee governments, as well as the chair and vice chair of GPA Technical Section C – Product Specifications.

The next meeting is scheduled for Jan. 27. If you would like to participate on this task force, contact Debbie Beaver, [dbeaver@GPAglobal.org](mailto:dbeaver@GPAglobal.org).

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### **GPA State Coordinators begin 2014 legislative sessions**

With the start of every new year, those engaged in the legislative arena look forward to the start of a new legislative session. We anticipate 2014 will be an especially busy year for the GPA State Coordinators, which are employees of our member companies engaged in legislative activities within their respective states. The coordinators actively monitor legislation within their states and inform our Legislative Committee of issues that may impact GPA member companies and the midstream industry and identify what issues GPA should be aware of and involved in.

The states we actively monitor and work are Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Texas and Wyoming. Due to the level of activities, GPA has retained contract lobbyists in Pennsylvania and Texas.

The leaders of our Legislative Committee, chair Steve Johnson, ONEOK, and vice chair Bret Fox, DCP Midstream, will facilitate conference calls on the second and fourth Fridays of each month. The calls will begin in February and run through May, in conjunction with the schedule of the legislative sessions of our states. All members of GPA's Legislative Committee are invited to participate in these calls. If you would like to join the Legislative Committee or participate in these calls, contact Jeff Applekamp, [japplekamp@GPAglobal.org](mailto:japplekamp@GPAglobal.org).

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### **Technical Section C to archive GPA 3132**

Technical Section C – Product Specifications has determined that GPA 3132 - *Natural Gasoline Specifications and Test Methods* will no longer be reviewed because most organizations now use methods that have shown superior capabilities. By archiving the standard, Section C is informing the GPA membership that GPA 3132 is no longer supported by the association and will no longer receive a 5-year review. Natural gasoline is covered under GPA 2108 – *GPA Fractionation Grade Product Specifications*.

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### **Technical Section B to ballot GPA 2174**

Technical Section B – Analysis & Test Methods has completed revisions to GPA 2174 - *Obtaining Liquid Hydrocarbon Samples for Analysis by Gas Chromatography*. It will be balloted within the next few weeks. Changes to this document include the addition of a mixing device to the sample cylinder in Figures 1, 2 and 8 in order to comply with the requirement to mix the sample prior to analysis. No other changes were made to the standard. Once published, the working group will begin to develop a section for on-line sampling systems that could take more than a year to develop.

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### **2014 GPA Convention updates**

**April 13 – 16 – Dallas, Texas**  
***Mobilizing Midstream: A Global Connection***

#### **Registration Information**

Online registration for the 2014 GPA Convention opened in December. Please keep the following registration deadlines in mind:

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

By Feb. 14 - \$565  
By March 14 - \$615  
After March 14 - \$665

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

By Feb. 14 - \$690  
By March 14 - \$740  
After March 14 - \$790

Before you register, we encourage you to check your company's membership status, <https://www.GPAconvention.org/check-membership> because GPA and GPSA members save on registration. The fastest, easiest way to register is online. Visit our convention registration page, <https://www.GPAconvention.org/register>, to see who has registered and for a direct link to register online.

## Schedule

We recently updated the convention's Schedule page with detailed information about sessions and forums:  
<https://www.GPAconvention.org/2014-schedule>

## Launching tomorrow: the GPA Convention smart phone/tablet app

The mobile app we created just for GPA Convention attendees will be released tomorrow. Attendees may download it for free to their iPhones, iPads or Androids, and those with other devices may access the same information through a web-based version.

Once installed, attendees will have instant access to the full event schedule, with the ability to bookmark sessions and speakers, create a customized "My Schedule," locate meeting rooms directly from the event listings and set reminders for meetings and sessions on their personal must-attend list. GPA will continue to update the app as we receive information and updates that will directly benefit attendees, so we encourage you to download and make the most of this resource starting now. Interested in learning more? Take a look at some GPA app screen shots (pdf) to see why we're excited about this new resource for attendees.

If you have registered for the convention, please keep an eye on your inbox tomorrow for download information and instructions.

## Advertising opportunity

GPA is producing the show newspaper for the 2014 GPA Convention, which will be published Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (April 14, 15 and 16) and distributed on site at the conference. The issues will also be distributed electronically to GPA's entire database and within the new GPA app available to all registered attendees.

If you are interested in reserving ad space, please view pricing and availability in the GPA Show Daily rate card (pdf):  
<https://gpaconvention.org/assets/convention/pdf/GPA-2014-Show-Daily-Rate-Card.pdf>

Advertising space is limited among the 12 pages in each issue, and the materials deadline is March 1.

If you have questions or would like to reserve space, contact Crystal Myers, [cmyers@GPAglobal.org](mailto:cmyers@GPAglobal.org).

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## GPA/GPSA Calendar

### February

6 - Rocky Mountain GPA Meeting & Luncheon  
7 - Rocky Mountain GPA Ski Bus  
12 - Houston GPA Luncheon  
21 - Houston GPA Clay Shoot

### April

13 – 16 – 93<sup>rd</sup> annual GPA Convention

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