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Staff & Company Info

PMI USA tobacco nicotine pouches, are now sponsoring our bi-monthly LIGRA Newsletter mailings. We encourage our members to express their support for this partnership.

ZYN nicotine pouches provide 28 million ¹ American adults who smoke cigarettes a better option than continued smoking. Government policies on tobacco and nicotine should be based on science and common sense policies to ensure adult smokers have access to FDA-authorized smoke-free products.



What Is ZYN?

- ZYN is a small pouch made with plant-based fibers that contains naturally-derived, pharmaceutical-grade nicotine, food-grade fillers, and flavorings for a smoke-free and spit-free experience.
- It is designed to be placed between the upper lip and gum, allowing the nicotine to be absorbed orally.
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 - Unflavored Smooth and Chill

ZYN & Harm Reduction

- ZYN pouches have <u>almost undetectable levels</u>² of cancer-causing toxins compared to other smokeless tobacco products.³
- The overwhelming majority of ZYN users change their smoking behavior after starting ZYN.
 - Over 50 percent stopped smoking cigarettes.
 - Nearly one-third reduced the number of cigarettes smoked each day by more than half.⁴

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The "Swedish Experience" & Real-World Evidence

The Swedish experience continues to provide real-world evidence and epidemiological data demonstrating the power of smoke-free tobacco products to reduce the harm caused by cigarettes.

- Tobacco-related illness and mortality for men is <u>lower in</u>
 Sweden^s than in any other European country.
- Smoking rates in Sweden have fallen to the <u>lowest levels</u> in <u>Europe</u>, all while smoke-free product use has increased.

The Swedish experience is real-world evidence of how access to affordable, acceptable smoke-free products provides a better choice for adult smokers.

Adult Smokers Deserve Access To Better Choices: Smoke-Free Products

- · ZYN is not risk-free. It contains nicotine, which is addictive.
- For adults smokers, quitting all tobacco products is always the best choice.
- On average, <u>nine out of 10</u>⁷ adult smokers continue smoking each year.
- ZYN is a better choice than continued smoking for these adult smokers.

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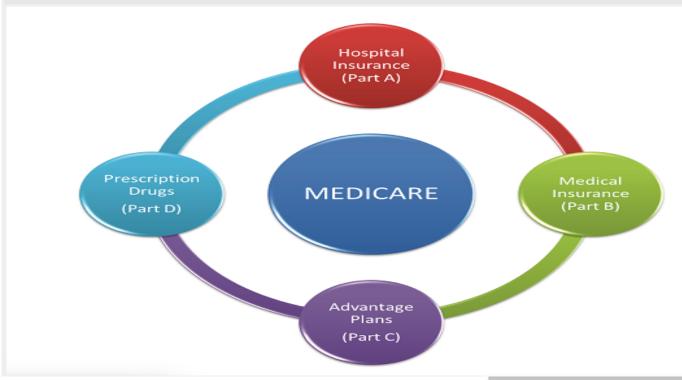
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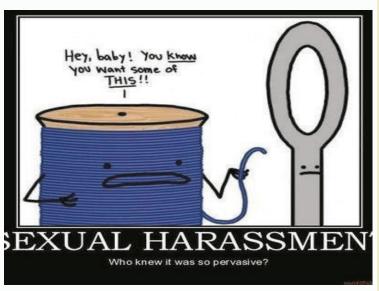
Information about your business and industry is provided through monthly newsletters and weekly updates as applicable.

Additional resources are available on the LIGRA.com website.

IS YOUR TRAINING UP TO DATE?

New York State, <u>MANDATES</u> all employers, regardless of the company's size, must have a sexual harassment policy. Employers must also conduct ANNUAL interactive sexual harassment training and provide a written antiharassment policy to ALL employees, to help keep you in compliance with these regulations.

To comply with the MANDATORY interactive sexual harassment training, LIGRA will be hosting this training class. These classes will be held in our LIGRA Office.



We do also offering sexual harassment training in addition, <u>at your location</u>. The cost is \$40.00 per person for LIGRA members and \$75 per person for non-LIGRA members.

Contact us to set up your training, at Chris@LIGRA.COM

Interest in Electric Vehicle Cars Stalls Among U.S. Consumers

U.S. drivers hesitate to choose an electric vehicle (EV) for their next vehicle purchase despite the growing number of EV models introduced to the market in recent years.

According to a new AAA study, just 16% of U.S. adults say they are very likely to likely to purchase a fully electric vehicle as their next car — the lowest percentage recorded of interest in EVs since 2019. Meanwhile, the percentage of consumers saying they are unlikely or very unlikely to purchase an EV rose to 63%, marking the highest point since 2022.

AAA conducted the annual survey March 6-10, using a probability-based panel designed to be representative of the U.S. household population overall. A total of 1,128 interviews were completed among U.S. adults

Surveyed drivers cited high battery repair costs (62%) and purchase price as key barriers to going fully electric. Other top concerns include the perceived unsuitability of EVs for long-distance travel (57%), a lack of convenient public charging stations (56%) and fear of running out of charge while driving (55%).

Additionally, 31% of drivers who are undecided or unlikely to purchase an EV have safety concerns; 27% reported challenges installing charging stations at their homes; and 12% pointed to the potential reduction or elimination of tax credits and rebates.

Still, interest in EVs isn't dead. Nearly three-fourths of surveyed drivers pointed to gas savings as a reason for potentially buying an EV, along with concern for the environment (59%) and lower maintenance costs (59%). While AAA's 2024 "Your Driving Cost" analysis found that EVs had the second-highest total ownership costs due to depreciation, purchase prices and finance charges, it also found that EVs had the lowest fuel cost of any vehicle type and the lowest maintenance costs.

Overall, public perception regarding the future of EVs remains uncertain, AAA found. The percentage of drivers who believe that most cars will be electric within the next 10 years dropped from 40% in 2022 to 23% this year. Interest in EVs to take advantage of tax credits and debates is also down, falling from 60% of those saying last year they are likely to buy an EV to 39% this year.

AAA noted that today's consumers may find more appeal in hybrid or plug-in hybrid vehicles, as they combined the advantages of traditional internal combustion engines with electric power, which reduces range anxiety while providing an environmentally friendly alternative.

Keeping you informed This is what the DMV is up to



The DMV field inspectors are out in force conducting undercover inspections. The fines they have been issuing have more than doubled, and court appearances have not significantly reduced these fines. Therefore, it is important to ensure that all inspections are thorough and complete. These are some of the violations that licensed inspection stations can incur:

- Issuing inspection stickers without performing proper inspections.
- Using unauthorized or fraudulent inspection stickers.
- All lug nuts are checked.
- The ends of the wiper blades are intact.
- The rear safety belts are present and functional.
- There are batteries in the tint meter, and that all windows comply with the tint limits.
- Failing to maintain the required equipment or records.
- Performing inspections by uncertified inspectors.
- Conducting inspections outside the scope of the station's license (e.g., emissions testing without proper authorization).

Don't allow the DMV to fine you for these simple items.

Fine Structure

Fines vary based on the violation's nature and whether it's a first or subsequent offense. Examples include:

- Fraudulent or Unauthorized Stickers (VTL 306-f): A misdemeanor charge with fines up to \$300 per violation plus an \$85 surcharge. Repeated offenses within 18 months can lead to higher fines and up to 30 days in jail.
- General Inspection Violations: Fines for improper inspections or record-keeping can range from \$50 to \$500, depending on the violation's severity and the station's history. Persistent violations may lead to license suspension or revocation.

How Stations Can Avoid Fines

- Ensure all inspections are conducted by certified inspectors using DMV-approved equipment.
- Maintain accurate records and return unused stickers by the March 1 deadline.
- Display the Official Inspection Station sign and adhere to scheduling requirements (e.g., inspecting vehicles within eight working days or providing a written appointment).
- Regularly train staff on DMV regulations and stay updated on changes via the DMV website or industry resources. All the regulations are on the LIGRA.COM website
- Address customer complaints promptly to avoid escalation to the DMV



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Changes to the Petroleum Bulk Storage Inspection Guide-

PLUS Nassau and Suffolk Counties made Changes to their BULK storage

DEC has released a revised version of DER-25: Petroleum Bulk Storage Inspection Guidebook. The primary purpose of this document is intended to provide guidance to DEC inspectors. However, the document also benefits owners/operators of petroleum bulk storage facilities by highlighting items evaluated during a DEC inspection so owners/operators may self-inspect to ensure that they are meeting applicable PBS regulations.

Proposed Guidance:

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is revising DER-25 / Petroleum Bulk Storage (PBS) Inspection Guidebook.

The policy provides guidance on consistent procedures for inspecting PBS facilities, as well as consistent interpretation and application of the PBS regulations. While owners/operators of PBS facilities are not the target audience of DER-25, they will benefit from the guidance by knowing which compliance items DER staff will evaluate during PBS inspections.

Revisions include:

- Updated to match current inspection practices
- Incorporated the new (electronic) PBS Inspection Form based on Survey123
- Structured to match the 2023 PBS regulations
- Addressed any recently discovered issues, as well as any lingering discrepancies between 40 CFR 280 and Part 613 (and associated stances, respectively)
- Specified parallel and/or superseding Codes/regulations (in case the inspector observes possible violations that need to be referred to another agency)

CP-51, Soil Cleanup Guidance – DER is issuing revisions to Commissioner's Policy (CP)-51, Soil Cleanup Guidance for public comment.

PURPOSE: CP-51 was first issued in October 2010. The policy describes the procedures for developing soil cleanup levels for remedial programs administered by the New York State DEC Division of Environmental Remediation (DER) that are not otherwise listed in the Soil Cleanup Objective tables published in 6 NYCRR Part 375, Environmental Remediation Programs.

Revisions include:

- Guidance values for perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluoro octane sulfonic acid (PFOS) are provided.
- Updated guidance values on polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) cleanups to be consistent with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's cleanup criteria.
- Updates to the supplemental soil cleanup objectives in Table 1.
- Values for ecological resource and protection of groundwater are revised and the basis for the new values is included in an appendix.
- Residential values previously included in Table 1 were based on outdated criteria and procedures and have been removed. New cleanup values for those contaminants will be developed.

Various other amendments to incorporate needed changes, clarifications, and modifications to the policy based on experience gained since the policy was first implemented.

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Text of Proposed Revisions to CP-51

Red-line Strike-out Document of Comparing October 2010 issued CP-51 versus June 2024 Proposed Revisions Combined Appendices, A-E A revised document correcting a typo in the values for 1,2,4-Trimethylbeneze and

1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene in Tables 2 and 3 was re-posted on June 25, 2024.

Requests for information on the proposed policy may be directed to Jenn Dawson, NYS DEC - Division of Environmental Remediation, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-7012, E-mail: dec.ny.gov.

DER-41, Financial Assurance Guidance - DER issued DER-41, Financial Assurance (FA) Guidance for public comment on October 12, 2023. Public comments on this policy are being reviewed.

PURPOSE: This program policy provides guidance to project managers and remedial parties to ensure that financial funding is available for the continued Operation, Maintenance, and Monitoring (OM&M), and enforcement of institutional or engineering controls required by a Decision Document and/or a Consent Order. These controls are necessary for the continued protection of public health and the environment. At a minimum, FA will be required as part of the remedial alternative if: the present worth of the OM&M costs are greater than three million dollars; or it is anticipated that the selected remedy will require OM&M for greater than 10 years. For additional information regarding the policy revision, visit DEC's proposed guidance on their website.



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Hybrid EV's Share of US Market Up in Q1, PHEV, Battery EVs Sales Flat: EIA

Hybrid electric vehicles continued to gain market share in the U.S. in the first quarter, while plug-in hybrid and battery EV sales were flat, the Energy Information Administration said on Friday.

The agency said that the pricing difference between the two categories could explain the divergence in sales.

The agency said the cost of an average BEV rose to \$59,200 in March from \$55,500 in December, while the average price of all new vehicles fell to \$47,500 from \$49,700.

This 25% difference between BEVs and the industry average prices in March was the highest in any month since April 2023, it said. EIA said the drop in EV sales was driven by lower demand for certain battery electric models such as the Honda Prologue, Chevrolet Equinox, and Tesla Model Y. These declines were partially offset by increased sales of other BEV models, such as the Volkswagen ID.4 and Toyota bZ4X.

About 22% of light-duty vehicles sold in Q1 in the U.S. were hybrid, BEV, or plug-in hybrid vehicles, up from about 18% in the Q1 2024, the agency said. EIA based its report on data from Wards Intelligence.

--Reporting by Frank Tang

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