EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt Opens SIGMA 2017 Annual Conference

SIGMA: America's Leading Fuel Marketers opened its 2017 Annual Conference in Chicago with a conversation between Scott Pruitt, Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and SIGMA Vice Chairman and Legislative Committee Chair Brad Puryear, General Counsel, Mansfield Energy.

Mr. Puryear opened the conversation by thanking Administrator Pruitt on behalf of the fuel marketing industry and the American public for helming EPA's quick and decisive response to Hurricanes Harvey and Irma earlier this year. Pruitt's leadership "inspired the rapid action taken by the agency to issue countless waivers for our industry, ensuring the flow of product did not stop to the affected areas, keeping emergency services functioning and getting the affected states back on their feet much faster with a steady fuel supply to keep the recovery efforts moving," Puryear said.

Administrator Pruitt shared with SIGMA attendees what defines his position and what led him to serve in his current role, as well as his unique perspective of the EPA with his background as a private citizen and former Oklahoma attorney general. The biggest challenge facing EPA is _____ and its biggest opportunity is _____, Pruitt said.

In response to a question regarding whether he sees a future drive to homogenize transportation fuels to lessen seasonal and regional blends, Administrator Pruitt said _____. Mr. Puryear commented that such an effort would lower fuel costs and help in crisis situations by increasing the supply of compliant fuel available for sale.

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"We are extremely honored to have Administrator Pruitt share his thoughts and experiences as head of EPA, one of the most influential federal agencies for the fuels industry, during the Opening General Session of the SIGMA 2017 Annual Conference," SIGMA President David Baker of Warrenton Oil Company said. "His background and knowledge of what it takes to be successful in industry in general, and as a fuel marketer in today's regulatory environment in particular, make him a valuable partner for SIGMA's members." "We thank him for taking time out of his exceedingly busy schedule to share his perspective with our members today."