

## **API Downstream Committee Meeting – Houston 5/12/2017)**

The API Downstream Committee met on May 12, 2017 at 8:00 am (CT) at the offices of Phillips 66 in Houston. Participants included: Don Templin (MPC), Jerry Wascom (XOM), Dale Walsh (CVX), Regan Howell (Aramco), Yves Houilliez (TOT), Lori Ryerkerk (RDS), Lawrence Ziemba (PSX), Mike Brien for Doug Sparkman (BP), Frank Macchiarola (API), Erik Baptist (API).

Presentations to the Committee: Jeff Moody (AFPM) and Bob Anderson (CVX) provided an octane update; Frank Macchiarola (API) provided an RFS campaign update; Erik Baptist (API) updated the committee on API litigation; Aaron Padilla (API) and David Murk (API) provided a trade overview; and Downstream subcommittees updated the full committee.

I. Chairman Templin brought the committee to order. Erik Baptist (API) issued the antitrust statement to the committee and after a brief opening statement, the Chairman turned to AFPM staff to update the committee on discussions between the automotive industry and refining industry on octane.

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IV. Erik Baptist (API) provided a litigation update including the challenge from the ethanol industry to EPA's final rule for 2014-2016 RVO's and API's intervention in such suit. Erik provided an overview of the April oral arguments in the case and briefly discussed the public news around the Juliana v. US suit.

V. David Erfert (PSX) updated the committee on refining subcommittee efforts, including an update on the API Process Safety group and

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VIII. Fred Walas (MPC) reported the work of the Technology subcommittee on particulate matter, octane research at API and CRC, as well the DOE Co-Optima program. He discussed the past program focus on biofuels and the fact that the status of the program was uncertain with the Trump Administration.

IX. George Wall (CVX) reported to the committee for the Marketing Subcommittee. George discussed E15 product liability,

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the 1psi vapor pressure issue and various other marketing related state bills.

X. Don Templin (MPC) reviewed the upcoming committee schedule and concluded the meeting at approximately 12:30 pm CT.