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Portable Generators' Manufacturers' Association Requests Comments to Upcoming ANSI/PGMA G300 Standard Revision

Cleveland Ohio (February 21, 2017) -- The Portable Generator Manufacturers' Association (PGMA) would like to request a "Call for Members" for its BSR/PGMA G300-201x, Safety and Performance of Portable Generators (revision of ANSI/PGMA G300-2015) Standard which is currently under revision. The proposed revisions include adding new requirements related to carbon monoxide safety concerns.

PGMA has the only ANSI standard addressing the safety of portable generators. To help develop this revised version of the standard, PGMA held a Technical Summit in 2016 that brought together manufacturers, suppliers, the Consumer Product Safety Commission, National Institute of Safety and Technology, safety consultants, Underwriters Laboratories and independent interests. PGMA also conducted independent research on past incidents involving portable generators to understand how incidents occurred to better address to potential hazard.

"Members" will have an opportunity to vote as well as provide comments to the proposed revisions to the ANSI/PGMA G300 standard. PGMA is specifically seeking members in the "user" category, which is defined as:

"Those who are predominantly interested in the use of the product, materials, or services. This category usually includes consumers, customers of product producers, distributors, retailers, etc. and may include regulatory agencies, safety associations, certification agencies, and similar organizations."

Please contact PGMA at pgma@pgmaonline.com or by calling 216-241-7333 for more information and to participate in the comment period.

About Portable Generator Manufacturers' Association

The Portable Generator Manufacturers' Association (PGMA) is a trade association that seeks to develop and influence safety and performance standards for the portable generator industry and its products. Formed in 2009, PGMA members include the major manufacturers of portable generators sold in North America including [American Honda Motor Co.](#), [Briggs & Stratton](#)

[Corporation](#), [Champion Power Equipment](#), [Generac Power Systems](#), [Techtronic Industries Power Equipment](#), [Wacker Neuson Production Americas LLC](#) and [Yamaha Motor Corp USA](#).

PGMA is dedicated to the safe use of portable generators. Facts on portable generator safety include:

- ***Keep generators outdoors.*** Do not use portable generators inside tents, campers or partially enclosed spaces.
- ***Always place your portable generator downwind.*** Pointing the exhaust away from your campsite, hunting or fishing location is critical to avoid carbon monoxide accumulating in occupied spaces.
- ***Be prepared.*** Install a battery-operated carbon monoxide alarm in your camper or at your campsite, according to manufacturer's instructions.
- ***Educate yourself.*** Always read the operator's manual first and follow the manufacturer's recommended precautions and procedures.
- ***Be aware.*** If you feel sick, dizzy or weak while using your portable generator, get to fresh air immediately and call 911 for emergency medical attention.

Watch a [video](#) on portable generator safety and access more information and downloads at www.TakeYourGeneratorOutside.com.