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WELCOME

Welcome to the AMPP Eastern Conference 2026

As Chair, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the AMPP Eastern Conference 2026 in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina!

I'm excited to have you here for a few days of learning, collaboration, and connection centered on pipeline integrity. Protecting the pipelines our communities and industries depend on requires practical knowledge, continued innovation, and a shared commitment to safety and reliability. This conference provides an opportunity to bring those priorities together and learn from one another.

Over the next few days, I invite you to make the most of everything the Eastern Conference has to offer. Our technical program brings together industry professionals to share experience, explore solutions to real-world challenges, and discuss the issues shaping pipeline integrity today. Whether you work in the field, manage assets, develop technologies, or support the industry in another capacity, I hope you leave Myrtle Beach with ideas and connections you can take back to your organization.

Just as important are the conversations that happen outside the technical sessions. Join us in the Exhibit Hall for the **Welcome Reception on Monday, October 19, from 5–7 p.m.**, and keep the conversations going at the **Exhibitor Happy Hour following Tuesday's technical sessions**. Both are great opportunities to meet exhibitors, reconnect with colleagues, and introduce yourself to someone new.

On Tuesday evening, I also hope you'll join us for **An Evening That Rocks: Dueling Pianos Social at Crocodile Rocks at Broadway at the Beach**. It's a chance to relax, enjoy live entertainment, and get to know fellow attendees outside the conference setting. The social is included at no additional cost for registered attendees.

While you're here, I hope you get a chance to enjoy a little of Myrtle Beach. Take a walk along the ocean, explore the boardwalk, or discover a local favorite nearby. A little coastal air is a welcome addition to a busy conference schedule!

The Eastern Area is built on a strong community of professionals who are generous with their knowledge, passionate about their work, and committed to protecting the assets and infrastructure that people depend on every day. This conference is a reflection of that community, and I'm grateful you've chosen to be part of it.

Thank you for joining us in Myrtle Beach. I'm glad you're here, and I hope you have a productive, memorable, and enjoyable conference.

See you around the conference!

Don Mitchell
Chair, AMPP Eastern Conference 2026
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2026 marks five years of AMPP as a unified global organization.

Under the theme **Forged by History. Focused on the Future.**, we're celebrating the people who make AMPP what it is: professionals protecting critical assets, advancing technical knowledge, strengthening our workforce, and shaping the future of materials protection and performance around the world.

Join the celebration while you're here! Pick up an AMPP Fifth Anniversary sticker and keep an eye out for our Fifth Anniversary signage throughout the conference.

See a sign? **Snap a photo, share it on social media using #AMPP5thAnniversary, and tag AMPP.** Help us show the people, places, and community behind five years united and what comes next.

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FEATURED SPEAKERS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

Your Strategy Is Likely to Fail—and It's Not the Reason You Think
8:00 – 8:25 AM | Ballroom DE
Alan Thomas, CEO, AMPP

Let's Get Grounded: SC811 Updates You Need to Know
8:25 – 8:50 AM | Ballroom DE
LaDonna Trapp, Public Awareness Liaison, Eastern Region, SC811

Fireside Chat With Asset Owner
3:00 – 3:30 PM | Ballroom DE
Kevin Garrity, Executive Vice President, Garrity Materials and Corrosion Consulting, with Len Krissa, Manager Integrity and Risk Management - Corrosion Prevention & Metallurgy, GTM N. America, Enbridge

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20 *(cont'd)*

Asset Owner Insights: Managing Corrosion Risks
3:30 – 4:30 PM | Ballroom DE
Moderator: Tim Gonzalez, VP, Energy Sector, AMPP
Panelists: Andrew Hollingsworth, Duke; Len Krissa, Enbridge; Joe Saxton, Colonial; Charles "Rigby" Swicord, Dominion Energy

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

What's New With PHMSA
8:30 – 9:20 AM | Ballroom DE
Tom Correll, Associate Administrator, PHMSA

SPECIAL EVENTS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

Rectifier Course
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM | Ballroom C
Separate Registration Required

Rectifier Lunch Sponsored by: BK CORROSION

AMPP Carolinas Scholarship Fundraiser Golf Tournament
8:00 AM
Separate Registration Required

SC 15 Pipelines & Tanks
1:00 – 5:00 PM | Ballroom A

Eastern Area Task Force Meeting
3:00 – 5:00 PM | Ballroom B

Opening Reception
5:00 – 7:00 PM | Exhibit Hall A

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

Welcome Coffee & Breakfast
7:00 – 8:00 AM | Ballroom DE foyer

Tuesday SECSC Board & Committee Meet and Greet @ Welcome Breakfast 7:00AM

SC 02 External Coatings - Atmospheric
9:30 - 11:30 AM | Ballroom A

Lunch
11:45 AM – 1:00 PM | Exhibit Hall A

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20 *(cont'd)*

SC 23 Coating System Application, Maintenance & Inspection
1:00 – 2:30 PM | Ballroom A

Happy Hour
4:30 – 5:30 PM | Exhibit Hall A

An Evening That Rocks: Dueling Pianos Social Event
6:00 – 8:30 PM

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Carolina Chapter Meeting
10:00 – 10:30 AM | Ballroom A
Closed-door meeting

Carolina Section/Corrosion Committee Meeting
10:30 – 11:00 AM | Ballroom A
Closed-door meeting

Southeastern Correlating Committee Meeting
11:15 – 11:45 AM | Ballroom A
Closed-door meeting

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

MONDAY October 19

8:00 – 5:00 PM | BALLROOM C
RECTIFIER COURSE
Separate registration required

8:00 AM
AMPP CAROLINAS SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER GOLF TOURNAMENT
Separate registration required

1:00 – 5:00 PM | BALLROOM A
SC 15 PIPELINES & TANKS

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SC 02 EXTERNAL COATINGS — ATMOSPHERIC

	ASSET INTEGRITY TRACK Ballroom B	AC INTERFERENCE & RECONDUCTORING TRACK Ballroom C
9:30–10:15 AM	**"The Art of Integrity Installation"** Billy Rado, Electrical and Instrumentations Unlimited	**"Understanding AC Interference and Mitigation"** Ben Jacobs, Dairyland
10:15–11:00 AM	**"Governance and Technical Control Gaps in Managing Stored Assets at Risk of Corrosion Deterioration"** Damaris Martinez Lancheros, Universidad Pedagógica y Technológica de Colombia	**"Beyond Today's Grid: Forward-Looking AC Interference Risk Screening"** Perry Ross, Lake Superior Consulting
11:00–11:45 AM	**"Enhance the Integrity of Buried Aged Pipelines Utilizing ECDA and SCCDA"** Mohammed Alotaibi, Saudi Aramco	**"AC & DC Interference Beyond the Powerlines"** Ryan Buchs, Entrust

11:45 AM – 1:00 PM
LUNCH IN EXHIBIT HALL
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1:00 – 2:30 PM | Ballroom A
SC 23 COATING SYSTEM APPLICATION, MAINTENANCE & INSPECTION

	CATHODIC PROTECTION SYSTEMS Ballroom B	EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES & REGULATORY ISSUES Ballroom C
1:00–1:45 PM	**"Sensor Assemblies for the Evaluation of Cathodic Protection Effectiveness"** Thomas Theissen, BORIN	**"Reconductoring and AC Interference: Challenges and Mitigation Solutions for Buried Structures"** Aaron Raath, Cathtect

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

1:45–2:30 PM	**"Accelerated CP, Predictable Delivery: Practical Approaches to Running a Smarter, Audit-Ready Cathodic Protection Program"** Christiane Lederer, Corrosion & Integrity Consulting Services	**"Challenges Facing Smaller Operators Under PHMSA New Gathering Line Rule"** Kyle Flanagan, Grey Lock Energy
	2:30 – 3:00 PM **BREAK IN EXHIBIT HALL**	
	3:00 – 3:30 PM | BALLROOM DE **Fireside Chat With Asset Owner** Kevin Garrity, Executive Vice President, Garrity Materials and Corrosion Consulting, with Len Krissa, Manager Integrity and Risk Management - Corrosion Prevention & Metallurgy, GTM N. America, Enbridge	
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	4:30 – 5:30 PM **HAPPY HOUR IN EXHIBIT HALL**	
	6:00 – 9:00 PM **AN EVENING THAT ROCKS: DUELING PIANOS SOCIAL EVENT** *Off-site	

WEDNESDAY October 21

	8:30 – 9:20 AM | BALLROOM DE **"WHAT'S NEW WITH PHMSA"** *Tom Correll, PHMSA Associate Administrator*	
	CASE STUDIES Ballroom B	**IN THE FIELD** Ballroom C
9:30–10:15 AM	**"Inorganic Systems — Proven 50 Year Corrosion Resistance"** Russ Hansen, Carboline	**"How NOT to Do Close-Interval Survey"** Cal Chapman, Chapman Engineering
	10:15 – 10:45 AM **BREAK IN EXHIBIT HALL** **Trivia Card winners will be announced at 10:35 AM** Trivia Card Sponsored by: Anodeflex, BAC, Borin, Henkel, Integrity Solutions Field Services, Grid-Guard Rock Shields, Liberty Sales and Distribution, Loresco, Titan Corrosion Services, Inc.	
	CASE STUDIES (cont.) Ballroom B	**IN THE FIELD (cont.)** Ballroom C
10:45–11:30 AM	**"Engineering the Future: Innovations in Energy Transmission Infrastructure"** Dr. Jigar Mistry, The Sherwin-Williams Company	**"Advanced Soil Resistivity Data Collection & Analysis"** Tom Taylor, Tom Taylor Corrosion Consulting
11:30 AM–12:15 PM	**"Managing the Threat of Hydrogen Embrittlement in Vintage Piping With Hard Spots"** Kevin Garrity, Garrity Materials and Corrosion Consulting, and Len Krissa, Enbridge	**"Coupons – Mass Transport, Migration, Diffusion & Polarization – A Critical Review"** Gerald Haynes, CTC Consultants
12:15–1:00 PM	**"Decouplers: Where They Are Used, How They Work, and Why They Matter"** Ben Jacobs, Dairyland	**"Breaking the RMU Paradigm: High-Frequency Data Logging Meets Edge Computing for Smarter Cathodic Protection"** Ivano Magnifico, Automa

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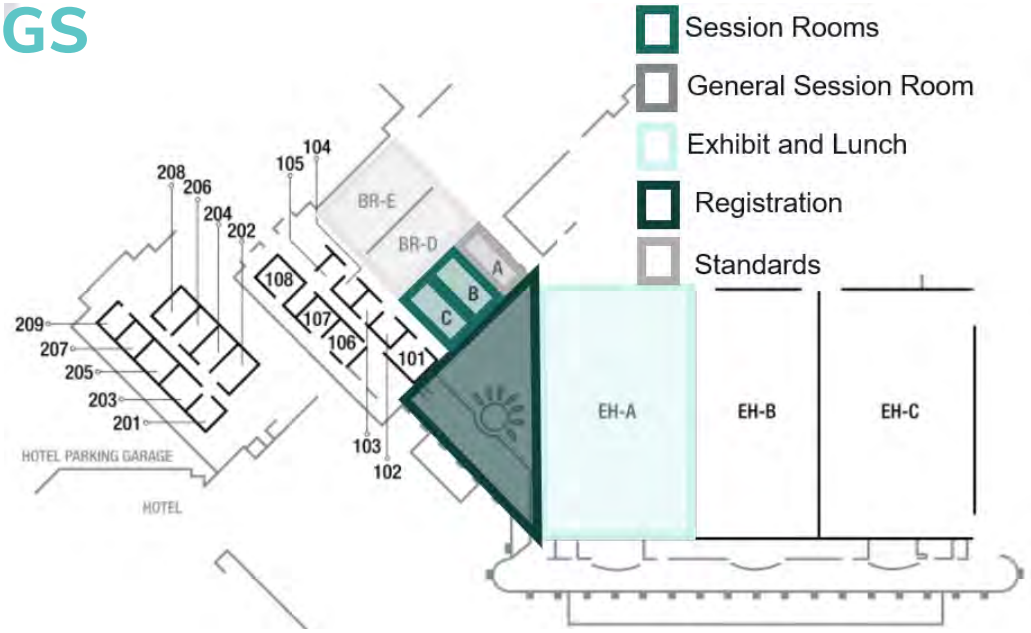

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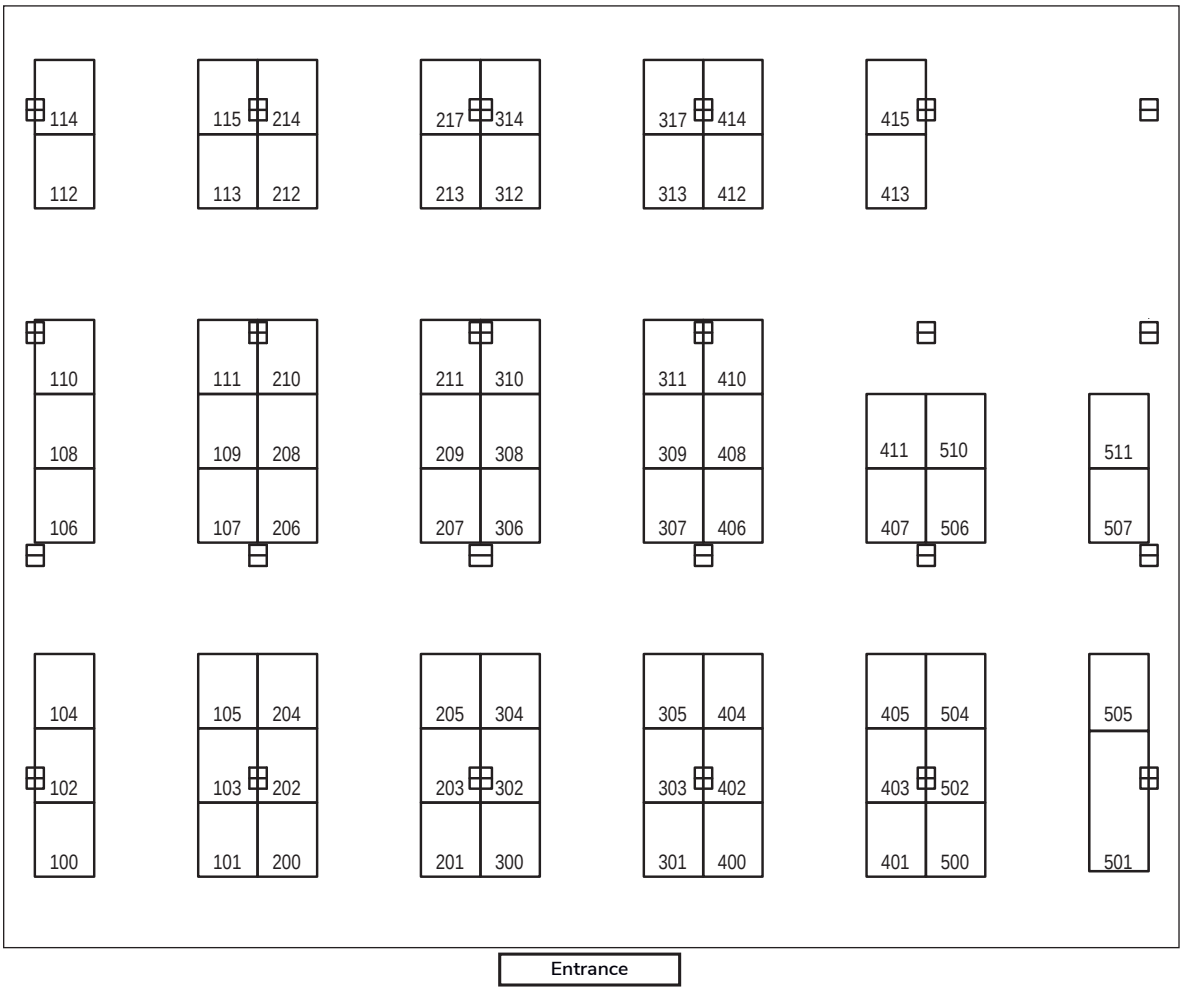

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