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PDA - Podium Newsletter

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A Letter from the President



August is almost over. There are four months left until the end of the 2020 year. I'm hopeful that 2021 sees reprieve from COVID-19 not only from the disease aspect, but also in the job market. I know from recent talks with our industry colleagues we're all hurting. From job loss, rising costs of liability insurance, budget cuts, job furloughs, etc. our industry has taken a hit. But, we're still thriving and adapting to this "new normal."

As with our industry, our association has had to pivot to contend with the virtual trends. Instead of an in-person conference this October, we're hosting a virtual conference the last week of October. Registration is open for attendees and you can [use this link to register](#)

[today.](#)

A cool aspect of the virtual conference will be the virtual exhibit hall (***I'm looking at you equipment distributors and our formulator/system supplier members***). We created this aspect because we know we can't meet in person, or conduct business in a traditional manner. The PDA virtual exhibit hall allows our vendors access to a new avenue to reach potential customers. You'll have your own page, your logo, company contact information, company description as well as a place to promote products and services. We plan to promote the VEH in multiple ways from our newsletter to eBlasts to social media. [Register your "booth" today](#) and help your company's bottom line.

Looking forward to "seeing" you at the virtual conference in October.

Stay safe and be well,



David DeStefano
President - PDA

PDA HEADQUARTER NEWS

Applicator Spray Course

The PDA Applicator Spray Course, to be held at Chemline's facility in St. Louis, MO, has been postponed from August to November due to the recent spike in Coronavirus numbers across the state of Missouri. We hope to be able to move forward with this in-person training course in mid November, but are monitoring the numbers for the safety of all involved. Please check the website for the most up-to-date information. If you would like more information about this training course when details are finalized please send a request to info@pda-online.org.

Virtual Training Sessions

PDA's Educational/Technical Committee has revamped our Introduction to Polyurea training course. This training session will now be part of PDA's library of online training. The next online training opportunity takes place Wednesday, September 9 at 10 a.m. Central and will last one hour. The session will be conducted by Zoom, and the link will be sent the morning of the virtual session. Fees are complimentary for members and \$30 for non-members. [Register today to reserve your spot!](#)

2020 Virtual Conference

PDA is excited to announce its first ever virtual conference, beginning October 26, 2020. This first-ever virtual conference is an online learning experience that provides an important professional education opportunity to individuals in the polyurea and coatings industries. This virtual event will consist of approximately 20 total educational sessions throughout the week (four 30-minute sessions each day), including evening happy hours and virtual networking time. The five-day event will be held completely online via the Zoom platform so participants can conveniently participate from anywhere they have access to a computer and the internet or a mobile or landline phone.

PDA staff and the Board of Directors are currently working on the schedule, and are working with speakers who were chosen because of their reputation and expertise in specific topics, and are also individuals who will make this online format as empowering, informative engaging and enlightening as the in-person conference. Some of the topics will include:

- Insurance Issues for Contractors: Weathering the COVID-19 Storm
- Q&A Round Table Discussion: Legal Ramifications for Contractors During and Post COVID-19
- State of the Industry Panel Discussion
- OSHA, Drones, and the FAA - What It Means for Contractors
- Cost Savings Illustration on Installation
- Contractor Case Studies - The Good, The Bad and The Ugly
- And much more!

2021 Membership Renewals

The 2021 membership renewal invoices will begin to go out via USPS in September 2020. Individuals are encouraged to renew their membership online by logging into the members' portal (username and password are required). If you have any questions, please reach out to headquarters - info@pda-online.org.

INDUSTRY NEWS

OSHA Releases Heat Hazard Reminder

OSHA's Heat Illness Prevention campaign, launched in 2011, educates employers and workers on the dangers of working in the heat. Through training sessions, outreach events, informational sessions, publications, social media messaging and media appearances, millions of workers and employers have learned how to protect workers from heat. Our safety message comes down to three key words: **Water. Rest. Shade.** For more information

and ["things to know" click here.](#)

EPA Announces Final Air Regulations for Oil and Gas

Last week, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Andrew Wheeler announced two final rules for the oil and natural gas industry that removes ineffective and duplicate requirements while streamlining others.

More specifically, the rule:

- Exempts low-production wells from expending significant funds to monitor leaks (leaks are called “fugitive emissions” in the rule). These low-producing wells are usually owned and operated by small businesses that do not have the same access to capital as larger companies. This change respects the differences between wells that produce large amounts of oil per day and those that produce less than 15 barrels a day of oil instead of treating them the same.
- Reduces monitoring of leaks at gathering and boosting compressor stations from quarterly to twice a year a more cost-effective approach that also aligns with other monitoring requirements.
- Improves cooperation with states by allowing industry to meet certain states’ requirements instead of complying with EPA’s requirements. This change means that owners and operators in those states only have to comply with one set of regulations.
- Removes burdens to utilize new and more efficient emissions reductions technologies to allow industry to innovate.
- Updates the required schedule for repairing leaks to respect the realities of the oil and gas industry, such as allowing repair deferral if a repair within 30-days is not technically feasible.
- Changing recordkeeping and removing certain convoluted reporting requirements, reducing the cost burden by an estimated 25 percent per site.; and
- Other technical changes that will simplify compliance.

Job Board

ASSETGUARD

ASSETGUARD is seeking to fill the full time position of Sales and Marketing Director in the

DFW Region. For more information about this position see the PDA Job Board on the [website](#).

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