Washington Issues

The Western States Petroleum Association helps develop and support sound public policies that sustain affordable fuel resources for Washington's economy.

Washington’s five refineries supply gasoline for automobiles, clean diesel for trucks, fuel for the ferry and shipping fleets, and jet fuel crucial to the daily lives of everyone in the state. These products support jobs and vital services for Washingtonians and provide important tax revenues for state and local governments.

Clean Air Rule

Washington employers continue making great progress in reducing carbon emissions over the last two decades. The Clean Air Rule puts Washington manufacturers at a disadvantage against national and international competitors. It increase the cost of energy costs to families, making it more expensive to heat homes, drive to work and school and buy groceries.

WSPA members work to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through innovation and private investment. Washington stands among low-carbon leaders in the nation and globally. Our state’s carbon emissions can be cut even more but this rule is not the way to accomplish that goal.

Carbon Policy

WSPA and its members believe that climate change should be addressed at national and international levels. The negligible impact of a carbon tax localized to the state of Washington on mitigating climate change could have a significant negative impact on our state’s businesses.
WSPA and its members believe a carbon tax should not be duplicative, placing expensive and unnecessary burdens on already heavily taxed industries. It should create trade exposure, rather than limiting opportunities for businesses that rely on operations within and outside of a state’s borders.

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