

NAEDA Advocacy Update

A monthly summary of ASSOCIATION PRIORITY ISSUES

The NAEDA Advocacy Update is a new reference guide designed to keep dealers informed about association priority issues. An electronic version is regularly updated in the Dealer Advocacy Center at www.naeda.com.



This "Action Alert" icon will be displayed whenever action steps exist to help your voice be heard on topical issues. Dealers can expect to see alerts in all forms of NAEDA communications.



Manufacturer Relations			
ISSUE	SUMMARY	NAEDA'S POSITION	STATUS
Titling & Registration	The absence of an ownership tracking system for farm, outdoor power and industrial equipment is a growing concern to dealers because of liabilities related to liens, trade-ins, stolen equipment, manufacturer recalls, and safety.	NAEDA is working to assemble an industry-wide task force to investigate titling and registration as an option.	Task force is being formed.
Warranty Database	Dealers typically have to submit warranty information through a variety of manufacturer-specific forms that generally collect the same or similar information. This is a burden on dealers who sell a variety of products manufactured by FEMA and OPEI members.	NAEDA believes a single warranty database, using a standardized warranty submittal form, could relieve the information submittal and tracking burden from dealers and manufacturers alike.	NAEDA/FEMA staffs met Sept. 8 to hear iConnect's related OPEI and auto industry experience.

Government Relations			
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2007 Farm Bill	Bob Frazee, NAEDA chairman, testified before the House Agriculture Committee and recommended 2007 farm bill provisions supporting renewable energy, balanced conservation, fair trade and rural development and employment. His Sept. 13 testimony is available on NAEDA's Web site at www.naeda.com .	NAEDA supports legislation that benefits producers, including pro-farmer positions on balanced conservation/land use, rural development, alternative energy sources, and trade.	Ongoing discussions are taking place.
25 x '25 Vision	NAEDA has joined a coalition of over 200 companies and associations to support an energy plan to have 25 percent of the nation's energy come from renewable sources by the year 2025. Learn more at www.25x25.org .	Supporting coalition efforts.	NAEDA staff has been appointed to serve on a 25 x '25 biofuels subcommittee to develop recommended actions.

Particulate Matter 2.5

Agriculture, industrial and outdoor power equipment operation may be jeopardized by proposed revisions to fine particulate matter (PM 2.5) standards being developed by the states. Non-attainment of revised PM 2.5 standards could subject many areas to costly new regulations and guidelines.

If revised PM 2.5 standards are enacted, expect changes in equipment design and operation. For instance, new dust control systems may be required on equipment. In the field, planting and harvesting operations could be restricted or scheduled under designated time slots.

Equipment dealers who want to make their voices heard should attend public hearings scheduled by their state's environmental agency as these new standards are being developed. NAEDA is monitoring this process and will provide updates on the status and implications of the revisions.

The following map, produced by and used with permission of A.S.L. & Associates, illustrates how the standards may have an effect on the economic vitality of communities:

To view the U.S. Map of Counties Affected by Proposed PM 2.5 Standards (PDF), click [here](#).

To see the Schedule for Implementing a Revised PM 2.5 Standard (PDF), click [here](#).

To read a brief EPA overview about PM 2.5, click [here](#).