



News Release

SGA Offshore Gas Operations Conference and Exhibit

Galveston, TX

June 16-18, 2009

Conference Chairman: Tommy McNulty, Spectra Energy

Conference Vice Chairman: Glenn Jasek, Williams Gas Pipeline

The 2009 Southern Gas Association Offshore Gas Operations Conference and Exhibit was held at the Moody Gardens Hotel and attracted 80 natural gas operations industry professionals. Presentations featuring pertinent information regarding future hurricane activity that may affect the natural gas industry in 2009, a presentation which focused on the effects of natural gas storage, an MMS update, a presentation that focused on the current state of affairs in the USA and the effects on the natural gas industry, a panel discussion that detailed preparation and post-storm recovery experiences following major hurricanes, breakout sessions, and an exhibit.



Tom McNulty (Spectra Energy) introducing Frank Billingsley (KPRC-TV)

Keynote Presentations

2008 Hurricane Predictions and Actual Results and Weather Outlook for 2009 Season

Frank Billingsley, KPRC-TV

- Reviewed the National Hurricane Center's storm projections for 2008 compared to actual weather experienced
- Projections and expectations for hurricane damage in the 2009 season were given



John Jaccobi (PHMSA) and Frank Billingsley (KPRC-TV) at the 2009 SGA Offshore Gas Operations Conference and Exhibit

Gas Storage Update

Ron Benefield, Spectra Energy

- Natural gas storage capacities in the coastal regions and how storage impacts producers and pipelines companies' prices and day-to-day activities were reviewed

MMS Update

Alex Alvarado, Minerals Management Service

- Discussed what gas companies should expect in 2009, areas of particular emphasis, policies and procedural changes, etc.

Oil & Gas Economics and Future

Don Briggs, Louisiana Oil & Gas Association

- Reviewed the gas industry's outlook given the current state of the national economy, the new political environment, and how gas companies are coping with tighter credit markets, less working capital, etc.

Panel Discussion

Member Companies' Preparation and Post-Storm Recovery Experiences

Moderator

- John Brennan, Enbridge Offshore Pipelines

Panelists

- Graylen Davis, El Paso Corporation
- Wayne Michel, Enbridge Offshore Pipelines
- Martin Sowell, El Paso Corporation
- Garry Worone, Enbridge Offshore Pipelines



Panel discussion led by John Brennan (Enbridge Offshore Pipelines)

- The panel discussion detailed experiences following hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Gustov, and Ike. Best practices were shared as well as thoughts and ideas on how the industry might better prepare for weathering future storms and recovering more quickly and efficiently.

Breakout Session

Operations Breakout Session

Moderators

- Glen Jasek, Williams Gas Pipeline
- Nicky Smith, TransCanada

Breakout Topics

- Security System
- Audit Experiences
- Public Awareness and One Call
- Pipeline Operator and Owner Change information
- Subpart J revision
- Offshore Integrity Management – New requirements
- GOADS – Emission Inventory Offshore Assets
- Maintenance Practice

2009 Exhibitors

- CalDive International
- Chet Morrison Contractors
- Compressor Tech Two Magazine
- Drinkwater Products
- Fugro
- Integra Technologies
- Louisiana Gas Pipeliners Association
- Madcon Corp
- Monico Monitoring
- N-Spec Pipeline Services/Coastal Chemicals
- Sensit Technologies
- Specialty Maintenance Products
- T Baker Smith, Inc.
- TD Williamson Offshore Services
- Weatherford Pipe & Specialty Services
- Wilson Valve Specialties



Special Event

June 18- The 2009 SGA Offshore Gas Operations Conference and Exhibit participated in a golf tournament at the Moody Gardens Golf Course.

Sponsors

Special thanks to

- Chet Morrison Contractors, Inc. for sponsoring the golf tournament
- GulfSafe for sponsoring the refreshment break

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