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Important Information About Propane Safety and Flooding

With the recent flooding of the Muskegon River, the Michigan Propane Gas Association has been working with state regulatory agencies regarding propane safety when flooding occurs.

In working with the Mechanical Division, the Emergency Management Coordinator, the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, and the Bureau of Construction Codes, the MPGA has been notified that propane companies that had tanks affected by the flooding will be required to acquire new permits to reset the tanks and install them in accordance with the requirements outlined in the 2004 Edition of NFPA 58, section 6.6.1.6.

The [Michigan Propane Gas Association website](#) has brochures available to provide members and customers information on how to be safe when flooding occurs with regards to propane use. [Click here](#) to view those and refer your customers to visit the Resources section of the website.

FEMA also provides informational brochures on propane safety when flooding occurs along with a video that provides details on securing fuel tanks prior to flooding. [Click here to view the FEMA video.](#)



Keeping your family safe

Important information about
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PROPANE
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Awareness Day
Michigan State Capitol
Lawn
Lansing, MI

June 4-6, 2014
Midwest Propane Gas
Convention
Hilton Polaris Hotel
Columbus, OH

July 16, 2014
District IV Meeting
Forward Conference
Center
West Branch, MI

July 23-25, 2014
MPGA Annual
Convention
Crystal Mountain
Resort
Thompsonville, MI

Midwest Propane Gas Convention Adds Crisis Panel

The 2014 Midwest Propane Gas Convention & Trade Show will include a panel of supply experts. Come hear how the wholesale market endured the winter crisis and learn what is in store for the future of propane supply.

This will be among the most timely topics for the industry!

Friday, June 6 | 7:30 – 9:30 am

In addition, the Midwest Board of Directors has expanded its *Eggs & Issues Breakfast & Learn* session to specifically focus on the the 2013–2014 winter propane crisis here in the Midwest. Discussion will focus on steps the industry must take to move past the crisis, how the industry can avoid a repeat performance of the crisis, and an update on the threats in the Midwest from natural gas. Come share your ideas, concerns, and thoughts with industry leaders shaping these issues.

Invited presenters:
Jeff Petrash, NPGA Legal Counsel
Paula Wilson, PERC Chair
Roy Willis, PERC CEO
Mike Sloan, ICF International
Kirk Wright, Pro Image Communications
Moderated by David Lowe, Chairman of the Midwest Propane Gas Association

Finally, this session will include a new study — unveiled for the first time at the Midwest Propane Gas Convention — detailing the anticipated problems the industry will have due to the Cochin Pipeline. The presentation is sponsored by PERC and given by Mike Sloan of ICF International.

**Register today at
propaneshow.com**



[Click here to register](#)

Plan Now to Attend 2014 Midwest Propane Gas Convention

Be sure to plan now for the 2014 Midwest Propane Gas Convention in its new hotel, new city and more affordable options.

Mark your calendar and plan to enjoy Columbus, Ohio on Thursday, June 5th and Friday, June 6th.

Don't miss opportunities to learn from colleagues throughout the Midwest about the propane crisis.

Learn about the future supply issues and the importance of storage.

Learn the tools you need to best communicate with your customers.

Learn the latest ways to add Summer gallons.

Click on the photo below to learn more!



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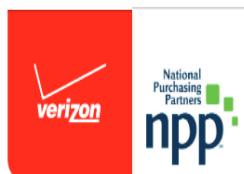
The MPGA has teamed with Beckwith Financial Group to offer you complete insurance coverage and financial planning services. Simply [click here](#) and find out how "the big B" can help you enjoy exclusive benefits offered only to MPGA members.



Credit Card Processing Services

Veracity Payment Solutions - the association's endorsed credit card processing company-now offers a new "two-sided interchange" pricing model. The average processing rate for a propane dealer is expected to drop to 1.40 percent.

To learn more about "two-sided interchange" and how it can significantly reduce credit card processing costs, contact Chuck Shults at Veracity at 888.599.2209 and let them know you are an MPGA member. Or [click here](#) for more information.



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Customer Appliance Protection Plans

Your customers' home and family are important. You can trust our experience, our legacy, our team, to provide them with the best equipment, knowledge, safety and service. Across Canada and the US, the Direct Energy Home Services team leads the way in heating and cooling, water heaters, plumbing, electrical work, maintenance and protection plans. Interested in eliminating home repair and replacement costs for your customers.

Contact [David Michael](#) or call 740.302.3240 to schedule a consultation.



Human Resource Services

Saving time and money while significantly reducing employee-related liability are goals for all business owners. Keystone HR (formerly known as The Foundation Team), the association's endorsed HR service provider, converts these goals into reality by effectively handling part or all of the human resources functions within a company. From payroll processing services to providing worker's compensation and unemployment insurance for your employees, Keystone HR is legally responsible for most of your employee support activities including labor law compliance, tax compliance, worker's compensation and unemployment claims handling and much more. Keystone HR provides your HR management so you and your team can focus your efforts on core business activities that drive profitability. Contact Keystone at (888) 811-0450 or by email at fbenages@keystonepeo.com.



Customer Credit & Collection Services

The MPGA knows that managing customer credit and collection are among the top challenges our members face. The MPGA also knows how much you value the loyalty of your customers when dealing with sensitive credit issues. That is why the MPGA has teamed with Transworld Systems and CashFlow Consultants, LLC to bring you their GreenFlag Profit Recovery program. With Transworld's proven system of diplomatic contacts, your slow-paying accounts are conditioned for urgency to pay on time, while maintaining customer satisfaction and loyalty. Transworld Systems has the impact of third-party intervention while allowing you to maintain complete control of the process, and their GreenFlag Profit Recovery service features a low, flat fee. Transworld serves over 1,100 propane and heating oil locations nationwide, and has a success rate of 4 times the industry average. Discover the benefits and value that the GreenFlag Profit Recovery program from Transworld Systems can provide your propane company. Contact CashFlow Consultants, LLC, your exclusive MPGA agents, at 517-662-0126.

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