



TERRI ROBERTS CHAIRS EFO COMMITTEE

OES employee, Terri Roberts, once again serves as chair of the Corporation Commission committee for the Environmental Federation of Oklahoma (EFO). EFO is a nonprofit organization providing Oklahoma companies a voice in the formulation and implementation of state and federal environmental laws, regulations and policies. Founded in 1991 as a non-profit pro-business organization to provide industry a voice in the environmental affairs of our state, it now consists of more than eighty (80) company, affiliate, and associate members. EFO interacts with numerous agencies and organizations, including the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality, U.S. EPA Region 6, the Oklahoma Legislature, the Oklahoma Water Resources Board, and various other state and federal agencies. EFO committees are directly involved in the rule-making processes of state environmental agencies and routinely play an integral role in determining the fate of such proposed rules and regulations.

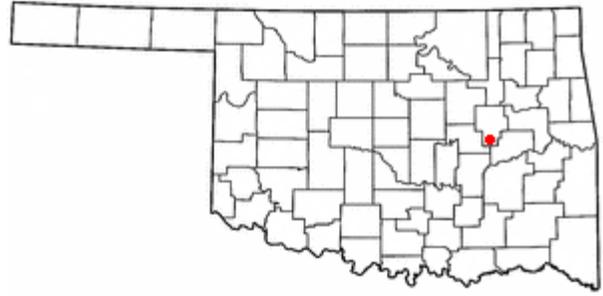
BE OUR GUEST!

The Oklahoma Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association (OPMCA) will be hosting their area meetings soon. OPMCA membership is composed of refiners, suppliers, wholesalers, convenience-store operators and associates who supply products and services to the petroleum marketing industry. Members own and/or supply branded and unbranded petroleum products to retail outlets throughout the state of Oklahoma and the Southwest.

Area meetings will be in **Tulsa, Ada, Weatherford, Oklahoma City and Enid** from November 12th to 20th. They will discuss current topics with their membership, lunch is included. OES would enjoy you being our guest! To register, email Deanna.Atkinson@OEServices.net and we will be glad to attend with you!

OPMCA maintains strong one-on-one contact with government legislators and regulators at the federal, state and local levels, allowing the association to keep the members informed of the constantly changing legislation and regulations regarding the petroleum marketing industry. If you would like to know more about OPMCA contact candace@opmca4you.com.

EPA to Add Site to Superfund List



The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced that it is proposing to add the Henryetta Iron and Metal site in Henryetta, Oklahoma, to the Superfund National Priorities List (NPL). “Sites like Henryetta Iron and Metal can leave a legacy of pollution that becomes a burden to the community,” said Regional Administrator Ken McQueen. “Proposing the site to the NPL is the first step to cleaning up the contamination for the benefit of the area’s families and natural resources.” The former Henryetta Iron and Metal site, in southern Okmulgee County, Oklahoma, had been used as a metal salvage yard since the 1930s. Soils, groundwater, and a nearby creek are contaminated with metals, polyaromatic hydrocarbons and polychlorinated biphenyls. The state of Oklahoma referred the site to EPA and submitted a letter of support for proposing to place the site on the NPL.

OES ADDS WATER & WASTEWATER CERTIFICATION

Oklahoma Environmental Services (OES) adds another service to the list of those provided. OES employee, Christian Barker, obtained his Class D Water and Wastewater Operator’s certification. Christian completed his training at the Accurate Environmental Training Center in Stillwater, OK. The certified water and wastewater works operator designation is licensed through the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality. The training and certification allow OES to work in our clients’ water and wastewater plants, operating groundwater systems and sewage lagoons on the state. Congratulations Christian!

“Is E15 for real?”

The number of U.S. retail stations selling E15 is still small — about 2,000 or so. But that number could grow soon. As vehicles become more fuel-efficient and liquid fuel volumes fall, E15 will be one way to meet the statutorily required Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) volumes.

Other market factors also point toward greater adoption of the higher-level ethanol blend. The EPA’s decision to allow year-round E15 sales is part of the calculus. Congress’ failure to renew the biodiesel tax credit negates that fuel’s price advantage. If automakers, as expected, move toward higher-compression engines, E15 could provide the higher octane those engines will need. Finally, two sources confirmed to PEI this week that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is considering another round of grants for the blender pumps and infrastructure upgrades necessary to store, meter and sell E15.

BRIEFLY NOTED

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“Senator Chuck Schumer of New York, the Democratic leader, is preparing a \$450 billion climate change initiative that aims to replace about a fifth of the nation’s traditional gasoline-powered vehicles with hybrid, electric or hydrogen fuel-cell cars and trucks in the next 10 years.” — *The New York Times*, Oct. 24, 2019

“Representatives Bill Flores (R-TX) and John Shimkus (R-IL) have introduced legislation that would require that all new cars and trucks be designed to run on high-octane fuels starting with model year 2023. The 21st Century Transportation Fuels Act (H.R. 4690) is virtually identical to a discussion draft released by the Congressmen last year.” — *SIGMA Weekly Report*, Oct. 25, 2019

“General Motors Co., Toyota Motor Corp. and Fiat Chrysler Automobiles NV plan to back President Donald Trump in a contentious battle with California officials over automobile emissions rules, splitting with major rivals including Ford Motor Co. The Trump administration last year proposed to dramatically ease federal automobile greenhouse gas emission and fuel economy standards that had previously been coordinated with California.” — *Bloomberg Environment*, Oct. 29, 2019

“The Trump administration is backing away from a plan to freeze tailpipe-emissions targets for new vehicles through 2025. The administration is now considering requiring a 1.5% annual increase in fleetwide fuel efficiency, using an industry measure that takes both gas mileage and emissions reductions into account. The target moves the number closer to the Obama-era rules calling for 5% gains but still provides auto makers with significant relief and would allow cars to emit more pollution.” — *The Wall Street Journal*, Oct. 31, 2019

Thank you for a great year! We appreciate your business and look forward to working with you next year! Please do not hesitate to contact OES if we can be of service.

Happy Thanksgiving!



FREE EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR TANK OWNERS

The New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission (NEIWPCC) works with partners to develop training webinars aimed at a national audience of state and tribal underground storage tank (UST) inspectors and release prevention professionals. The goal of NEIWPCC's UST program performance, educate UST inspectors on policy and UST systems and equipment, and ultimately prevent UST releases to the environment. Their webinars are a free educational opportunity for tank owners to learn what their regulatory counterparts are learning. Webinar topics include:

- Emerging Fuels
- Automatic Tank Gauges
- Cathodic Protection
- Financial Responsibility
- UST System Manifolds
- UST System Repairs
- UST Overfill Protection

Webinars can be obtained at <https://neiwppc.org/our-programs/underground-storage-tanks/ust-training-resources-inspection-leak-prevention/webinar-archive-inspector-training/>

6 TIPS TO AVOID HITTING A DEER

October through early January is when deer-vehicle collisions are at their peak. During this time, which surrounds their breeding season, they are highly active and on the move. Here are six (6) tips to help keep you safe:

Buckle up. Seatbelts are designed to protect you from a collision or sudden stop — which is exactly what happens when you're faced with a deer on the highway. The easiest way to help keep you and your family safe is by buckling up.

Be observant. Deer crossing signs are there for a reason — to warn you that the area you're driving in is heavily populated with deer or common areas deer cross. Be on the lookout and take extra caution when you see these signs. And remember that deer often travel in groups, so where you may only see one, chances are there are more around.

Recruit your passengers. The more people watching for deer, the better. Tell your passengers to be on the lookout and warn you if they see any deer. Even if they see deer grazing in fields far from the road, this could potentially mean more deer are around and trying to cross over.

Signs of the sun. Dawn and dusk are times deer are most active because it's when they are commonly on the hunt for food. This is also the time of day when visibility is much lower and your vision isn't at its best. So be extra alert during this time of the day.

Prep your horn. Deer often fixate on headlights, so it may not be effective enough to just flash your lights. Since they're easy to spook, brake firmly and honk your horn.

Don't swerve. If it's apparent that a crash is unavoidable, whether it be a deer or other animal crossing the road, do not swerve. Studies show that more serious crashes occur when drivers swerve to avoid an animal. Swerving could cause you to lose control of your vehicle and possibly roll over or hit another car or object.