



APGA SECURITY & INTEGRITY FOUNDATION OPERATIONS CONFERENCE

March 29-31, 2016 • Marriott Riverfront • Savannah, GA

TUESDAY, MARCH 29

- 10:00 a.m. **CONFERENCE REGISTRATION & EXHIBIT SETUP**
- 1:00 p.m. **WELCOME**
Rich Worsinger, APGA Chair – City of Rocky Mount, N.C.
Leonard Phillips, SIF Chair – City Utilities of Springfield, Missouri
- 1:10 p.m. **JOINT SESSION: THE MORAL CASE FOR FOSSIL FUELS (1 CREDIT)**
In his best-selling book, Alex Epstein argues that fossil fuels, despite popular perception, have improved every measure of human well-being, from life expectancy to clean water. Believing that the public only hears one side of the story, he discusses how we are programmed to only concentrate on the risks and side effects of fossil fuels rather than their unique ability to provide cheap, reliable energy to a world of seven billion people, most of who are in developing countries and have no access to alternatives.
Author: Alex Epstein
- 2:10 p.m. **JOINT SESSION: NET ZERO ENERGY PANEL (1.5 CREDITS)**
Hear energy professionals from all facets of the natural gas industry—public and investor owned systems—discuss the net zero energy issue and how it is changing the industry.
Sue Kristjansson – Southern California Gas
Rick Murphy – American Gas Association
Rodney Dill – Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia
Moderator: Greg Henderson – Southeast Alabama Gas District
- 3:30 p.m. **NETWORKING BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS – GROUPS SPLIT AFTER THE BREAK**
- 4:00 p.m. **OPERATIONS CONFERENCE - PHMSA UPDATE (1 CREDIT)**
An update on recent pipeline safety regulatory initiatives including excess flow valves for multi-family and commercial service lines, operator qualification, plastic pipe, Pipeline Safety Management System (PSMS) and more
Chris McLaren – Pipeline & Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA)
- 4:50 p.m. **CLOSING REMARKS, DOOR PRIZES & ADJOURNMENT**
- 5:30 p.m. **NETWORKING RECEPTION WITH EXHIBITORS**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

- 7:00 a.m. **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST WITH EXHIBITORS**
- 8:00 a.m. **EMERGENCY RESPONDER TRAINING (1 CREDIT)**
New tools to assist utilities and first responders to effectively respond to a natural gas emergency
Mike Callan – Callan and Company
- 8:50 a.m. **GEORGIA'S PIPELINE EMERGENCY RESPONSE INITIATIVE (1 CREDIT)**
An overview of an innovative program in Georgia to better prepare utilities and first responders in a pipeline emergency situation
David Kimbrell – Hall County, Georgia
- 9:40 a.m. **NETWORKING BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS**



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- 10:00 a.m. **USE OF SYSTEM MODELING IN DISTRIBUTION PLANNING & OPERATIONS (1.5 CREDITS)**
A panel discussion of developers and users of distribution system modeling tools addressing how utilities are using system modeling in utility planning and decision-making
Bradley Bean – B3 Consulting
Dave Durgin – Orangeburg, S.C.
Matt Stennett – Middle Tennessee Natural Gas
Bradley Walters – Rocky Mount, N.C.
- 11:20 a.m. **NEW TECHNOLOGY AND SERVICES FOR DISTRIBUTION OPERATIONS (1/2 CREDIT)**
Presentations by exhibitors on products and services for distribution operations
- 11:50 a.m. **DOOR PRIZES**
- Noon **BUFFET LUNCH (Provided)**
- 1:15 p.m. **CYBERSECURITY (1 CREDIT)**
A discussion of current cybersecurity best practices including the DNG ISAC, Downstream Natural Gas Information Sharing and Analysis Center, is the downstream natural gas industry's resource for cyber and physical threat intelligence analysis and sharing
Jim Linn – American Gas Association
- 2:05 p.m. **GTI UPDATE (1 CREDIT)**
An update on research and development at the Gas Technology Institute with emphasis on technologies for gas distribution
Bob Morris – Gas Technology Institute
- 2:55 p.m. **DOOR PRIZES**
- 3:00 p.m. **NETWORKING BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS**
- 3:20 p.m. **CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION (1.5 CREDITS)**
Update on the regulation and/or a panel on how operators assure quality control during construction.
John Erickson – American Public Gas Association
- 4:10 p.m. **PIPELINE SAFETY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS (PSMS) (1 CREDIT)**
An overview of the new API Recommended Practice 1173 Pipeline Safety Management System (PSMS) with special emphasis on APGA guidelines for managing safety in public gas utilities
Steve Prue – Ellensburg, WA
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- 7:00 a.m. **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST WITH EXHIBITORS**
- 8:00 a.m. **NAPSR'S OUTLOOK FOR PIPELINE SAFETY (1 CREDIT)**
State regulator's perspective on pipeline safety trends and enforcement
Rick Moses – Florida Public Service Commission
- 8:50 a.m. **RESULTS OF PHMSA'S PUBLIC AWARENESS WORKING GROUP (1 CREDIT)**
A discussion of the results of PHMSA's analysis of public awareness regulations and programs focusing on strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats to effective public awareness
Bill DeFoor – Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia
- 9:40 a.m. **NETWORKING BREAK**
- 10:00 a.m. **UPDATE ON SIF PROGRAMS AND SERVICES (1 CREDIT)**
Update on SHRIMP, Drug and Alcohol tool, and new tools to create operation and maintenance manuals, public awareness plans and operator qualification plans
John Erickson – APGA Security & Integrity Foundation
- 10:50 a.m. **ROUNDTABLE ON OPERATIONS AND SAFETY ISSUES (1 CREDIT)**
- 11:40 a.m. **CONFERENCE WRAP-UP, DOOR PRIZES & ADJOURNMENT**