



Kansas Propane Education

and Research Council

Annual Report

2016

KanPERC 2016 Annual Report

In order to provide information regarding the activities of KanPERC, the Council prepares an Annual Report for all industry members and interested persons. KanPERC became effective September 1, 2003 with a two-tenths (2/10) of one cent per gallon assessment on odorized propane destined for end consumer use in Kansas. The KanPERC assessment was increased to three-tenths (3/10) of one cent per gallon effective April 1, 2010. For fiscal year 2014-2015 KanPERC received \$351,463 in assessments and spent \$377,551 for expenses, including safety programs, safety classes and safety training. NOTE: Carryover cash reserves from FY 2014-2015 were used to coverage expense items which exceeded income in FY 2015-2016.

The KanPERC Council holds quarterly meetings at the KanPERC office and Training Center in Topeka and has by-laws and procedure manuals available that provides information and guidance to assessment payers, industry personnel, and the public about the educational and safety offerings of the Council. Please contact KanPERC for additional information.

Programs

Coloring Books

One of the original programs created by the Council was to provide safety information free of charge to all elementary schools in Kansas to better educate students about propane safety. A propane safety coloring book was designed, which is Kansas specific, and distributed to Kansas schools, Fire Departments and propane marketers, to promote propane safety. These copyrighted propane safety coloring books are also distributed at public events, such as the Kansas State Fair, Farm Shows and Home Shows. Approximately 82,000 coloring books were distributed in FY 2015-2016. KanPERC provides this propane safety coloring book to other states as well. Numerous states have placed orders for this unique safety coloring book to promote propane safety within their state schools and at other events.

Duty to Warn Information—Propane Safety Brochures

All propane companies in Kansas were informed that Fire Marshal approved propane safety brochures were available free of charge from the KanPERC office. These safety brochures, which include a “scratch and sniff” bulletin inside the brochure, are available from National PERC. These safety brochures provide consumer safety information pertaining to propane cylinder safety, propane tank safety and general propane safety including how to safely use propane as well as appliance safety and maintenance tips. Over 410,000 “Duty to Warn” brochures were sent out to propane marketers, who distributed them to their customers across Kansas in 2016.

Training and Safety Videos

KanPERC is committed to promoting safety to all Kansas industry members and has numerous videos available for viewing upon request. Available videos can be found on www.kanperc.org, the Kansas safety website and can be ordered by calling (785) 354-1749 or sending an e-mail to gregnoll@pmak.org.

Warning Tags and Out of Service Tags

Warning Tags and Out of Service Tags are made available to better assist marketers with customer safety. These warning tags are available at no cost to the marketers. These tags are used to provide warnings to customers due to out of gas situations or unsafe conditions found at customer locations.

Propane Emergencies Training

In an ongoing commitment to fire fighter safety training, KanPERC provides educational materials to fire departments upon request. In March, 2016, Propane Emergencies Training was provided at the annual gathering of the Shawnee County Area Fire Fighters Association. KanPERC will continue to offer this training upon request.

Certified Employee Training Program

The **Certified Employee Training Program**, or CETP, is a formal structure for training, testing and documentation to assure that workers in the propane industry have the necessary knowledge and skills to perform their work safely and effectively. Properly trained and educated employees, customers and end-users mean a safer organization and a better bottom line for all involved. Employee training is mandated by Department of Transportation, National Fire Protection Association and Kansas State Fire Marshal. CETP provides propane professionals up-to-date, task-specific technical training that eliminates guesswork and empowers employees to perform their jobs confidently, knowledgeably and safely. Propane business owners and managers can improve the safety of their employees and customers, increase productivity, adhere to federal and state regulations, and safely serve the communities in which they operate. CETP training is paid using KanPERC dollars and is offered free to all Kansas state industry members.

KanPERC Training Center

The KanPERC Training Center is located at 540 NW Broad Street. This indoor classroom/meeting room was purchased and re-constructed to better meet the needs for training industry members. KanPERC offices are located in this building as well. This location allows KanPERC to expand classroom curriculum, which has been offered in past years, to include hands on propane training, some conducted outdoors, to better prepare new propane industry members on how to safely conduct specific propane jobs in the most practical, safest way. A bobtail simulator was constructed to better assist in training new drivers. Improvements also included adding a storm shelter, classroom furniture was replaced and an electronic white board and sound system was installed for use in the training center.

Note: Per KanPERC statute, there have been no advertising or promotional programs paid for with KanPERC dollars. If you have questions, comments or concerns, please email Greg Noll at gregnoll@pmak.org. Additional information is available upon request.

KanPERC Training 2016 Final Numbers

Training Classes held at the KanPERC Training Center

Basic Principles and Practices	64
Bobtail and Cylinder Delivery	45
Basic Plant Operations	3
4.1 Designing and Installing	6
4.2 Placing into Service	6
System Testing Training	44
Dispensing Propane Safely	73
Propane Emergencies	16
<u>Student Totals</u>	<u>257</u>

KanPERC 2017 Registration Form

All classes will be held at the KanPERC Training Center at 540 NW Broad St., Topeka, KS 66608
All classes will begin at 9:00 am. KanPERC Training is No Charge. Hotel and meal expenses are not included.

Please check the class to be attended and forward to KanPERC at least 7 days prior to start of class

CETP 1.0 Basic Principles & Practices

___ May 8-9 – Includes Dispensing Propane Safely

CETP 2.1-2.4 Basic Bobtail and Cylinder Delivery

___ May 10-12

CETP 3.0 Basic Plant Operations

___ May 22-25

CETP 4.1 Designing and Installing Vapor Systems

___ June 26-29

CETP 4.2 Placing Vapor Systems into Operation

___ July 10-13

CETP 1.0 Basic Principles & Practices

___ July 24-25 – Includes Dispensing Propane Safely

CETP 2.1-2.4 Basic Bobtail and Cylinder Delivery

___ July 26-28

CETP 1.0 Basic Principles & Practices

___ August 7-8 – Includes Dispensing Propane Safely

CETP 2.1-2.4 Basic Bobtail and Cylinder Delivery

___ August 9-11

Please Print legibly or type in the following registrant information:

Company _____ Phone # _____

Company Address _____ City _____ St. _____ Zip Code _____

Attendees:

Name _____ Name _____

Name _____ Name _____

Hotel Room Information:

Sleeping rooms are available in Topeka at the Ramada Downtown at a discounted price. Call 785-234-5400 and request the "propane" rates.

MAIL OR FAX REGISTRATION FORM TO: KanPERC Training Center

540 NW Broad St.

Topeka, KS 66608

FAX - 785-354-1740 or email edhattemer@pmak.org

Questions – 785-354-1749

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2016 KanPERC Council Members

Position	Member
1. Retail Marketer	Robert Fred Mock
2. Retail Marketer	Jeff Conard
3. Retail Marketer	Craig Settle
4. Retail Marketer	Eric Payne
5. Wholesale/resale/supplier/importer	Jeff Thompson
6. Wholesale/resale/supplier/importer	Aimee Tempera-Parks
7. Equipment Manufacturer/transporter	John Pankratz
8. Equipment Manufacturer/transporter	Jimmy Ainsworth
9. Public Member	Larry Cazier
10. Fire Marshall-Ex Officio Member	Doug Jorgensen