ENVIRONMENTAL, SAFETY & HEALTH AND TRAINING CONFERENCE
June 24-26; Tampa FL
Registration is now open!

- Environmental Roundtable
- Safety & Health Roundtable
- Training Professionals Roundtable

SGA BOARD APPROVES FORMATION OF A NEW "PIPELINE SAFETY COUNCIL"
On April 3, 2014, the SGA Board of Directors approved the formation of a new "Pipeline Safety Council."
The Pipeline Safety Council will consist of senior delegates from member companies who will advance pipeline safety for transmission, midstream and distribution operating companies. Read more.

SGA Contact: Randy Randolph or Mike Grubb
DR. SCOTT TINKER CONFIRMED AS KEYNOTE AT THE SGA OPERATING CONFERENCE

Dr. Scott Tinker
Director, Bureau of Economic Geology, Univ. of Texas, Austin

Leaving our Corners: Leader-ship in Today's Global Energy Scene
General Session Keynote: Monday, July 28, 2014 - 1:00 to 2:45 PM

Learn more about our current energy revolution and dig deeper in to where the different energy advocates (pro and con) sit - and what the next steps are to bring everyone to the same table to help foster the most important aspect of the American and world economy - Energy.

Dr. Scott Tinker is a professor holding the Allday Endowed Chair and acting Associate Dean of Research in the Jackson School of Geosciences at The University of Texas at Austin, and director of the Advanced Energy Consortium. He spent 17 years in the oil and gas industry prior to joining UT in 2000. Scott has given over 500 invited and keynote lectures in nearly 50 countries to groups of all kinds, and most recently co-produced and is featured in the acclaimed agenda-free energy documentary, SWITCH.

Learn more about the SGA Operating Conference

SGA Contact: Gary Hines

NATIONAL PETROLEUM COUNCIL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT MEETING

This meeting was conducted April 30, 2014, in Washington DC. Paula Gant, a good friend to the natural gas industry (formerly with Spectra and AGA), helped facilitate the meeting.

Approximately 50 people participated including SGA. SGA has been invited to participate in this project due to our experience with Hurricane Katrina and Super Storm Sandy.

The objective of the meeting was for the study team to gather additional input from key industry and government stakeholders on how responses to recent natural disasters have been managed and where improvements may be instituted. Based on experience, input was sought on recommendations on how to:

- Improve emergency preparedness
- Enhance communications
- Improve situational awareness for informed decisions and response
- Expeditiously restore normal operations and fuel supply to customers

SGA contact: Kent Hobart

DEBRIEF WEBINAR PROVIDES LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE MUTUAL ASSISTANCE NATIONAL MOCK DRILL

Over 120 operators participated in a webinar April 24, as the wrap up for January's National Mock Drill. The one hour session featuring Mike Bellman, Engineering Services Manager at AGA, provided key insights on areas where the industry and individual operators can improve mutual aid processes. Among the lessons learned:

- Development of common job classification terminology that can be used in describing skill sets of staff requested for restoration activities.
• Pre-planning within companies to estimate what their needs would be for recovery from different types and scale of events.
• Streamlining of the DOT waiver processes for the transportation of equipment resources and the temporary relaxation of OQ requirements.
• Refinement of the AGA Request for Assistance form that was tested during the drill.

The webinar was recorded and is accessible via this link. If you’d like a copy of Mike’s slides you can access them here.

For more information on the mock drill or SGA’s mutual assistance program, contact Kent Hobart.

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**SGA OPERATING CONFERENCE & EXHIBITS** - Registration now Open!
July 28-30; New Orleans

The Operating Conference format is focused round table discussion. Attendees learn smart practices and lessons learned from their peers with 16 concurrent facilitated sessions to choose from. Breakout sessions with presentations from subject matter experts open the conference. Make plans to visit the exhibit hall, which will include over 100 suppliers showcasing the latest products and services available to the industry.

**Roundtable for: Regional Managers and Directors - Proposed**

Member company, Atlanta Gas Light, has proposed a new roundtable to be conducted at the upcoming SGA Operating Conference. This new roundtable would focus on:

• Safety
• Employee Retention
• Performance Management
• Managing the Budget
• Standards & Compliance
• New Technology
### Contingency Plans

See the expanded list of topics: [click here](#)

Please let us know if your company would support this roundtable (July 28-30; New Orleans). Pending favorable feedback, SGA will move forward with identifying chairs and developing an agenda.

SGA contact: [Kent Hobart](#)

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### SAFETY SHORTS AND SAFETY TRAINING VIDEOS SUBMISSION - DEADLINE EXTENDED TO MAY 16TH

The Safety & Health Committee would like to invite all SGA member companies to participate in the 2014 Safety Shorts Video program sponsored by the Safety & Health Committee.

Send a Safety Short video that demonstrates one of your company's best safety practices and send a Safety Training Video that your company has produced. Participating companies will be recognized during the Safety & Health Roundtable and the videos will be posted on the SGA Network website for access and use by all SGA member companies. [More information](#).

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### ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS

The SGA [Environmental Committee](#) is seeking nominations for the 2014 [SGA Environmental Excellence Awards](#). This award will recognize companies who have made significant impacts in protecting our environment. Through utilization of innovative environmental practices, SGA member companies reduce waste, save money and contribute to the industry's environmental protection efforts, as well as benefit the health and welfare of the nation. Categories of this award program include:

- Stewardship
- Technology/Conservation
- Partnership

Nominations are due May 21st, so [download and submit the nomination form](#) today!

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### GROWTH - AN SGA PROJECT

This project is being worked on jointly by the following:

- Distribution Operations & Engineering Section
- Customer Experience Section
- Marketing Section

These sections are collaborating to advance a dialogue focused on load growth and moving a gas customer or potential customer to “yes.” [Click here](#) to learn more and to access five white papers from your peers outlining their success with moving customers to “yes” for natural gas.

SGA contact: [Randy Randolph](#)

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### PIPELINE MOVEMENT THREATS - WEBINAR - PROPOSED

Pending member interest, this series will be delivered using our WebEx platform either in the Fall of 2014 or Spring of 2015.
Topics under consideration are:

- Causes: Seismic activity; Subsidence; Landslides; Scouring in rivers and streams
- Resulting stresses and strains on pipelines
- Monitoring pipeline movements
- Construction practices
- Remediation practices

Send your suggestions on topics and speakers to: Fraser Farmer

**DOT PART 195 TRAINING - PROPOSED**

We have been asked by several member companies at the possibility to doing a "crash course" on DOT Part 195 for those that know the DOT Part 192 code, but may be doing work on the liquids side for your organization.

Attached is a proposed outline that could be developed into a one and a half day workshop. The fee to attend would be approximately $400. In addition, the workshop could be brought in-house just as our current gas DOT Compliance workshop is.

Based on your feedback, SGA could start developing the material within the next 60 days and may even be able to launch our first workshop this Fall or early next Spring (most likely having the first workshop in Houston).

This workshop is sponsored by the Transmission Technical Training Committee and the Transmission Regulatory Compliance Committee.

Please express interest or ask questions to: Gary Hines

**SOUTHERN GAS ASSOCIATION - EXECUTIVE UPDATE**

Our Executive Newsletter is a review of your association's activities. Review the Q1 addition.

**LARHONDA MAYS ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT**

SGA Operating Section Committees host a lot of events each year; about 3 per month. And all those events need handouts, guidebooks, name badges, tent cards and other materials to make them successful.

For nearly 10 years, LaRhonda Mays has been managing our production room - making sure all the meeting materials are assembled just right, then shipped to the meeting location.

LaRhonda is retiring from SGA later this year. We'll miss her. Read more.

**WE MOVED!**

We were in suite 1300 for nearly 20 years and recently moved to suite 1500 with some nice new digs! So please change our address to:

Southern Gas Association; 3030 LBJ Freeway; Suite 1500; Dallas TX 75234

**EVENT CALENDAR**

**PRACTICAL IN-LINE INSPECTION WORKSHOP**

May 6-8, 2014; T.D. Willamson at Tulsa, OK
MUTUAL ASSISTANCE & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP
May 14-16, 2014; Intercontinental Hotel New Orleans - New Orleans, LA

SPRING TRAINING WEEK
May 20-22, 2014; CenterPoint Office, Houston TX

- Introduction to the Natural Gas Industry
- Introduction to Regulated Natural Gas Accounting
- The Ratemaking Process
- How Natural Gas is Bought and Sold

INTEGRITY MANAGEMENT FOR GAS TRANSMISSION PIPELINES WORKSHOP
May 21-23, 2014; Houston TX

ADVANCED IN-LINE INSPECTION WORKSHOP
June 3-5, 2014; DNV Columbus, Dublin, OH

OFFSHORE & COASTAL PIPELINE OPERATIONS CONFERENCE & EXHIBITS
June 11-13, 2014; Beau Rivage Resort & Casino, Biloxi, MS

ENVIRONMENTAL, SAFETY & HEALTH, AND TRAINING CONFERENCE
June 24-26, 2014; Hilton Tampa Downtown, Tampa, FL

OPERATING CONFERENCE
July 28-30, 2014; Hyatt Regency, New Orleans, LA

VIEW OUR EVENT CALENDAR:
Many of our workshops are available to bring to your location. Some of our workshops are scheduled based on demand. Check out our full list of onsite workshops to indicate your interests or contact Member Services.

SGA NETWORK

Visit the May Network News to learn more about programs like:

The Dynamics of the PR Battle
Recorded at the SGA Management Conference

Presenter
Bart Mongoven, President & CEO, Keyframe Policy Consulting, LLC

Target Audience: All Employees
Program Focus

Bart Mongoven's timely presentation addresses critical issues facing the natural gas industry in today's high profile environment. We know there are lots of supporters of the natural gas industry especially with regards to client change and the environment. But there are others that are not supportive of the industry. Mongoven's goal is to help us understand some of the mysterious reasons people are opposed to the natural gas industry.

KeyFrame Policy Consulting specializes in solving public policy issues. In his presentation, Bart looks at the specifics from the stakeholders, activities & environmentalists.

Topics Discussed

- The changing way environmentalists and policy makers are talking about climate change.
- The differences between and among key gas stakeholders.
- The likely nature of the debate over natural gas in the coming years.

SGA Network Contact: Jake Wagner

GAS MACHINERY RESEARCH COUNCIL

INTRO TO GAS TURBINES & CENTRIFUGAL COMPRESSORS
May 21 - 22; Houston TX

An in-depth seminar for Gas Turbine and Gas Compressor users interested in acquiring an understanding of basic gas turbine and gas compressor working principles. This workshop is taught by subject matters experts Mike Baltz and Michael Cave of Solar Turbines.

FOUNDATION DESIGN WORKSHOP: NEW FOUNDATION DESIGN AND EXISTING FOUNDATION REPAIR/UPGRADING
June 18-19; Houston TX

This workshop provides valuable guidance for maintenance reliability of compressors. The workshop is intended for engineers, reliability and maintenance technicians and construction technicians with responsibility for reciprocating compressor design and installation. Industry experts Bob Rowan and Charlie Rowan of Robt. L. Rowan & Associates, and Geoff Anderson and Brian Remy, Tech Transfer Inc. provide hands on, real world instruction.

APPLIED PRINCIPLES OF ENGINES AND COMPRESSORS
June 17-20; Houston

An in-depth engine fundamentals class that provides a solid foundation to any employee involved in the operation of prime movers. Expert instruction provided by Randy Anderson, CECO.

BLOG HIGHLIGHTS

The SGA Blog is a great way to keep up with everything going on at Southern Gas Association:

- Gas Supply Marketing Section - UPDATE
- Customer Growth through Successful Multi-family Programs (Part 2)
- SGA Welcomes Rick Zapalac to the SGA Board of Directors
- Reset the Clock: Replace Liability With Credibility Practical Employee Relations For HR Professionals
- 2014 Communication Award Program

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