Memorandum of Understanding Between the National Association of State Energy Officials and American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers

March 7, 2017

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is made and entered into by and between the National Association of State Energy Officials, hereinafter known as NASEO and the American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers, hereinafter known as AFPM.

I. BACKGROUND

AFPM is a national trade association whose members produce virtually all refined petroleum products and petrochemicals manufactured in the United States, serving the American people responsibly and effectively. These manufacturers provide jobs, directly and indirectly, to over 3 million Americans, economic and national security, and thousands of vital products to families and businesses throughout the United States.

NASEO is the only national non-profit association representing the governor-designated energy officials from each of the 56 states and territories. Formed by the states in 1986, NASEO facilitates peer learning among state energy officials, serves as a resource for and about state energy policy, and advocates the interests of the state energy offices to Congress and federal agencies. NASEO through its Energy Security Committee provides a focal point to assist states in energy emergency preparedness and efforts to secure, protect and enhance the resiliency of the nation’s energy infrastructure.

II. PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

The purpose of the MOU is to establish a framework for AFPM and NASEO to:

- Engage in energy emergency planning, mitigation, and response activities.
- Connect state energy officials and industry managers to encourage their participation in the energy emergency response exercises.
- Work cooperatively to continuously strengthen the state-industry communication network and information products necessary for effective energy emergency response.
- Engage in joint meetings and discussions to support state, regional, and multi-state energy assurance and emergency planning activities.

III. RESPONSIBILITIES

The National Association of State Energy Officials will:

Provide opportunities for AFPM to interact with NASEO staff, including opportunities to make presentations at NASEO sponsored workshops, conferences, webinars, and meetings.

Meet at least annually with AFPM staff to review potential energy emergency exercise(s), planning, mitigation, and training opportunities, specific information products of interest, and update trade organization emergency contacts.
American Fuel and Petrochemical Manufacturers will:

Provide opportunities for NASEO staff to interact with and disseminate information to AFPM staff, including opportunities to make presentations at workshops and meetings.

Meet at least annually with NASEO staff to review potential energy emergency exercise(s), planning and training opportunities, specific information products of interest, and update trade organization emergency contacts.

IV. It is mutually agreed and understood by and between the parties that:

This MOU in no way restricts either of the parties from participation in similar activities with other organizations, individuals, or public agencies.

The parties to this MOU will seek additional opportunities to collaborate in ways that are mutually beneficial and within the scope of activities of each organization.

The parties may use the other organization’s names, acronym, trademarks or copyrighted material within their own organization when discussing or presenting material specific to the collaborative efforts of NASEO and AFPM on energy assurance and emergency response.

The parties may not use the other organization’s names, acronym, trademarks, or copyrighted material outside of their own organization without permission. It is also agreed and understood that no compensation shall be due or owing by either party to the other unless separately agreed to in writing, and neither party shall be liable for the acts of the other.

This MOU shall become effective immediately upon signature. It may be modified or amended upon written request of either party and may be terminated upon written notice by either party.

V. SIGNATORIES:

Signed on the ___ day of March 2017

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Chet Thompson, President and CEO
American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers

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