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To: API Engine Oil Licensing and Certification System Licensees

Thank you for your participation in the API Engine Oil Licensing and Certification System (EOLCS). Your participation in the program and commitment to manufacturing quality oils have helped to ensure that car and truck engines globally help to meet continuously more stringent fuel economy requirements and are protected against common causes of engine stress: heat, deposits, wear, oxidation, and corrosion.

Effective January 1, 2026, the new application and license renewal fees will be increased to \$6,300. The complete 2026 fee structure is shown below:

	Current	Effective 1/1/2026
License application fee, USD	\$6,000	\$6,300
License renewal fee, USD	\$6,000	\$6,300
Royalty fee threshold, US Gal	750,000	750,000
Royalty fee based on volumes above threshold, USD	\$0.008	\$0.008

As a reminder, your API licensing fees are necessary to cover the cost of program administration, but also enable API to meet the following goals:

- Sample and test hundreds of engine oil products from the marketplace annually and provide independent, third-party analysis of your API-licensed engine oil products.
- Monitor and enforce the marketplace for unauthorized use of the API Engine Oil Certification Marks, which can include sampling and testing of unlicensed engine oil encountered.
- Heavily promote the use of API-licensed fluids via print, radio, online webinars, and other trade media.
- Engage, inform, and educate consumers on proper EO usage, storage, and handling.
- Host, attend, and participate in industry forums and committees and monitor/identify issues which may impact the API program or its licensees.

The program's goal is to provide the highest level of quality and service to the worldwide lubricants industry, and we are committed to meeting this objective. Again, we thank you for your involvement and support of the Engine Oil Licensing and Certification System.

Thank you,

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