
MOTOR FUELS TAX SECTION ANNUAL SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS



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Subcommittee Co-Chairs

Compliance	
<u>State Co-Chair</u> Emmanuel Nwogor <i>Georgia Department of Revenue</i>	<u>Industry Co-Chair</u> Denecia Taylor-Cassil <i>Musket Corporation</i>
Communication and Coordination	
<u>State Co-Chair</u> Terra Gang <i>North Carolina Department of Revenue</i>	<u>Industry Co-Chair</u> Laura Molique <i>ExxonMobil</i>
Electronic Commerce	
<u>State Co-Chair</u> Isa Momoh <i>North Carolina Department of Revenue</i>	<u>Industry Co-Chair</u> Greg Anderson <i>Parkland</i>
Forms Management	
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Compliance Subcommittee

The Compliance Subcommittee continues to identify, research, discuss, and resolve compliance issues.

We also continue to emphasize the importance of states and industry members to continue to work together to reduce motor fuel tax evasion.

Training

FTA conducted a Motor Fuels Training class in Green Bay, WI on July 27th through August 1st, 2025.

Dyed Diesel Project

Jeremy Neeck, MN, presented on Dyed Diesel at all subcommittee meetings. During the May Uniformity meeting, Jeremy Neeck (MN) gave us an update on dyed fuel statistics which included several violations of Dyed Diesel fuel on road vehicles in GA, AR, MD, and WI. Everyone in the room participated in the discussion about Dyed Diesel enforcement between the states.

State Updates

Many states representatives gave their legislative updates:

The state representative from VA stated that they have new tax rates which were posted to their website and became effective on July 1st, 2025

The state representative from NC stated that the NC legislative session was long in 2025. He also stated that SB 595 was proposed by the NC legislation on Motor Fuel Tax

The state representative from MN, stated that the legislative session in MN has ended. Also, he stated that by August 1st, 2025, that the new tax rates for January 2026 will be posted on their website

The state representative from GA stated that Senate Bill (SB) 141 which extended the appeals and protest for all types of tax from 30 days to 45 days was passed and signed by the Governor and that the bill became effective from July 1st, 2025

The state representative from FL stated that FL has already ended their general session. He also stated that FL special session started after Memorial Day. The gentleman from FL also stated the following:

That the General session tax bills were not close

That Probable legislation is for natural gas to move to 2030 for motor vehicle

That there was a proposal by the legislature to remove aviation fuel tax so that any fuel placed into the fuel tank of an airplane will then become subject to sales tax

The state representative from KY stated that they did not have any legislative update for KY but that the tax rate letter will be out by June 10, 2025.

The state representative from SC, stated that SC did not have any legislative update. However, she stated that in SC, Jet Fuel is not subject to motor fuel but is subject to inspection & environmental fees

The state representative from KS stated that HB 2122 was proposed and that this bill increases the annual licensing fee for Electric and Hybrid Vehicles. He also stated that HB 2003 did not pass. According to her, the proposed HB 2003 was for increasing the EV tax rate by \$0.09

DE and WV did not have any legislative update

The state representative from MO stated that the status of SB 775, which is a bill that was proposed to repeal a portion of the motor fuel was unknown during this meeting

The status of the bill is currently unknown

Industry Hot Topic

Deborah Wilson of Marathon stated that Cook County still did not have any ruling from the ALJ on the book out revenue.

Denecia Taylor of Musket stated that there was a revenue ruling on the WA PPTX & HZRD and that they were taxable above the rack - Revenue Ruling.

Additionally, it was stated that there was a new Aviation return in CT and that in the CT New Aviation Return that Jet Fuel & Aviation Gas were no longer exempt and that the new return will CT Gross Receipts Return

Articles of Interest

In these uniformity meetings in January and in May, the Compliance committee subcommittee chairs recommended some interesting topics:

One topic was on Charging electric vehicle (EV) while Driving: Engineers model grid demand challenges

Second topic was From Gallons to Miles: Rethinking Road Taxes

This was a 32 to 34-minute Podcast which was recommended to everyone to listen since it covered the pros and cons of a Vehicle Mileage Tax (VMT)

If you need further information regarding committee activities or need further assistance, please contact the co-chairs of this committee.

Communication and Coordination Subcommittee

The full Uniformity Committee approved the following requests:

Approved Questions to be added to the Motor Fuel Tax Information by State Book

The question “*Section 32-If your state taxes at the rack, does your state require pre-collection election?*” was replaced with the following:

“Section 32(a) - If you are the origin state of product supplied at the rack, does your state require collection of taxes at the rack?”

“Section 32(b)- Does your state allow collection of your state taxes for product supplied at a terminal outside of your state for imports into your state? If yes, please specify the responsible party (license type) for remitting the taxes on imports into your state.”

A new Section 44 to the State book will be added with the question, “*Does your state have a contact in petroleum association or trucking association? If so, please provide the contact information - contact name, email address, and phone number.*”

Approved White Paper Document:

The Zero Emission Vehicles (ZEV) Using Fuels Cells with Hydrogen white paper was renamed to [Hydrogen Vehicles – Points to Consider Relative to Fuel Tax Administration](#). The White Paper Document was approved to be put into the 2025 Uniformity Guide.

Working Groups

The working group for Diversion review in State Book Section 9 was updated with the following volunteers. The working group will bring any new questions on Diversion to the committee when the review is complete.

- Deborah Wilson – Marathon Petroleum (**Chair**)
- Denecia Taylor-Cassil – Musket Corp
- Michael Tay – State of Florida
- Tammy West – State of Virginia
- Ryan Ball – Benchmark Resources
- Charlie Robertson – Benchmark Resources

A working group subcommittee was established to review and make suggestions on “*Section 31-Does your state require the seller to collect both origin and destination state taxes?*”. The following volunteers are on the working group subcommittee:

- Gregory Anderson – Parkland USA (**Chair**)
- Deborah Wilson - Marathon Petroleum
- Beverly Duncan – HF Sinclair
- Denecia Taylor-Cassil – Musket Corp
- Sam Stephens – Chevron
- Brenda Jo Beck – Avfuel Corporation

The Uniformer

The subcommittee published three (3) issues of The Uniformer – September 2024, January 2025, and May 2025. The Uniformer has been modernized to a new look as of January 2025.

Uniformity has gone digital as of September 2024. Uniformity meeting agenda, attendees list and Uniformer are accessible on iPhone/Android App CVENT.

The subcommittee will also continue working on the following projects for the next year:

- Continue to review the 11 Point Plan
- Continue publishing the Uniformer
- Motor Fuel Tax Information by State Book
- Native American Survey

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Electronic Commerce Subcommittee

January 2025 – San Antonio TX

The 2025 Electronic Commerce Survey was discussed and a plea for a State Co-Chair were discussed.

May 2025 – New Haven CT

Isa Momoh was introduced as the new State Co-Chair of the sub-committee.

The initial results of the E-Commerce survey revealed that 18 jurisdictions had not responded to the survey. Isa was reaching out to those jurisdictions to gather the requested information with the goal of having a complete survey for the September meetings in Albuquerque.

Goals for 2026 were announced to work on updating and publishing the Electronic Commerce Map, update documents to explain Electronic Data Interchange methods and to review the FTA Electronic Filing Guide.

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Forms Management Subcommittee

The Forms Management Subcommittee is responsible for reviewing forms, instructions, schedules, issuing product codes and schedule codes in addition to reporting on several other ongoing projects.

Working Group

State Usage of Uniformity Forms

The working group began reviewing and documenting all schedules that each state uses to report motor fuels and compare those schedules with the list of uniform schedules and sub-schedules approved by the Federation of Tax Administrators (FTA). New Members of the working group were established at the May 2025 meeting.

The following is a revised list of the working group for this project:

- Donna Alderman – Avalara, Inc.
- Shauna Anker – South Dakota Department of Revenue
- Brenda Jo Beck – Avfuel Corporation
- Alan Benzon – Nevada Division of Motor Vehicles
- Holly Postle – Delaware Department of Transportation
- Gaby Smith – South Carolina Department of Revenue
- Scott Willard – Ryan, LLC

Draft findings to be reviewed at annual conference September 2025.

Mentoring Program

Discussion was held by the Steering Committee and agreed State, Industry and Consultants are eligible to participate in the mentoring program

Program to undergo rebranding for presentation at annual conference

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E-Commerce	
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Training

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Dyed Diesel Project

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State Updates

Many states had rate increases throughout the year. Several states (KY, WI, IA, TX, MT & NH) discussed changes regarding revenue collected by the states relating to EV charging. A number of states (NV, OK, NH, OR) provided updates on hydrogen fuel. SD offered an update on the E15 tax refund. IA also gave an update on the new blend percentage change.

Industry Hot Topic

Maryland Forms rollout

Arizona refund claims for exports out of the country

Mexico Pedimentos – a maze of confusion

IRS and New Product Codes

MI BOL issue on Supplier returns vs. TOR.

Export from rack states to a distributor state. Say a supplier somehow did not bill the destination state tax, does the rack state allow the customer to amend the return and pay destination state tax, does the rack state allow the customer to amend the return and pay destination state themselves? Or is the supplier the sole party that needs to amend the return and collect the destination state taxes?

Long Term Cool Power Plant

Oregon – Hazardous Rail Tank Fee

Rates, Rates, Rates! 22 states had rate updates (MFT, Prepays). Please use the List Serve to update industry on rate changes.

License list availability.

Low carbon fuel standards.

Railcar dates. BOL or delivery date?

Continued discussion of SAF fuel

Rate changes

Destination state tax collection

Articles of Interest

Cold temperatures affecting EV driving range (Consumer Reports)

Sunoco LP acquires NuStar Energy in \$7.3B deal (Oil and Gas Journal)

API SmartBrief: www.api.org

American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers (AFPM): www.afpm.org

Ethanol Producers Magazine: <https://safmagazine.com/pages/subscribe>

Oil Express: www.opisnet.com

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Communication and Coordination Subcommittee

The full Uniformity Committee approved the following requests:

Approved Questions to be added to the Motor Fuel Tax Information by State Book

The question “*Section 33-When amending returns does the state require the entire return to be amended or amend only the information that is changing?*” was replaced with: “*How are amended returns filed in your State – electronically, by paper, or both? When amended returns are filed, does the state require the resubmission of the entire return including changes or submit only the information changed or updated? Please provide details*”

A new Section 43 to the State book was added with the question, “*Are tax return templates and instructions available on your state’s website? If yes, please provide the web link to the templates and instructions. If no, please provide a contact to obtain the templates and instructions.*”

The question “*Does your state calculate tax based on gross, net, or billed gallons? Please provide the reference information.*” was added as Section 5a.

The following definition was approved:

Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) (FTA adopted 9-24) - A non-petroleum product suitable to power aircraft as a certified jet fuel or when blended with conventional jet fuel

Working Groups

A working group was established to review Section 9 State Diversion Requirements in the State Book. The following participants volunteered:

- Debra Wilson – Marathon Petroleum
- David Hernandez - Valero
- Michael Tay – State of Florida
- Tammy West – State of Virginia

The following volunteers are working on the white paper on Zero Emission Vehicles (ZEV) using Fuel Cells with Hydrogen:

- Thea Lonewolf – Musket
- Emilda Santiesteban – Weaver and Tidwell
- Jessyca Stafford – State of Oregon
- Michael Tay – State of Florida

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Electronic Commerce Subcommittee

Working Groups

The working groups have successfully focused efforts on ongoing issues. Many of the groups are challenged with obtaining and maintaining active participants. The groups continue to provide the output needed to support the full subcommittee.

The current working groups and their team leaders are:

XML Schema for Motor Fuel – TBD

XML Documentation Review – TBD

EC Survey (Planning, Implementation and Evaluation) – TBD

EDI/EC Implementation Review – TBD

Maintains the FTA EDI Guide

Reviews and approves state EDI implementation guides

More participation is needed in each of the working groups. Contact any team leader to join a working group.

Annual Electronic Commerce Survey

Each year the Electronic Commerce Survey provides beneficial information on each state's electronic filing programs, EFT programs, upcoming filing format changes, and much more. The survey results include maps and detailed responses and are available at <https://taxadmin.org/motor-fuels-tax-section>.

XML Standards

The XML committee continues to work closely with E-Standards to ensure compliance with the national standards. Schema version 4.2 is the most current version. There were no changes.

State Implementation of E-file projects (X12 EDI Guides and XML Guides)

The EC Subcommittee continues to encourage states to submit their EDI guides and/or XML guides for approval to ensure consistent reporting requirements among the states. The schema for Idaho was reviewed and approved.

For further information regarding committee activities or for further assistance, contact the co-chairs of the Electronic Commerce Subcommittee.

Forms Management Subcommittee

The Forms Management Subcommittee is responsible for reviewing forms, instructions, schedules, issuing product codes and schedule codes in addition to reporting on several other ongoing projects.

Committee established and committed to forming and maintaining a fuels tax mentorship program.

Members include state, industry, and consultant participants.

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Compliance Subcommittee

Thank you to all who continue to support the Compliance Sub-committee! Your attendance and active participation in the meetings, raising issues, contributing to discussions, or volunteering for a project are critical to the success of the sub-committee. To foster the implementation and better understanding of the complex State and Federal motor fuel tax laws and regulations. It is important for states and industry to work together to increase better compliance.

Training

Training was for held for the State of North Carolina in Oct 2022. Over 71 individuals were trained. Training in Green Bay, WI - July 30 - August 3, 2023.

Training will be held in the future for individual states: February 2024 in Kentucky, March 2024 in RI. If your state would like to sponsor a training class, please contact Cindy Anders-Robb with the FTA.

Dyed Fuel Project

The Dyed Fuel Project continues to be a good deterrent to tax evasion. The use of dyed fuel on the roads and highways is an issue we all deal with, which negatively impacts highway funds that support the infrastructure needs.

Dyed fuel violation statistics are gathered quarterly, compiled, and presented at the Uniformity meetings. The statistics include number of samples, violations, assessments, type of vehicle and industry. There are many states that have a dyed fuel program and range from State Highway Patrol officers to dedicated fuel inspectors and auditors taking fuel samples.

State Updates

States in attendance reported to the committee members on new and/or potential legislation and other updates of interest or significance. The dominated topics discussed included legislation changes to address taxation of electricity/electric vehicles along with motor fuel tax rate increases.

Covid-related fuel tax relief discussions have faded from general discussion.

Industry Updates

Discussions continued on the Super Fund. January 1, 2023 implementation. Federal tax on crude taken to refinery and product imported into the US.

Continuing conversation of emerging Sustainable Aviation Fuel.

Discussion of Marathon Oil Vs. Cook County appeal involving book out transfers.

Communication and Coordination Subcommittee

The Communication and Coordination Subcommittee had a productive year. The full Uniformity Committee approved the following requests:

White Paper Documents:

Currently working on a white paper document for Zero Emission Vehicles (ZEV) Using Fuel Cells with Hydrogen. The following individuals volunteered to work on this document:

- Thea Lonewolf – Musket
- Emilda Santiesteban – Weaver and Tidwell
- Jessyca Stafford – OR
- Michael Tay – FL

The following definitions were approved:

Excluded Liquid-(FTA adopted 1-23) is any liquid that (1) contains less than four percent normal paraffins; or (2) has a (i) distillation range of 125 °F. or less; (ii) sulfur content of 10 ppm or less; and

(iii) minimum color of + 27 Saybolt.

Mineral Oil – (FTA adopted 1-23) (aka Liquid Petroleum, Paraffin Oil, Mineral Paraffins, White Mineral Oil) is a clear, odorless liquid made from highly refined, purified and processed petroleum.

2023 Motor Fuel Tax Information by State Book

The following question was raised by Wilda Ice with the State of North Carolina:

Does your state accept a petroex number instead of a destination state on the bill of lading?

It was decided by the committee that this question should be put out on the Motor Fuel Listserv instead of being put into the 2023 Motor Fuel Tax Information by State Book. John Panza will have Wilda put the question out on the Motor Fuel Listserv.

Approved Question to be added to the book:

Section 42- Rail Car

When product is shipped by railcar, does your state accept BOL date (origin sales) or delivery date (delivered sales)?

The following people from each region volunteered to contact the states within their regions to gather the updated information for the 2023 Motor Fuel Tax Information by State Book

- Midwestern – Edie Martin-State of Kansas
- Northeastern –Christy Dixon-State of Oklahoma
- Pacific – Matthew Yasui-State of Oregon
- Southern – Michael Tay-State of Florida

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The subcommittee will also continue working on the following projects for the next year:

- Continue to review the 11 Point Plan
- Current definitions need to be looked at on a yearly basis to ensure that they are still correct.
- Continue publishing the Uniformer
- White Paper Documents
- 2024 Motor Fuel Tax Information by State Book
- 2024 Native American Survey

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Electronic Commerce Subcommittee

Working Groups

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The current working groups and their team leaders are:

XML Schema for Motor Fuel – Mike Hanson, California

XML Documentation Review – Mike Hanson, California

Creates XPath document

Creates best practices document

EC Survey (Planning, Implementation and Evaluation) – Mike Hanson, California

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Annual Electronic Commerce Survey

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XML Standards

The XML committee continues to work closely with E-Standards to ensure compliance with the national standards. Schema version 4.2 is the most current version. The changes to 4.2 included the addition of destination and account number to the MFParticipantType, a purchase date and purchase rate to supplier transactions, many data elements to retailer reporting, and many additions to the base schema that had no direct impact on the motor fuels returns.

State Implementation of E-file projects (X12 EDI Guides and XML Guides)

The EC Subcommittee continues to encourage states to submit their EDI guides and/or XML guides for approval to ensure consistent reporting requirements among the states. The schema for Idaho and Oregon were reviewed and approved.

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Forms Management Subcommittee

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Mentorship Program-Fuel Tax Mentoring

Brenda Jo gave a presentation on developing a mentorship program for Fuel Tax mentoring between industry and state.

The mentorship program would keep and retain knowledge as employees retire or move to different positions. It would also include Skill sharing-real life experiences, etc. Mentoring programs could take place via Zoom and/or FTA event meetings. A blast email will be sent asking for participation.

There are different Mentoring Formats such as:

- Paired One on One (Mentor – Mentee)
- Mentoring Circles – Mentor in groups setting
- Peer Mentoring – Similar level cross mentoring
- Reverse Mentoring –Mentee leads the teaching

Group Mentoring can be:

- Virtual – Coffee Hour Virtual – Lunch & Learn
- In person at the Regional Motor Fuel Meetings

Pilot group for the mentoring program includes the following committee members:

- David Hernandez- Valero
- Rae Takai-, Motiva
- Jeremy Neeck-State of Minnesota
- Isa Momoh-State of North Carolina

Product Code Requests

The product code request submitted by Mike Hanson, State of California, for Renewable Diesel Undyed and Renewable Diesel Dyed was discussed. PIDX did NOT have existing codes for these. A motion was approved for the following Product Codes:

Renewable Diesel – Undyed (Rollup Code)	180
Renewable Diesel – Undyed (100%)	R00
Renewable Diesel – Undyed (Percentage of)	R01-R99
Renewable Diesel – Dyed (Rollup Code)	181
Renewable Diesel – Dyed (100%)	Y00
Renewable Diesel – Dyed (Percentage of)	Y01-Y99

Rae Takai requested a new product code for sustainable aviation fuel and gave a presentation as to why the request is being made. Motion was made and approved to for product codes for Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) and blended ratio.

Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF)	131
Sustainable Aviation Fuel (100%)	S00
Sustainable Aviation Fuel (Percentage of)	S01-S99

Love’s withdrew their Iso-Octane product code request and will use Product Code 090 Blending Component/additive miscellaneous gasoline. Iso-Octane is also a potential component of aviation gasoline and Product Code 090 could also be used for that.

Report Forms

The Alternative Fuel Reports were approved for the State of Florida and State of Idaho.

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Training

Training session to be held in Kansas City, MO July 31 – August 4, 2022 at the Marriot Country Club. If your state would like to sponsor a training class, please contact Cindy Anders-Robb with the FTA.

Dyed Fuel Project

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Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

During the January 2022 meeting in Orlando a roundtable was held to discuss the many complexities involved with vehicle charging stations and the taxing of electricity as a motor fuel. Various options and hurdles were presented in a roundtable discussion with states and industry.

State Updates

States in attendance reported to the committee members on new and/or potential legislation and other updates of interest or significance including but not limited to fuel tax suspension due to higher fuel prices. GA, FL and MD were states in attendance that discussed passed legislation to provide a tax holiday for motor fuel.

Due to the lingering impact from COVID-19 most states reported; employees continued working from home, continued limited field audit work, and expressed difficulty with retention and hiring. Many states have elected to allow staff to continue to work from home for the foreseeable future.

After reporting decreased motor fuel tax revenue during COVID-19 restrictions, most states reported a noticeable increase in fuel tax revenue due to governmental easement on COVID-19 pandemic restrictions/precautions.

Industry Updates

In the *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021* the Super Fund tax was reinstated on chemicals and substances. Industry tax teams are working hard to understand and implement for a July 1, 2022 go-live.

In the *Colorado HB 21-1322*, Colorado moved the collection point of its motor fuel taxes. Impacted was the agreement between Texas and Colorado to collect the destination state taxes on taxable product removed from a Texas terminal destined for Colorado. Suppliers in the Texas terminals are no longer permitted to collect destination state taxes. Therefore, the Texas Suppliers must collect the Texas motor fuel taxes from its customers destined for Colorado. These customers must self-remit the Colorado tax upon import and apply for a refund of the Texas tax.

Tax Holidays -Various state tax holidays have permeated from state legislations to relive the price at the pump. Industry continues to monitor these changes and implement accordingly. As June 2022, thus far the following States have implemented or will implement a tax holiday: Florida, Georgia, Maryland, New York and Connecticut.

Communication and Coordination Subcommittee

The Communication and Coordination Subcommittee had a productive year. The full Uniformity Committee approved the following requests:

Approved White Paper Document:

[Dyed Diesel Fuel Fraud Detection and Enforcement Best Practices March 2022](#)

Note: This white paper document will be put onto the FTA website under the Motor Fuel Tax Section:

<https://www.taxadmin.org/motor-fuel-tax-section>

The following definitions were approved:

#1 High Sulphur Diesel -(FTA adopted 1-22) – No. 1 Diesel that has Sulphur levels above 500 ppm.

#2 High Sulphur Diesel -(FTA adopted 1-22) – No. 1 Diesel that has Sulphur levels above 500 ppm.

Low Sulfur Kerosene- Undyed (FTA adopted 1-22) – A combustible hydrocarbon liquid which is derived from petroleum. Kerosene is widely used to power jet engines of aircraft (jet fuel) and is commonly used in space heaters and lamps. K-1 has sulfur levels less than 400 ppm. K-1 grade kerosene burns cleaner with fewer deposits, fewer toxins, and less frequent maintenance than K-2 grade kerosene.

High Sulfur Kerosene- Undyed (FTA adopted 1-22) – A combustible hydrocarbon liquid which is derived from petroleum. Kerosene is widely used to power jet engines of aircraft (jet fuel). K-2 has sulfur levels above 400 ppm and up to 3000 ppm. K-2 is intended to be burned in heaters that have an external flue to remove the exhaust from the room.

Hydrogen – (FTA adopted 5-22) - (Hydrogen is a colorless, odorless, highly flammable gas, and is the lightest of all gases. It occurs chiefly in combination with oxygen in water, and also exists in acids, bases, alcohols, petroleum, and other hydrocarbons.

Jet Fuel - (FTA adopted 5-22) - A product used in the propulsion of jet aircraft engines, which meets the applicable standardized international specification. It includes, but is not limited to, kerosene-type jet fuel and naphtha-type jet fuel.

Marine Gas Oil-(FTA adopted 5-22) - Marine gasoil (MGO) is a fuel composed of various blends of distillates. Marine gasoil is similar to diesel fuel but has a higher density and does not have to be heated during storage.

Marine Diesel Oil- (FTA adopted 5-22) - Marine fuels that are composed of various blends of distillates (also called marine gasoil) and heavy fuel oil.

Organic Oils - (FTA adopted 5-22) - Produced by plants, animals, and other organisms through natural metabolic processes.

Propane – (FTA adopted 5-22) - A colorless gas, C₃H₈, found in natural gas and petroleum and widely used as a fuel.

Residual Fuel Oil – (FTA adopted 5-22) - Heavier fuel oils known as No. 5 and No. 6, that remain after the distillate fuel oils and lighter hydrocarbons are distilled away in refinery operations.

Soy Oil – (FTA adopted 5-22) - An oil derived from soybeans that can be used as a feedstock for renewable diesel or biodiesel.

Undefined Products- (FTA adopted 5-22) - Any product that does not meet the characteristics and definitions previously defined.

Definitions

Subcommittee members Donna Alderman, Lauren Branch, Brittany Davis, Lee Gonzalez, Emilda Santiesteban and Tina Whitehead drafted 15 product code definitions for the remaining undefined product codes. These will be discussed in the upcoming year at the next Uniformity meeting.

2022 Motor Fuel Tax Information by State Book

Section 14-Does your state charge a PERC (Propane Education Research Council Fee) on propane

Section 26-Does your state allow deferral of the State excises tax and/or the Federal excises taxes between the Supplier and their customer? If so, what is the time frame the customer has to pay the excise taxes to the Supplier? Please provide the Statute that supports that deferral.

Section 27-If your state allows deferral of the state excise taxes and/or the Federal excise taxes between the Supplier and their customer, how do you treat the Environmental fees and/or Inspection Fees? Please provide the Statute that supports that deferral

Section 41- Does your state accept electronic BOLs?

Note: Renumbered the questionnaire to add the first 3 questions within each states' questionnaire

The following people from each region volunteered to contact the states within their regions to gather the updated information for the 2022 Motor Fuel Tax Information by State Book and the 2022 Native American Survey:

- Midwestern – Marcia Leichner-State of Nebraska
- Northeastern –Chuck Ulm-State of Maryland
- Pacific – Kendra Smith-State of Montana
- Southern – Catherine Mitchell-State of West Virginia

The Uniformer

The subcommittee published two (2) issues of the Uniformer - January, 2022 and September, 2022.

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Electronic Commerce Subcommittee

Working Groups

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The current working groups and their team leaders are:

XML Schema for Motor Fuel – Mike Hanson, California

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States are encouraged to review terminal reports through the ExSTARS database.

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XML Standards

The XML committee continues to work closely with E-Standards to ensure compliance with the national standards. Schema version 4.1 is the most current version.

State Implementation of E-file projects (X12 EDI Guides and XML Guides)

The EC Subcommittee continues to encourage states to submit their EDI guides and/or XML guides for approval to ensure consistent reporting requirements among the states. There were no guides submitted.

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Forms Management Subcommittee

The Forms Management Subcommittee is responsible for reviewing forms, instructions, schedules, issuing product codes and schedule codes in addition to reporting on several other ongoing projects.

After nearly two years meeting virtually, we met in person in Orlando, FL on January 28, 2022 and Boise, ID on May 13, 2022!

The previous co-chairs, Doug Kleeb of the state of Oregon and Jessica McInerney of Cargill have stepped down from the positions. We would like to thank both for an outstanding job.

The new co-chairs are Brenda Beck of Avfuel Corporation and Catherine Mitchell of West Virginia.

Completed Projects

Colorado requested a new sub-schedule. Schedule 6K for Supplier Gallons Removed from Terminal. Colorado had indicated they have a reporting gap when a supplier sells to a distributor at the rack. This new schedule code would show who the supplier is selling to, so CDOR can bill them the tax, if unreported on a distributor's return. There was much discussion, and Colorado began using this schedule effective January 1, 2022, so tabling this item could result in issues for Colorado and re-programming by Industry. It was ultimately decided to add Schedule 6K to the Uniformity Booklet. The new sub-schedule name was reformatted to match the wording of other schedules as follows: 'Gallons Removed from Terminal by Supplier'.

Current Outstanding Projects

Love's Product Code Request. In October 2020, Love's Travel Stops submitted a request for us to issue a product code for Isooctane. The product is blended with gasoline to raise the octane rating. After doing some research, and suggesting some existing codes, which did not meet Love's needs, Doug Kleeb assigned product code 060 for them to use pending approval at the next Uniformity meeting. As of the May 13, 2022 meeting, Love's was to provide more information on the Isooctane including use to determine if licensing was needed in different states. The committee decided to assign product Code 090 until more specific information was provided.

CA to Request Product Code for Renewable Diesel. As the Uniformity Codes only have product code 160 available for use for diesel, California requested a new product code for renewable diesel. There are federal credits available for the renewable fuels and to ease in reporting and tracking, California asks for the new product Code. They were advised to complete a FTA Motor Fuel Request Form for Product Code and present to the Uniform Reporting Subcommittee.

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State Updates

22 States shared their latest updates; AL, AZ, CA, FL, GA, ID, IL, IA, KS, LA, MD, MN, MT, NE, NV, NH, NJ, NM, NC, ND, SD, WI – due to time constraints, some states on the Webinar may not have had time to provide their update

The following common themes:

Most continue to work from home

Gas revenues down, diesel stable

Limited field audits, most are conducted using electronic records

Industry Updates

17 May 2021, an ad hoc meeting convened with industry members from 12 different companies, FTA, and state representatives from AL, FL, GA, NC, SC, and TN to discuss the implications of the suspension of the GA state excise tax pursuant to the Georgia Governor's Executive Order due to the Colonial Pipeline business operations disruption due to a cyber- attack

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Low Sulfur Diesel #2 – Undyed - A light distillate fuel with a sulfur level between 15 ppm and 500 ppm, a distillation temperature of 500 degrees Fahrenheit at the 10-percent recovery point and 640 degrees Fahrenheit at the 90-percent recovery point and meets the specifications defined in ASTM Specification D 975.

No.1 Fuel Oil – Undyed - A light distillate fuel oil that has distillation temperatures of 400 degrees Fahrenheit at the 10-percent recovery point and 550 degrees Fahrenheit at the 90-percent point and meets the specifications defined in ASTM Specification D 396.

Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel – Undyed - A light distillate fuel that has a sulfur level no higher than 15 ppm and meets the specifications defined in ASTM Specification D 975.

Definitions

Subcommittee members Donna Alderman, Lauren Branch, Brittany Davis, Lee Gonzalez, Emilda Santiesteban and Tina Whitehead drafted 15 product code definitions for the remaining undefined product codes. These will be discussed in the upcoming year at the next Uniformity meeting.

There were no new sections added for the 2021 Motor Fuel Tax Information by State Book.

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ExSTARS Data

The EC Subcommittee continues working to ensure that the FTA and IRS - ExSTARS EDI guides are in sync. The September 2011 EDI Guide deviates from the current ExSTARS guide by the reporting of county information. States interested in implementing the ExSTARS fully compliant version should implement the September 2003 map. The ExSTARS guide will incorporate the county reporting information with the next revision.

State use of ExSTARS data

States are encouraged to review terminal reports through the ExSTARS database. The EC Subcommittee formed an ExSTARS user group to determine the most efficient use of the detail provided through ExSTARS reporting.

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The XML committee continues to work closely with E-Standards to ensure compliance with the national standards and also to create an XML Implementation Guide. The only change to the schema was to add a Transloader Operator Report. Schema version 4.1 is the most current version.

State Implementation of E-file projects (X12 EDI Guides and XML Guides)

The EC Subcommittee continues to encourage states to submit their EDI guides and/or XML guides for approval to ensure consistent reporting requirements among the states. There were no guides submitted.

Motor Fuel E-filing guide

The guide was updated to reflect co-chair and working group participant changes. In 2013, we completely revised the guide to include an XML section and made other updates to all other sections of this guide.

Joint Efforts

The EC and Forms Subcommittees continued holding joint meetings to ensure states can efficiently implement uniform forms and electronic filing. The two subcommittees have worked diligently with states as they implement uniform forms and uniform electronic filing.

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Forms Management Subcommittee

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This year was a continuation of last year, and the pandemic kept us from meeting in person.

The group's only meeting of the year was held in September 2020 by webinar.

Completed Projects

Michigan Product Codes – The State of Michigan requested a product code for #5 and #6 fuel oil, Bunker C, and Navy Special. After some discussion, the group approved code 286 for those products.

Pennsylvania Alternative Fuel Return – The state of Pennsylvania submitted an updated Alternative Fuel Return for review and approval. After reviewing the form, the group determined it met the uniformity requirements, and the form was approved.

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Training

The 2019 Basic Training course was held July 28 – Aug 1 in Kansas City, MO. There were 66 attendees, with an equal number of state and industry participation.

The 2019 Advanced Training class was held October 20 – 24, in Austin, TX. Due to COVID-19, the 2020 training schedule has been cancelled.

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The Dyed Fuel Project continues to be a good deterrent to tax evasion. The use of dyed fuel on the roads and highways is an issue we all deal with, which negatively impacts highway funds that support the infrastructure needs.

Dyed fuel violation statistics are gathered quarterly, compiled and presented at the Uniformity meetings. The statistics include number of samples, violations, assessments, type of vehicle and industry. There are many states that have a dyed fuel program and range from State Highway Patrol officers to dedicated fuel inspectors and auditors taking fuel samples.

State Updates

States in attendance reported to the committee members on new and/or potential legislation and other updates of interest or significance

Impact of COVID-19 roundtable, most states reported; employees working from home, limited field audit work, hiring freeze and/or other cost savings mandates, significant decreases in fuel tax collections

Industry Updates

FL negative inventory reporting and subsequent consequences

MD Oil Transfer Fee working group

Taxpayers in NV creating their own invoices

International Maritime Organization (IMO) 2020: Effective 1 January 2020, the IMO will implement a new regulation for a 0.50% global sulfur cap for marine fuels. Under the new global cap, ships will have to use marine fuels with a sulfur content of no more than 0.50% versus the current limit of 3.50% sulfur. This is an effort to reduce the amount of sulfur oxide.

Federal Oil Spill reinstated 1 January 2020

States that are or have begun initiatives to implement or expand local MVF taxes

Discussion of TCI (Transportation Climate Initiative)

Possible bonded Jet Fuel loophole

Oregon gross receipt tax proposal

Florida to move to require the reporting of fraction gallons in 1/10ths instead of rounding

Ruling in TX where supplier was not required to be an aviation dealer

Impact of COVID-19 roundtable; employees working from home, cost savings mandates, supply chain impact

Communication and Coordination Subcommittee

The Communication and Coordination Subcommittee had a busy and productive year. The full Uniformity Committee approved the following requests:

Approved White Paper Document

Note: This will be put into the White Paper Document section of the 2020 Uniformity Guide.

The following revised sections/sections were approved for the 2020 Motor Fuel Tax Information by State Book:

Section 34-What entities are exempt / excluded in your state? Please cite the statutory reference.

Section 35-What is your statute of limitations to file amendments to remit additional tax?

Section 36-What is your statute of limitations to refund motor fuel tax?

Section 37-Is a refund of motor fuel tax via an amended return, specific claim for refund form or both?

The following people from each region volunteered to contact the states within their regions to gather the updated information for the 2020 Motor Fuel Tax Information by State Book:

- Midwestern – Edie Martin-State of Kansas
- Northeastern –Scott Bryer-State of New Hampshire
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- Southern – Lee Gonzalez-State of Florida

Revisions/Additions to the 2021 Motor Fuel Information by State Book will continue to be discussed. A question was brought forward regarding the availability of state licensee lists; further discussions on this question will be tabled until the next Uniformity meeting.

The following definitions were approved:

Additive Gasoline (FTA adopted 1-20) - A product that is added or mixed in small concentration with accountable product. The additives then become part of the accountable product. Additives are used at the rates of 1-300 parts per million.

Alcohol (FTA adopted 1-20) - Family Group of organic chemical compounds composed of carbon hydrogen and oxygen. They are hydrocarbon plus a hydroxyl group. Common fuel alcohols are methanol, ethanol, butanol and propanol.

Asphalt (FTA adopted 1-20) - A thick, sticky, dark-brown mixture of petroleum tars that is found in natural beds and is also obtained as a residue in petroleum refining and that consists chiefly of hydrocarbons; used in paving, roofing and waterproofing.

Aviation Gasoline (FTA adopted 1-20) - A complex mixture of relatively volatile hydrocarbons with or without small quantities of additives, blended to form a fuel suitable for use in aviation reciprocating engines. Fuel specifications are provided in ASTM Specification D 910 and Military Specification MIL-G-5572.

Benzene (FTA adopted 1-20) - Benzene is a clear, colorless, highly flammable and volatile, liquid aromatic hydrocarbon with a gasoline-like odor. Benzene is found in crude oils and as a by-product of oil-refining processes.

Biodiesel - dyed (percentage of) (FTA adopted 1-20) - Diesel fuel blended with up to 99% biodiesel and injected with a dye of a type and concentration level approved by the IRS. The numerical values following the D represents the percentage of biodiesel present in the fuel.

Biodiesel - dyed (may contain up to 5% biodiesel) (FTA adopted 1-20) - Diesel fuel blended with up to 5% biodiesel and injected with dye of a type and concentration level approved by the IRS.

Blending Components (FTA adopted 1-20) - Component blends that can be used without further processing in the production of finished gasoline.

Butane, including butane - propane mix (FTA adopted 1-20) - Butane is a gaseous fuel derived from petroleum. Butane is blended with propane and commercially sold as LPG. Some common uses for butane include refrigeration, heating and fuel for lighters. Butane is a gasoline blending component defined by the IRS.

Butylene (FTA adopted 1-20) - A series of alkenes with the general formula C₄H₈. May refer to any of the individual compounds, or to a mixture of them. They are colorless gases that are present in crude oil as a minor constituent in quantities that are too small for viable extraction

Crude Oil (FTA adopted 6-20) - A naturally occurring, unrefined petroleum product composed of hydrocarbon deposits and other organic materials. A type of fossil fuel, crude oil can be refined to product usable products such as gasoline, diesel and various other forms of petrochemicals.

Diesel Fuel #4 – Dyed (FTA adopted 6-20) - A distillate fuel oil made by blending distillate fuel oil and residual fuel oil stocks that was injected with dye of a type and concentration level approved by the IRS.

ETBE (Ethyl Tertiary Butyl Ether) (FTA adopted 1-20) - An oxygenate blend stock formed by the catalytic etherification of isobutylene with ethanol. ETBE is a gasoline blending component recognized by the IRS.

Ethane (FTA adopted 1-20) - A straight-chain saturated (paraffinic) hydrocarbon extracted predominantly from the natural gas stream, which is gaseous at standard temperature and pressure. It is a colorless gas that boils at a temperature of -127 degrees Fahrenheit.

Ethanol (100%) (FTA adopted 1-20) - An ethyl alcohol that is a colorless, flammable liquid produced by fermentation of sugars that can be denatured for fuel use. Fuel ethanol is used principally for blending in low concentrations with motor gasoline as an oxygenate or octane enhancer. In high concentrations, it is used in alternative-fuel vehicles specifically designed for its use.

Ethylene (FTA adopted 1-20) - An olefinic hydrocarbon recovered from refinery or petrochemical processes, which is gaseous at standard temperature and pressure. Ethylene is used as a petrochemical feedstock for many chemical applications and the production of consumer goods.

High Sulfur Diesel – dyed (FTA adopted 1-20) - Diesel fuel with a sulfur content level greater than 500 ppm that was injected with dye of a type and concentration level approved by the IRS.

Isobutane (FTA adopted 1-20) - A branch-chain saturated (paraffinic) hydrocarbon extracted from both natural gas and refinery gas streams, which is gaseous at standard temperature and pressure. It is a colorless gas that boils at a temperature of 11 degrees Fahrenheit.

Low Sulfur Diesel – dyed (FTA adopted 1-20) - Diesel fuel with a sulfur content level between 15 ppm and 500 ppm that was injected with dye of a type and concentration level approved by the IRS.

Low Sulfur Diesel #1 – Undyed (FTA adopted 6-20) - A light distillate fuel oil that has a sulfur level between 15 ppm and 500 ppm, a distillation temperature of 550 degrees

Fahrenheit at the 90-percent point, and meets the specifications defined in ASTM Specification D 975.

Low Sulfur Kerosene (FTA adopted 6-20) - It has a maximum distillation temperature of 400 degrees Fahrenheit at the 10-percent recovery point, a final boiling point of 572 degrees Fahrenheit, and a minimum flash point of 100 degrees Fahrenheit and that was injected with dye of a type and concentration level approved by the IRS. This also includes 1-K.

Methane (FTA adopted 1-20) - A colorless odorless flammable gaseous hydrocarbon CH₄ that is a product of biological decomposition of organic matter and of the carbonization of coal. Methane is used as a fuel and as a starting material in chemical synthesis and is the simplest of the alkanes.

Methanol (100%) (FTA adopted 1-20) - A methyl alcohol that is a toxic, colorless, volatile flammable liquid alcohol primarily used as a solvent, antifreeze, or denaturant.

MTBE (Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether) (FTA adopted 1-20) - An ether intended for gasoline blending to increase the amount of oxygen. MTBE is a gasoline blending component recognized by the IRS.

Naptha (FTA adopted 1-20) - A flammable oil containing various hydrocarbons, obtained by the dry distillation of organic substances such as coal, shale, or petroleum. Naptha is a gasoline blending component recognized by the IRS.

No.1 Diesel – Dyed (FTA adopted 6-20) - A light distillate fuel oil that has distillation temperatures of 550 degrees Fahrenheit at the 90-percent point and that was injected with dye of a type and concentration level approved by the IRS.

Pentanes, including isopentanes (FTA adopted 1-20) - A volatile, colorless liquid hydrocarbon with a characteristic gasoline-like odor that can be burned as a fuel that is similar to butane and hexane. Pentane is a gasoline blending component recognized by the IRS.

Propylene (FTA adopted 1-20) - A colorless, flammable gas, of the olefin series.

Raffinate (FTA adopted 1-20) - A low-octane mixture that remains after aromatics extraction from reformat. Raffinate is a gasoline blending component recognized by the IRS.

TAME (Tert-Amyl Methyl Ether) (FTA adopted 1-20) - is an ether used as a fuel oxygenate. An oxygenate blend stock formed by the catalytic etherification of isoamylene with methanol. TAME is a gasoline blending component recognized by the IRS.

Toluene (FTA adopted 1-20) - Colorless liquid of the aromatic group of petroleum hydrocarbons, made by the catalytic reforming of petroleum naphthas containing methyl cyclohexane. A high-octane gasoline-blending agent, solvent, and chemical intermediate. Toluene is a gasoline blending component recognized by the IRS.

Transloader Operator (FTA adopted 9-19) - Person that engages in the process of transferring product from one mode of transportation to another.

Ultra-Low Sulfur Diesel – dyed (FTA adopted 1-20) - Diesel fuel with a sulfur content level less than or equal to 15 ppm that was injected with dye of a type and concentration level approved by the IRS.

Used Oil (FTA adopted 6-20) - Any oil that has been refined from crude oil or any synthetic oil that has been used and as a result of such use is contaminated by physical or chemical impurities.

Waste Oil (FTA adopted 6-20) - Any petroleum based or synthetic oil, through contamination, has become unsuitable for its original purpose due to the presence of impurities or loss of original properties.

Xylene (FTA adopted 1-20) - Colorless liquid of the aromatic group of hydrocarbons made from the catalytic reforming of certain naphthenic petroleum fractions. Used as high-octane motor and aviation gasoline blending agents, solvents, chemical intermediates. Xylene is a gasoline blending component recognized by the IRS.

It was also agreed that there is no need for a separate definition for both *Biodiesel - Undyed (may contain up to 5% biodiesel)* and *Biodiesel - Dyed (may contain up to 5% biodiesel)* as there is an existing Biodiesel definition in the Uniformity Book.

Subcommittee members Donna Alderman, Lauren Branch, Brittany Davis, Lee Gonzalez, Emilda Santiesteban and Tina Whitehead drafted 22 product code definitions for the remaining undefined product codes. These will be discussed at the next Uniformity meeting.

The Uniformer – The subcommittee published three (3) issues of the Uniformer-September, 2019, January, 2020 and June, 2020.

Electronic BOLs - A White Paper document will be drafted and discussed at the next Uniformity meeting. Team members are Lauren Branch, Verna Carrier, Wilda Ice, Edie Martin, John Panza, Emilda Santiesteban and Rae Takai.

“Product Authorizations” - Will continue discussion at the next Uniformity Meeting.

There was a discussion around new products entering the market. Synthetic ethanol and Isobutanol. Wilda Ice provided details for synthetic ethanol and will further research the product and its usability on highways. Jessica McInerney provided the definition of Isobutanol and a discussion was held to determine if there was a need for a product code. This has been tabled at this time.

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- adding an element at the transaction level to allow for currency reporting
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- the enumerate list for amended reasons added "Replace" and eliminated "Resubmission"
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Motor Fuel E-filing guide

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Completed Projects

The Forms Management Subcommittee is responsible for reviewing forms, instructions, schedules, issuing product codes and schedule codes in addition to reporting on several other ongoing projects. 2020 has been an interesting year. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the June 2020 Uniformity Meeting was held by webinar. We want to give special thanks to Terri Steenblock for all her work setting up and moderating the webinar.

Uniformity Book Schedule Updates – Catherine Mitchell from West Virginia and Jessica McInerny worked on a project to make sure the listing of schedules and sub-schedules used by each is up to date. Most states have responded, and updates have been provided to update the Uniformity Book.

Vermont Forms Review – The state of Vermont has been working with FAST Enterprises to update their tax reporting system and reached out to the Uniformity Committee to ensure their updated forms were considered uniform. A subcommittee consisting of Doug Kleeb, Peter Steffens, Lee Gonzalez, and David Hernandez worked with the state. The updated forms were approved as uniform, and the state went live with their new system in May 2020.

Transloader Operator Report – After seeing several presentations about transloading and determining that this type of operation created a fuel tracking gap in most states it was decided to form a subcommittee with a goal of creating a Transloader Operator Report and schedules. The subcommittee consisted of Wendy Thompson, Debi Anderson, Vanessa Olson, Scott Fitzgerald, Wilda Ice, Doug Kleeb, David Hernandez and JD Daniels. At the annual meeting in Louisville, the report and schedules 17A, 17B, and 17C were approved.

Product Code Requests – Iowa requested a product code for electricity. Beginning in 2023 they will be taxing electricity as a motor fuel. After some discussion, the committee approved the request and assigned product code 400. Michigan had requested two product codes, one for a proprietary diesel additive. The request was approved. The Uniformity Book will update the description of Additive Miscellaneous, sub-product code 090 to Additive Miscellaneous – Gasoline, and added Additive Miscellaneous – Diesel and assigned sub-product code 310 to the Product Code table under Blending Components.

Current Outstanding Projects

Michigan Product Code Request – Michigan requested the committee assign product code 286 to #5 and #6 fuel oil, bunker C, and Navy Special. Doug Kleeb is following up with the state, and this will be brought back to the next meeting for discussion.

Topics of Discussion

Alternative Jet Fuel – Brenda Jo Beck from Avfuel discussed the new NEAT jet fuel that they are blending. The FAA considers the NEAT jet fuel as aviation fuel under ASTM 1655, so it was decided that until a State decides to tax it differently, we will not assign a product code. At the January 2020 meeting Wilda Ice, North Carolina, presented a paper on “What is Sustainable Alternative Jet Fuel (SAJF)?” to help educate the committee on the differences between sustainable alternative jet fuel and renewable jet fuel.

Potential Name Change for Uniformity – Discussion was had regarding a possible name change to better reflect the committee’s current activities.

Electronic Bills of Lading - Discussion on the use of Electronic Bill of Ladings was had as the industry is moving more towards the use of them. Edie Martin and Jessica McInerny will reach out to DTN or some other electronic bill of lading company to request a presentation for our June 2020 meeting in Boise, Idaho. Additionally, it was determined that a white paper document should be done on the topic, so that is being moved to the Communication & Coordination committee.

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The 1st quarter 2019 data could be skewed due to government shutdown. The shutdown would impact the IRS testing labs.

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Electric Vehicles – How should they be taxed? Registration fee or a conversation of kwh or a combination depending on the type of vehicle? How will this impact IFTA and what are they planning? Several states have either introduced and/or passed legislation others are looking to introduce legislation regarding taxing the electricity used in electric vehicles.

Railroad Movement of Fuel and Trans loaders – The committee continues to discuss challenges with railcar movement and trans-loading of fuel.

New mobile on-demand app to order fuel.

Chuck Ulm will coordinate obtaining a railroad contact listing by region.

Other topics of discussion are Renewable Hydrocarbon Diesel vs Renewable Diesel, Environmental Greenhouse tax, Exports to Mexico and International imports.

Several articles were distributed and discussed regarding Credit Card Skimmers, Biodiesel fraud and other compliance issues.

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Industry Issues – Industry issues were moved to the Compliance Sub-committee at the April 2019 meeting.

Communication and Coordination Subcommittee

The Communication and Coordination Subcommittee had a busy and productive year. The full Uniformity Committee approved the following requests:

Approved White Paper Document

Note: This will be put into the White Paper Document section of the 2019 Uniformity Guide. Also “See White Paper Document” reference will be made in the Model Legislation section of the Uniformity Guide.

The following revised sections/sections were approved for the 2019 Motor Fuel Tax Information by State Book:

Section 29:

Revised: *If your state taxes at the rack, does your state require pre-collection election?*

Current: *Does your state require pre-collection election?*

Section 27: Activity description column will be removed from the table and numbered descriptions will be listed separately.

Revised: *Define the hierarchy of the licenses in each state, who is responsible for remitting taxes to the state and the applicable activity for each license. (Note: Please select the activity descriptions from the list below and add any activity descriptions not listed for your state.)*

Activity Descriptions:

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Section 33-What data elements are required on BOL/Shipping document and or Invoice by your state? Please provide the statutory reference.

In addition, it was recommended and approved by the subcommittee members to have the Section 33 question put out onto the FTA Motor Fuel Listserv so that Industry can get some responses before the 2019 Motor Fuel Information by State Book is published and distributed in September, 2019.

Revisions/Additions to the 2019 Motor Fuel Information by State Book were discussed. No additional questions were brought forward to be added to the book at this time. Bob Donnellan will draft a question around Farmers and Local Government exemptions and will bring to the September 2019 meeting to discuss.

The following people from each region volunteered to contact the states within their regions to gather the updated information for the 2019 Motor Fuel Tax Information by State Book:

- Midwestern – Edie Martin-State of Kansas
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The following definitions were approved:

Demurrage is the result of a failure to abide by the terms of a transportation contract. Specifically, it is when a charge is payable to the owner of a contracted transport on the failure to load or discharge of the transport within an agreed time period.

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Native American Survey

The 2017 Native American Survey was sent out to each state for revisions, edits, updates, etc. so that the 2019 Native American Survey can be printed and available at the 2019 Motor Fuel Annual Meeting.

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Discussion was had regarding Model Legislation to require transload locations to become licensed and report their transactions. Wilda Ice will add the definition for transloading, from the Uniformity Book, and additional information regarding registration and filing of returns to the document. The term "Taxpayer" referenced throughout the document will be changed to read "Licensee".

The need to define new motor fuel terminology was discussed and it was decided that new/unfamiliar terms will be brought to the committee for further discussion as needed. New product code for Isobutanol was mentioned, Jessica McInerny and Bob Donnellan will work on drafting a definition of this product for the committee to discuss at the September 2019 meeting. Following the discussion of the definition it will then be determined if a new product code is needed.

Discussion about combining the Motor Fuel Tax Information by State Book and the Native American Survey Book was had. The decision was to keep the two books separate.

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Uniform Forms – State Review – The committee identified seven states that have forms that were not uniform. Jessica McInerney contacted the states outlining the benefits of uniformity and offered help in becoming uniform. Four of the seven states responded. Rhode Island and Texas have no plans to change their forms. Vermont is working with a vendor to implement a new tax filing system and is working with the committee to ensure their new forms are uniform. After reviewing Arizona’s forms, the committee voted to consider them uniform. Alaska, Hawaii, and New Jersey did not respond.

Blending Components Review - An analysis was completed regarding the blending components matrix and what components are blended into what Product Groups. The subcommittee identified products that cannot be used in the U.S. legally for potential removal from our list, as well as the components that could be blended into multiple products groups. The group discussed whether we should assign new product codes for each of the component/product blends that occur, as well as whether or not we should remove the components not able to be used in the U.S. The subcommittee developed a survey and sent it to all the states on the listserv. The survey received limited responses. The subcommittee determined that only four codes were issues.

122 – Blending Components 090 – Additives

100 – Transmix

092 – Undefined Products

After discussing the issues, the subcommittee determined that industry and the various states have determined how to use the codes to file reports.

Current Outstanding Projects

Vermont Forms Review – Brigitte Codling (VT) attended the April meeting in Oklahoma City. She told the subcommittee that Vermont was working with FAST Enterprises on a new tax reporting system, and wanted our assistance to ensure the new process and forms were uniform. A group consisting of Doug Kleeb, Peter Steffans, Lee Gonzalez, and David Hernandez will assist the state and FAST in the project. The plan is to have draft forms available for review at the September 2019 meeting in Louisville, KY. **Update:** After the meeting, Brigitte Codling informed Doug Kleeb that she had accepted another position. Brigitte’s replacement on this project is Jennifer Pittsley, jennifer.pittsley@vermont.gov.

Railroad / Transloading Schedule / Report – At the January meeting in Montgomery, AL, a group, consisting of Wendy Thompson, Debi Anderson, Vanessa Olson, Scott Fitzgerald, Wilda Ice, and Doug Kleeb, was formed to develop schedules related to transportation of motor fuels by railcar that is subsequently offloaded at a transloading facility rather than at a terminal. At the April meeting, the draft forms were discussed, and the group, with the additions of David Hernandez and JD Daniels, will work to refine the schedules, create instructions, request schedule codes, and will bring these to the September 2019 meeting.

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Topics of Discussion

Bunker Fuel Standards – In 2020, all bunker fuel will be required to be low sulfur diesel. This fuel will run highway vehicles, so States should be aware of this change and prepare to make potential accommodations.

Aviation Gasoline – In 2024/2025, the EPA will require leaded aviation gasoline to become unleaded. In some states, the definition of aviation fuel is tied to ASTM standards, so states should review their definitions to determine if any statutory changes are required.

Pipeline Changes – The Colonial and Buckeye Pipelines are proposing to have an open system that would allow industry to input fuel at one location and immediately withdraw fuel from another location – similar to Magellan. Industry feels like this may be a major challenge to report in an open system.

Renewable Diesel – Industry brought up the continued growth in the use of renewable diesel, and the possibility of needing a product code. At this time, the subcommittee decided a code was not necessary but will continue to monitor the need.

Industry Issues – It was decided to have these conversations in the Compliance Subcommittee meeting moving forward.

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Hydrogen fuel – Point of taxation, should it be at registration, mileage basis or is there other and better options. Several articles regarding hydrogen fuel cells were distributed to participants to assist in the discussion. The availability of hydrogen at this time is very limited with the majority of fueling stations being in California. We will need to continue to monitor this fuel type for expanded use.

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Railroad Movement of Fuel and Trans-loaders – A Trans-loader is a mobile device used for pumping product in and out of railcars. The equipment meters the product and creates a Bill of Lading. The issue is how do we track fuel when it is transported by rail where there will be multiple Bill of Ladings for the same fuel and the reporting could cross months.

A white paper '[Identifying Fuel Imported via Railcar](#)' was created, presented, voted on and passed at the April 21, 2018. The white paper document will be placed in the Uniformity Guide.

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Approved the following white paper document.

The 2018 Motor Fuel Tax Information by State Book will include the following sections:

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What is the statutory reference regarding the fees on reportable products?

Note: In the 2018 Book this will be added as Section 6 and the rest of the questions will be renumbered.

The current Section 22 reads as follows:

Section 22-Does your state require transporter returns and if so, who is required to report?

This question will be changed to:

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Multi-Jurisdiction Motor Fuel License List – The white paper document that can be used by Industry for collection of motor fuel licenses numbers was finalized by the working group. We determined to only provide the database list format to Industry along with instructions. The group reviewed the updated form and instructions. After discussion and some questions and answers, we decided to add the form and instructions to the Uniformity book.

Product Code Request – Renewable Diesel – Discussion was had surrounding the need for a product code for Renewable Diesel. There has been no word from the IRS on how they will require Renewable Diesel to be categorized for tax purposes, and it is unknown if States will require the renewable diesel to be separately identified from diesel.

The entire subcommittee worked to develop a listing of questions that FTA will put into a survey and send out to all States and on the listserv.

The questions developed are as follows:

Renewable diesel, also known as biomass-based diesel, is a hydrocarbon diesel vehicle fuel produced from non-petroleum renewable resources such as vegetable oils (soy, corn, canola, etc.), animal or poultry fat, used cooking oil, municipal solid waste, and wastewater sludge and oils. The most common process used today to produce this product is through hydrotreating, which is used in petroleum refineries currently. Renewable diesel is virtually indistinguishable from conventional (petroleum-based) diesel fuel in its chemical composition and performance. Accordingly, renewable diesel is considered a “drop-in” fuel, which means it can be used in blends with conventional diesel fuel, and its presence will be transparent to vehicles or equipment. Renewable diesel meets or exceeds all ASTM D975 minimum standards. This is NOT biodiesel. Since it is indistinguishable when compared to diesel the FTA Uniformity committee has no intention of assigning a product code at this time.

Does your State currently have a statute defining renewable diesel? If so, what is the statutory reference/definition?

Does your State have any credits and incentives related to renewable diesel, or any legislation relating to renewable diesel.

Does your State require a separate product code for renewable diesel?

Is your State currently receiving renewable diesel? Has your State seen this product on an invoice or BOL?

The surveys were sent and only 16 states responded. After discussion, it seems there is no need for a specific product code for renewable diesel.

Currently Outstanding Projects

Blending Components Review - An analysis was completed regarding the blending components matrix and what components are blended into what Product Groups. They identified what products cannot be used in the U.S. legally for potential removal from our list, as well as the components that could be blended into multiple products groups. Discussion was had on whether we should assign new product codes for each of the component/product blends that occur, as well as whether or not we should remove the components not able to be used in the U.S. The entire subcommittee worked to develop a listing of questions that FTA will put into a survey and send out to all States and on the listserv.

Product Code Questions:

How do you require your companies to report blending components?

Do you use these four product codes?

122 – Blending Components

090 – Additives Miscellaneous

100 – Transmix

092 – Undefined Products

How do you differentiate these codes between gasoline and diesel?

Would it be helpful to have additional product codes to differentiate between gasoline and diesel in the aforementioned codes?

Are you currently using product code 285 – soy oil?

The survey received limited responses. It was determined that only 4 codes were issues.

122 – Blending Components 090 – Additives

100 – Transmix

092 – Undefined Products

After a lot of discussion, it was determined that industry and various states have determined how to use the codes to file reports. This issue has been tabled for this time.

Uniform Forms – State Review – There are currently 9 States that do not have uniform forms according to our most recent uniformity book. Discussion was had on what/if anything should be done to see about assisting those States with becoming Uniform. A committee was formed to review each of the States forms to determine what they would need to become uniform and then draft an e-mail to each State addressing the issues, the benefits of becoming uniform, and asking if they would like FTA to assist them in becoming Uniform.

The committee will be Jessica McNerny, Doug Kleeb, Stephen Nutter, Josh Breland, Jason Turnbo, and Pitter Martinez. The full committee reviewed all the non-uniform forms (AK, AZ, HI, IL, RI, TX, VT) at the April 2018 meeting.

All non-uniform items were noted and will be sent by the committee to the States to determine if they would like assistance from the committee in becoming uniform in their forms. The email will outline the benefits of uniformity, point out each state's deficiencies, and offer help in becoming uniform.

Topics of Discussion

Railcar Issues - Discussion was had surrounding the short rail bills of lading and how they don't necessarily match the ticket numbers, and that some are using railcar numbers for reporting. A committee was formed to do some research about railcar shipments, how they are transported, the information that is received/transmitted, etc. The committee consists of Lauren Branch, Wilda Ice, Jessica McInerny, Josh Breland, Emilda Santiesteban, Lee Gonzalez, Hal Lovell, John Manning/Doug Smith, Randy Winkler, and Kristin Armstrong.

After our initial research we will discuss the creation of a white paper document regarding Railcar/Transloading.

Fuel Marking Article Review – Tax Stamp News published an article in their monthly newsletter, “The Changing Fuel Market and Steps to Counter Illicit Fuel Activities”. The article was passed out for the group to review prior to the afternoon Communications & Coordination Meeting. In that meeting we will discuss the article and determine what/if any response should come from FTA.

Texas – Texas is requiring unlicensed customers to be charged tax on international vessels destined for export out of the U.S. and then requiring the unlicensed purchaser to file a refund claim. Industry has volunteered to bring State Comptroller representatives out to the facilities to show that these exported products cannot be distributed other than by bulk transfer, so that they can gain a better understanding of how the process works. This discussion led to a brief discussion on succession planning for State employees, as to the importance of educating their new staff on how motor fuel taxes work. Discussion about Texas rule changes and their attempts to tax exports. Valero hosted a terminal facility tour that was attended by 10 representatives of the state. It was determined that even though these attendees are policy and decision makers, none had ever visited a terminal, or had a thorough understanding of the fuel industry. Scott used this as a reminder to states to do succession planning. He also stated that industry is willing to host facility tours and give education to the states regarding the fuel industry. A second issue was raised regarding late loads. Historically Texas has allowed a 90-day grace period for late loads, and this was changed to no grace period without notice to the industry. It was brought up that Texas had a new schedule for late loads, but apparently very few knew it existed.

Multiple State Taxation – Discussion was had regarding whether industry is required to charge multiple motor fuel taxes for both origin and destination States for several different scenarios.

Pipeline Biodiesel Blends – Discussion was had regarding biodiesel blends in pipelines that are further blended and not knowing what the true end blend percentage is on the final product. Since diesel can contain up to 4.999 biodiesel when that product is comingled and then further blended you don't truly know what your final blend is without testing every load. This causes issues with pricing due to credits or exemptions on biodiesel that may be in the final blended product.

Motor Fuel Tax Refunds – Freight Ticket Issue – Discussion was had regarding suppliers not receiving delivery or freight tickets to support their refund claims. As more carriers are going paperless it is becoming increasingly more difficult for suppliers to obtain those delivery/freight tickets to support their claims. Currently industry is having to request the information from the 3rd party carriers, which can lead to delays in refund submissions as they wait for the required data to support the claim; if they even get it at all. US Oil currently uses an affidavit system for these type of situations in that they provide a refund claim package which includes the invoice, BOL, and an affidavit from the 3rd party carrier attesting to the location and delivery quantities of the fuel in lieu of providing a printed delivery/freight ticket for each delivery.

Exports to Mexico - Industry asked states to review their laws and rules regarding these exports. As the market opens up, the volume of exports will increase.

2016 – 2017 ANNUAL SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Subcommittee Co-Chairs

Compliance	
N/A ?	N/A ?
Communication and Coordination	
Christy Dixon <i>Oklahoma Tax Commission</i>	Laura Branch <i>ExxonMobil</i>
Electronic Commerce	
Mike Hanson <i>California Department of Tax and Fee Administration</i>	Gene Holland <i>Phillips 66</i>
Forms Management	
Douglas Kleeb <i>Oregon Department of Transportation</i>	Jessica McInerney <i>Cargill, Incorporated</i>

Compliance Subcommittee

2016-2017 Annual Report for Compliance Subcommittee not available.

Communication and Coordination Subcommittee

The Communication and Coordination Subcommittee had a busy and productive year. The full Uniformity Committee approved the following requests:

Approved the following Definitions:

Renewable Diesel - is a hydrocarbon diesel vehicle fuel produced from non-petroleum renewable resources such as vegetable oils (soy, corn, canola, etc.), animal or poultry fat, used cooking oil, municipal solid waste, and wastewater sludge and oils. The most common process used today to produce this product is hydrotreating, which is used in petroleum refineries currently. Renewable diesel is virtually indistinguishable from conventional (petroleum-based) diesel fuel in its chemical composition and performance. Accordingly, renewable diesel is considered a "drop-in" fuel, which means it can be used in blends with conventional diesel fuel, and its presence will be transparent to vehicles or equipment. Renewable diesel meets or exceeds all ASTM D975 minimum standards. Renewable diesel is not biodiesel.

Reformulated Blendstock for Oxygenate Blending (RBOB) - Motor gasoline blending components intended for blending with oxygenates to produce finished reformulated motor gasoline.

Conventional Blendstock for Oxygenate Blending (CBOB) – Motor gasoline blending components intended for blending with oxygenates to produce finished conventional motor gasoline.

Approved Roles and Responsibilities of the Uniformity Committee document to be placed following

“Why States Consider Adopting the Uniformity Recommendations” in the Uniformity Guide.

Motor Fuels Tax Section Uniformity Committee

There are many participants that make up the Motor Fuels Tax Section Uniformity Committee. Everyone’s role and responsibility is important to the success of the organization. The committee is made up of the following:

Uniformity Co-Chairs (*Appointed by FTA Motor Fuels Tax Section National Chair*)

- State
- Industry

Sub-Committee Co-Chairs

- State
- Industry

For the following Sub-committees:

- Forms Management

- Communications and Coordination
- Compliance
- Electronic Commerce

Members/Representatives

- State Government
- Federal Government
- Industry
- Canadian Provinces

Roles & Responsibilities

To become a member and get involved with the Uniformity Committee all you must do is attend a meeting in person or via phone, participate in discussions, volunteer to work on a project, or be a sub-committee co-chair or Uniformity Co-Chair.

Uniformity Co-Chairs – 2 Year Term (State Co-Chair only)

Respond to inquiries and questions from interested parties

Set goals and direction for the full Uniformity Committee and sub-committees

Receive direction from:

FTA Motor Fuels Tax Section National Chair

FTA Motor Fuels Tax Section Steering Committee

FTA Motor Fuels Tax Section Associate

Participate on the Steering Committee

Monitor and track sub-committee projects and update the Steering Committee

Assist with developing Annual Meeting Agenda

Moderate break-out session(s) at annual meeting

Conduct meeting with sub-committee co-chairs

Prepare agenda for full committee meeting. Preparation includes, but not limited to, sub-committee updates, recruiting guest speakers, old and new business.

Assign projects to sub-committees as needed

Write an article for The Uniformer 3 times a year

Provide the Uniformity update at (4) Motor Fuel Regional meetings and (1) Annual meeting

Provide assistance and encouragement to the sub-committees

Facilitate the full Uniformity Committee meeting (*Note: In the absence of the State Chair, the Industry Chair will conduct the meeting*)

Participate in the full Uniformity Committee Meeting by advising and guiding discussion

Sub-Committee Co-Chairs

Implementing the 11 Point Plan

Communication and Coordination Subcommittee: Points 1, 8 & 10

Forms Management Subcommittee: Points 2, 3, 4, 5 & 9

Compliance Subcommittee: 7 & 11

Electronic Commerce Subcommittee: Point 6

Set goals and objectives for their sub-committee and insure they are met

Prepare meeting agenda for sub-committee meeting

Facilitate sub-committee meeting

Take minutes of sub-committee meeting

Recruit members to work on projects

Provide update of the sub-committee meeting at the full committee meeting

Submit agendas and meeting minutes to the FTA Motor Fuel Associate in a timely manner

Submit an Annual report for Uniformity Guide

Members/Representatives

Participate in discussions

Suggest/Volunteer for tasks/projects

Submit request for product codes, schedule codes, definitions, forms, electronic schemas and user guides for review

Make, second and vote on motions

Note: National Chair or Vice Chair cannot serve on any committee

The Uniformer – The subcommittee published three (3) issues of the Uniformer.

The 2016 Taxation, Alternative Fuels, Diversion Booklet was printed and was available at the 2016 FTA Motor Fuels Annual Meeting.

The 2017 Motor Fuel Tax Information by State Book will include the following sections:

Section 26-Define the hierarchy of licenses in each state and who is responsible for remitting taxes to the state.

Section 27-When amending returns does the state require the entire return be amended or amend only the information that is changing?

Section 28-Does your state allow credit and rebills on the current month report?

Section 29-How many days are allowed to report late loads?

The following people from each region volunteered to contact the states within their regions to gather the updated information for the 2017 Motor Fuel Tax Information by State Book:

- Midwest – Edie Martin-State of Kansas
- Northeast –Scott Bryer-State of New Hampshire
- Pacific – John Manning-State of Utah
- Southeast – Lee Gonzalez-State of Florida

The 2015 Native American Survey was sent out to each state for revisions, edits, updates, etc. so that the 2017 Native American Survey can be printed and available at the 2017 Motor Fuel Annual Meeting.

The following people from each region volunteered to contact the states within their regions to gather the updated information for the 2017 Native American Survey:

- Midwest – Edie Martin-State of Kansas
- Northeast –Scott Bryer-State of New Hampshire
- Pacific – John Manning-State of Utah
- Southeast – Randy Winkler-State of Alabama

It was approved to add Cyber Attack to the **Emergency/Disaster Readiness Checklist** in the Uniformity Guide as a potential scenario. This addition is the result of a survey question regarding the State’s guidelines or preferred options for filing motor fuel tax returns and payments if a taxpayer does not have access to computers or servers due to a cyber-attack.

The Communication and Coordination Subcommittee will take the responsibility of The Uniformer, effective January 2017.

The question was raised if the definition for Buy-Sell Agreement in the Uniformity Guide should be updated with the definition of Buy-Sell Agreement in the White Paper document. It was agreed upon to leave the definitions in both the Uniformity Guide and White Paper Document as is.

During the subcommittee meeting in Portland, ME, Emilda Santiesteban raised a question regarding the definition of Product Authorizations. Volunteers Emilda Santiesteban, Rich Little, and Scott Foster took on the task of defining Product Authorization. Following further discussion during the current meeting it was determined that no definition of Product Authorization will be needed.

Survey questions will be sent to states regarding questions related to Renewable Diesel. A White Paper document for Renewable Diesel will be created by Wilda Ice, a shortened version of the definition will be included with the survey questions along with the White Paper document.

Renewable Diesel (shortened) - is a hydrocarbon diesel vehicle fuel produced from non-petroleum renewable resources such as vegetable oils (soy, corn, canola, etc.), animal or poultry fat, used cooking oil, municipal solid waste, and wastewater sludge and oils.

Floor price for fuels email; A discussion was held regarding an email from the state of OR in reference to floor pricing for gasoline and diesel. The question of the email was, "... if any states have a floor price for gas or fuel where the price of gasoline and diesel is set a price as if the barrel price were not to drop below a certain floor amount? When the barrel price does drop below the floor, consumers would continue to pay the higher amount, and the difference would be placed into a special fund." This is the approach China has taken to fund energy conservation and pollution control. No states present, with the exception of GA, were familiar with a policy such as this. GA explored this approach, but legislation never passed.

The subcommittee will also continue working on the following projects for the next year:

- Continue to review the 11 Point Plan
- Add a section to the Model Legislation concerning forfeitures of motor fuel relating to tax issues.
- Add a section to the Model Legislation concerning Information for Safeguarding of IRS Data. Cindy Anders-Robb is currently working with the IRS on putting together a standardize document for this.
- Current definitions need to be looked at on a yearly basis to ensure that they are still correct.
- Continue publishing the Uniformer
- A White Paper document for Renewable Diesel
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- Analysis of revenue derived from various taxation methods and compliance tools.
- Report of Accomplishments of the FTA Uniformity Committee (This has still been postponed until the Battelle study is fully completed).

If you need further information regarding committee activities or need further assistance, please contact the co-chairs of this committee.

Electronic Commerce Subcommittee

Working Groups

The working groups have successfully focused efforts on ongoing issues. Many of the groups are challenged with obtaining and maintaining active participants. The groups continue to provide the output needed to support the full subcommittee.

The current working groups and their team leaders are:

XML Schema for Motor Fuel – Mike Hanson, California

XML Documentation Review – Mike Hanson, California

Create XPath document

Create best practices document

EC Survey (Planning, Implementation and Evaluation) – Doug Arndt, North Dakota

EDI/EC Implementation Review – Traci Bullock, South Carolina

Maintains the FTA EDI Guide

Reviews and approves state EDI implementation guides

More participation is needed in each of the working groups. Contact any team leader to join a working group.

ExSTARS Data

The EC Subcommittee continues working to ensure that the FTA and IRS - ExSTARS EDI guides are in sync. The September 2011 EDI Guide deviates from the current ExSTARS guide by the reporting of County information. States interested in implementing the ExSTARS fully compliant version should implement the September 2003 map. The ExSTARS guide will incorporate the county reporting information with the next revision.

State use of ExSTARS data

States are encouraged to review terminal reports through the ExSTARS database. The EC Subcommittee formed an ExSTARS user group to determine the most efficient use of the detail provided through ExSTARS reporting.

Annual Electronic Commerce Survey

Each year the Electronic Commerce Survey provides beneficial information on each state's point of taxation, electronic filing implementation processes, training needs and much more. The survey results include maps and detailed responses and are available by contacting Doug Arndt of the North Dakota Office of State Tax Commissioner's office at (701) 328-2050 or darndt@nd.gov

XML Standards

The XML committee continues to work closely with E-Standards to ensure compliance with the national standards and to create an XML Implementation Guide. A work group has been formed to look at making some changes to the XML schema to address some reporting issues (Postal Code reporting issues, etc.).

State Implementation of E-file projects (X12 EDI Guides and XML Guides)

The EC Subcommittee continues to encourage states to submit their EDI guides and/or XML guides for approval to ensure consistent reporting requirements throughout the states. There were no submissions of e-file guides for review in the last year. States that do not meet the FTA requirements are asked to include a footnote at the beginning of their guide to indicate the differences.

Motor Fuel E-filing guide

There were no revisions made this year to the guide. In 2013, we completely revised the guide to include an XML section and made other updates to all other sections of this guide.

Joint Efforts

The EC and Forms Subcommittees continued holding joint meetings to ensure states can efficiently implement uniform forms and electronic filing. The two subcommittees have worked diligently with states as they implement uniform forms and uniform electronic filing.

For further information regarding committee activities or for further assistance, contact the co-chairs of the Electronic Commerce Subcommittee.

Forms Management Subcommittee

The Forms Management Subcommittee is responsible for reviewing forms, instructions, schedules, issuing product codes and schedule codes in addition to reporting on several other ongoing projects.

Completed Projects

Forms Review Document – The full committee approved the revisions to the Forms Review Document matrix. A comparison was done between the Forms Review Document draft to the current forms and schedules in the Uniformity Guide, and to ensure that page 25 was complete and assisting States in determining whether or not their forms were uniform. Lee presented a revised draft of the updates he and his group made.

Product Code Request – Racing Fuel – Arizona

Arizona requested and subsequently withdrew a product code request for racing fuel. Arizona has decided to use existing schedule codes to meet their needs. They will be using:

3Y – Receipt – Imports below the terminal rack not subject to tax

6Z – Disbursement – Gallons sold for Racing Use – Tax Not Collected

5Z – Disbursement – Gallons sold for Racing Use-Tax Collected

Definition of RBOB/CBOB – The full committee voted and approved the new definitions of RBOB/CBOB to be added to the book, and those approved definitions were sent to the Communication & Coordination committee for inclusion.

Currently Outstanding Projects

Product Code Request – Renewable Diesel – Discussion was had surrounding the need for a product code for Renewable Diesel. There has been no word from the IRS on how they will require Renewable Diesel to be categorized for tax purposes, and it is unknown if States will require the renewable diesel to be separately identified from diesel.

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Would it be helpful to have additional product codes to differentiate between gasoline and diesel in the aforementioned codes?

Are you currently using product code 285 – soy oil?

Product Code Questions:

1. Does your State require transloading facilities to be licensed and report?

Multi-Jurisdiction Motor Fuel License List – The white paper document that can be used by Industry for collection of motor fuel license numbers will continue to be modified by the working group. We determined to only provide the database list format to Industry along with instructions. Additionally, we added Seller’s FEIN to the header of the form. The working group consisting of Jessica McInerny, Rae Takei, Neil Likens, Scott Louie, Bob Donnellan, Lee Gonzalez, and Emilda Santiesteban will also provide a description for how the form should be used by Industry in addition to adding an asterisk to those States that require annual renewals.

Topics of Discussion

Railcar Issues - Discussion was had surrounding the short rail bills of lading and how they don’t necessarily match the ticket numbers, and that some are using railcar numbers for reporting. A committee was formed to do some research about railcar shipments, how they are transported, the information that is received/transmitted, etc. The committee consists of Lauren Branch, Wilda Ice, Jessica McInerny, Josh Breland, Emilda Santiesteban, Lee Gonzalez, Hal Lovell, John Manning/Doug Smith, Randy Winkler, and Kristin Armstrong. After our initial research we will discuss the creation of a white paper document regarding Railcar/Transloading.

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Subcommittee Co-Chairs

Compliance	
Don Williams <i>Idaho State Tax Commission</i>	Rae Takai <i>Motiva Enterprises, LLC</i>
Communication and Coordination	
Christy Dixon <i>Oklahoma Tax Commission</i>	Anne Nicholson <i>ExxonMobil</i>
Electronic Commerce	
Hal Lovell <i>California Board of Equalization</i>	Gene Holland <i>Phillips 66</i>
Forms Management	
Douglas Kleeb <i>Oregon Department of Transportation</i>	Jessica McInerny <i>Cargill, Incorporated</i>

Compliance Subcommittee

The Compliance Sub-committee continues to identify, research, discuss, and resolve compliance issues. It is important for states and industry to work together to reduce motor fuel tax evasion. Uniformity meetings are a great forum for discussion of current events, issues, and trends. If you are not able to travel, please feel free to contact any of the State or Industry Co-Chairs regarding issues, concerns, or new compliance methods to be discussed at the meetings. If you would like to participate in the discussions and are unable to travel, teleconferencing may be an option.

Training

The July 24-28, 2016 Basic Training in Des Moines IA is the only training I see for 2016.

The FTA conducted Basic Motor Fuels Training class in Portland, ME on July 26-30, 2015. There were 53 attendees (23 state and 30 industry). The class included a visit to the Sprague terminal hosted by John Penacho.

If your state wishes to sponsor a training class, please contact Cindy Anders-Robb with the FTA.

Dyed Fuel Project

The Dyed Fuel Project continues to be a good deterrent to tax evasion for states which have a roadside enforcement program. According to the 2015 final report, 36 out of 50 states, or 72%, have an enforcement program. Of those, only 26 states reported a violation or assessment during 2015.

Dyed fuel violation statistics are gathered and compiled quarterly and presented at the Uniformity meetings. In the states which have a dyed fuel program, fuel samples may be taken by a variety of employees ranging from State Highway Patrol officers to dedicated fuel inspectors and auditors.

The committee discussed the penalties generated and noted items of interest, i.e. states with large numbers of samples drawn, large penalties, type of vehicles in violation, etc. In 2015 dyed diesel penalties reported dropped from over \$1 million in 2014 to less than a half million in 2015.

Discussion Items

Updated the 2009 and 2013 versions of "Motor fuel Tax Issues with Natural Gas and Other Alternative Fuels" white papers. There was discussion about differences in what constitutes a gasoline gallon equivalent (GGE) for compressed natural gas (CNG) and a diesel gallon equivalent (DGE) for liquefied natural gas (LNG). As a result, it was determined that the 2016 update would not be published at this time.

At the May meeting, a letter was drafted in response to change in IRS High Sulfur Diesel Requirements jointly with the Communications and Coordination sub-committee. The final draft was approved by those involved after the

meeting. The final letter was sent to Michel Monconduit, Motor Fuel Tax Policy Analyst at the IRS on June 2, 2016, signed by Gale Garriot, Executive Director, FTA. A working draft prepared by Laura Lansford, NC, was presented before the full Uniformity Committee for its approval.

Articles that were distributed:

Tax Crimes Fugitive for Almost 20 Years Extradited to US (Federaltaxcrimes.blogspot.com, 23 July 2015)

Michigan Senate passes increase in gas tax (Detroit Free Press, 1 July 2015)

4 Individuals from Florida Sentenced for Biodiesel RIN, Tax Fraud (Biodiesel Magazine, August 27, 2015)

Oil Prices: What's Behind the Drop? Simple Economics (New York Times, updated June 2, 2016)

Lehigh Valley biofuel company owners charged in \$50M clean energy scam (The Morning Call, Allentown PA, December 22, 2015)

Fuel Fraud: Government employees steal millions from taxpayers at the pump (Watchdog.org website, September 23, 2015)

Central Texas Man Sentenced to 40 Years in Prison for Motor Fuel Tax Fraud (Texas

Comptroller's Criminal Investigation Division website, accessed May 9, 2016)

Texas Comptroller's Criminal Investigation Division Stops Motor Fuel Thieves (The Orange Leader, Austin TX, April 7, 2016)

How Chemistry is Helping Defeat Fuel Fraud (Chemistry and Engineering News, Vol. 94, Issue 5, February 1, 2016)

Communication and Coordination Subcommittee

The Communication and Coordination Subcommittee had a busy and productive year. The full Uniformity Committee approved the following requests:

Approved the following Definitions:

Facility Number – a unique number issued by a government entity that identifies the location, which includes one or more stationary tanks or storage facilities, that contain or will contain reportable fuel products. The location has received this designation based on certain attributes such as storage/tank size and the type of product stored at the location.

Facility Control Number-a number that designates a storage location within the motor fuel, or renewable fuel production or bulk transfer/terminal system. Facilities include refineries

(RCN), approved terminals (TNC), biodiesel production facilities (BCN), or ethanol production facilities (ECN).

Terminal Code-See Facility Control Number

Motor oil, engine oil or engine lubricant – is any of various well-developed lubricants (comprising oil enhanced with additives, for example, in many cases, extreme pressure additives) that are used for lubrication such as for internal combustion engines, or state use.

Approved [Flash Sales Whitepaper](#).

The Uniformer – The subcommittee published three (3) issues of the Uniformer.

The 2015 Taxation, Alternative Fuels, Diversion Booklet was printed and was available at the 2015 FTA Motor Fuels Annual Meeting. The 2016 book was renamed the “Motor Fuel Tax Information by State” and will include the following sections:

Section 4-Please define “First Receiver” and “Point of Taxation” and site your statutory reference regarding point of taxation.

First Receiver-:

Point of Taxation:

Section 22-Does your state require transporter returns and if so, who is required to report?

Section 23-(Tax as the rack states or first receiver states only) How does your state handle flash title transactions?

Section 24-Does your state impose a sales tax on gasoline, clear diesel or dyed diesel? If so, how are the rates calculated? How often does the rate change? Is tax imposed on volume or value and when is it collected?

Section 25-What are your bonding requirements for your motor fuel license(s)?

The following people from each region volunteered to contact the states within their regions to gather the updated information for the 2016 Motor Fuel Tax Information by State Book:

- Midwest – Edie Martin-State of Kansas
- Northeast –Scott Bryer-State of New Hampshire
- Pacific – Carmen Shipman-State of Nevada
- Southeast – Lara Lansford-State of North Carolina

The Communication and Coordination Subcommittee was asked to work with the Compliance Subcommittee at the end of the day to generate a response to the IRS regarding their proposed policy change related to dyed fuel requirements for high sulfur diesel.

Cindy Anders-Robb mentioned that the Canadian Fuel Tax Council had inquired about how flash sales are handled for cross border transactions. There was some discussion, but no follow ups noted for the subcommittee.

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Working Groups

The working groups have successfully focused efforts on ongoing issues. Many of the groups are challenged with obtaining and maintaining active participants. But the groups continue to provide the output needed to support the full subcommittee.

The current working groups and their team leaders are:

XML Schema for Motor Fuel – Stan Whaley, Florida

EC Survey (Planning, Implementation and Evaluation) – Doug Arndt, Kansas

EDI/EC Implementation Review – Traci Bullock, South Carolina

Maintains the FTA EDI Guide

Reviews and approves state EDI implementation guides

More participation is needed in each of the working groups. Contact any team leader to join a working group.

ExSTARS Data

The EC Subcommittee continues working to ensure that the FTA and IRS - ExSTARS EDI guides are in sync. The September 2011 EDI Guide deviates from the current ExSTARS guide by the reporting of County information. States interested in implementing the ExSTARS fully compliant version should implement the September 2003 map. The ExSTARS guide will incorporate the county reporting information with the next revision.

State's use of ExSTARS data

States are encouraged to review terminal reports through the ExSTARS database. The EC Subcommittee formed an ExSTARS user group to determine the most efficient use of the detail provided through ExSTARS reporting.

Annual Electronic Commerce Survey

Each year the Electronic Commerce Survey provides beneficial information on each state's point of taxation, electronic filing implementation processes, training needs and much more. The survey results include maps and detailed responses and are available by contacting Doug Arndt of the North Dakota Office of State Tax Commissioner's office at (701) 328-2050 or darndt@nd.gov.

XML Standards

The XML committee continues to work closely with TIGERS to ensure compliance to the national standards and also to create a XML Implementation Guide. A work group has been formed to look at making some changes to the XLM schema to address some reporting issues (Postal Code reporting issues, etc.).

State Implementation of E-file projects (X12 EDI Guides and XML Guides)

The EC Subcommittee continues to encourage states to submit their EDI guides and/or XML guides for approval to ensure consistent reporting requirements throughout the states. One state submitted their e-file guides for review and comment and we were able to approve this guide in the last year.

States that do not meet the FTA requirements are asked to include a footnote at the beginning of their guide to indicate the differences.

Motor Fuel E-filing guide

Minor revisions were again made this year to the guide. In 2013 we completely revised the guide to include an XML section and made other updates to all other sections of this guide.

Joint Efforts

The EC and Forms Subcommittees continued holding joint meetings to ensure states can efficiently implement uniform forms and electronic filing. The two subcommittees have worked diligently with states as they implement uniform forms and uniform electronic filing.

For further information regarding committee activities or for further assistance, contact the co-chairs of the Electronic Commerce Subcommittee.

Forms Management Subcommittee

The Forms Management Subcommittee is responsible for reviewing forms, instructions, schedules, issuing product codes and schedule codes in addition to reporting on several other ongoing projects.

Completed Projects

New York Forms Review: New York submitted the following forms and schedules for review:

FT-941 Terminal Operator's Monthly Report of Diesel Motor Fuel and Motor Fuel

Inventory

FT-942 Diesel Moto Fuel and Motor Fuel Transporter's Monthly Report

PT-100 Petroleum Business Tax Return

PT-101 Tax on Motor Fuel

PT-102 Tax on Diesel Motor Fuel

PT-103 Tax of Residual Petroleum Product Businesses

PT-104 Tax on Kero-Jet Fuel

PT-105 Credit-Reimbursement for Registered Electric Corporations

PT-106.1-201.1 Retailers of Non-Highway Diesel MF Only – Receipts and Sales

PT-350 Petroleum Business Tax Return for Fuel Consumption – Commercial Vessels

The forms and schedules listed above were not considered uniform by the full committee at the September 18, 2015 meeting in Chattanooga, TN for the following reasons:

FTA Uniform Transportation Modes are not used.

FTA Uniform Schedule Codes are not used.

FTA Uniform Schedules require Product Code as a header field and not a column within the schedule.

FTA Uniform Forms require a contact name, phone number, and email address on all forms.

FTA Uniform Forms requires a Document Number on all receipts/disbursements.

FTA Uniform Forms requires no additional column headers on schedules. Recommendation from E-Commerce Committee is to maintain consistency with FTA schedule columns for ease of reporting. Additionally, grouping separate columns together (Carrier/FEIN) into one column does not meet Uniformity requirements.

Uniform Sales Tax “Purpose Sheet”: The full committee approved the Uniform Sales Tax Purpose Sheet submitted by Jessica McInerney that details the purpose of the Uniform Sales

Tax Form that was approved on January 23, 2015. The Sales Tax Purpose Sheet will be added to the Uniformity Guide.

Alabama Forms Review: Alabama submitted their Alternative Fuel Monthly Tax Return, form B&L – MFT-AFT for review. The form was approved by the full subcommittee at the September 18, 2015 meeting in Chattanooga, TN.

Idaho Forms Review: Idaho submitted their Distributor’s Fuel Tax Report Form 1450 for review. The form was approved by the full subcommittee at the September 18, 2015 meeting in Chattanooga, TN.

Product Code Request – Motor Oil: New Hampshire submitted a product code request form for “Automotive Oil” at the January 29, 2016 meeting in Pensacola Beach, FL. After review and discussion by the full committee the Product Code name was changed to “Motor Oil” and would include “automotive oil” in the definition. The full committee reviewed and approved the application for a new product code for “Motor Oil”. The Communications Sub-Committee was then tasked with defining “Motor Oil” for inclusion in the Uniformity Booklet. PIDX was contacted to determine if a code already existed for Motor Oil within their Downstream Workgroup. As no code currently existed and the Downstream Workgroup considers it out of scope, they would not assign a new code. The full subcommittee approved the use of 800 as the new Uniform code for Motor Oil at the May 13, 2016 meeting in Albuquerque, NM.

Mode Code Change: The full subcommittee reviewed and approved the change of the definition for Mode Code “GS” from “gas station” to “fuel station at the January 29, 2016 meeting in Pensacola Beach, FL.

Uniform Alternative Fuel Tax Schedule of Disbursements: The full committee reviewed, modified, and approved the Uniform Alternative Fuel Tax Schedule of Disbursements to be used in conjunction with the Alternative Fuel Tax Report at the January 29, 2016 meeting in Pensacola Beach, FL.

Kentucky Forms Review: Kentucky submitted the following forms and schedules for review:

Monthly Terminal Report

Terminal Operator Schedules

Licensed Gasoline Dealer’s Monthly Report

Licensed Special Fuel Dealer’s Monthly Report

Distributor's Receipt/Disbursement Schedules

Transporter's Report of Motor Fuel Delivered

Transporter's Report Schedule 14 – Delivery

LPG Dealer

Petroleum Storage Tank Environmental Assurance Fee Monthly Report The forms were approved by the full subcommittee at the January 29, 2016 meeting in Pensacola Beach, FL.

Mode Code Addition: It was identified that the mode code “CE-Summary” needs to be added to the Mode Code listing, as it is used throughout the Uniform Book and currently not listed. The full subcommittee discussed and approved the addition of “CE-Summary” to the mode code list at the January 29, 2016 meeting in Pensacola Beach, FL.

Forms Management – FTA Uniform Reporting Forms: The full subcommittee reviewed and approved a proposal to update the Forms Management FTA Uniform Reporting Forms State compliance summary by adding a review date column to the summary at the May 13, 2016 meeting in Albuquerque, NM.

Currently Outstanding Projects

Forms Review Document: It was proposed at the September 18, 2015 meeting in Chattanooga, TN that the Forms Subcommittee create a “Forms Review Document” which will provide information regarding the requirements for a form to be considered uniform. Since that time a subcommittee was formed headed by Lee Gonzalez (FL) along with Marcia Leichner (NE), Randy Winkler (AL), Amy Drewry (Louis Dreyfus), and Cynthia Johnson (PwC), and drafts have been reviewed, discussed, and modified based upon their comparison to the current approved forms and schedules. Another draft will be reviewed at the September 16, 2016 meeting in Portland, ME for further discussion, updating and potential approval.

Topics of Discussion

North Carolina Forms: North Carolina inquired as to if they needed committee approval to add a line to one of their already uniform forms. The line item was discussed, and it was

determined that they would not need FTA Forms Sub-committee to approve the addition of the line item and that they would still be considered Uniform.

Blending Components Review: Xerox discussed the need for clarification on blending products/components and what fuel they are most commonly blended with Gasoline or Diesel. A subcommittee was formed with Ray Grimm as lead; David Hernandez (Valero) and Scott Louie (Chevron) will assist with the analysis. Additionally, the

committee discussed how this information would be used, and it was determined that it would most likely fit best as a white paper document.

Potential Product Code Request – Racing Fuel: Arizona requested a sub-code for racing fuel used on the highway. After research it was determined that Michigan requested a product code for tax-paid racing fuel, and because most of the States recognize it as Gasoline, Schedule 5Z was created for gallons sold for racing use – tax collected.