ABANDONED PIPELINE MARKING PRACTICE SURVEY

Thirty-four member companies responded to our six question SURVEY focused on managing abandoned pipeline facilities. Responding companies receive the summary report. Contact: Gary Hines

DOT COMPLIANCE WORKSHOP - TRANSMISSION & MIDSTREAM PIPELINES

This workshop will guide attendees through the code and focus on the regulations that have been found to be highly debated sections of the code for operators. Some time will also be spent reviewing and understanding how to access and read the code interpretations that are publicly available for all to access. Pending favorable feedback to our survey, the SGA Transmission Regulatory Compliance Committee will schedule this 3 day workshop, May 2013 in Houston. Let us know if your company would support this training event by clicking on the link above.

SGA VOLUNTEER ESCORTS DAUGHTER AT UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE FOOTBALL GAME

SGA Safety & Health Committee member, Corky Carter, Kinder Morgan, escorting his daughter at the University of Tennessee homecoming court.

Note the blue electronic streaming sign in the background and see what it says ...NATURAL GAS .....
WORKSHOPS

Need your feedback
The following popular workshops are scheduled based on demand. Please click the links below to learn more about these workshops and to let us know if your company would be interested in these workshops being scheduled in 2013:

- Practical In-Line Inspection
- Pipeline Repair Methods
- Integrity Management for Gas Transmission Pipelines
- Advanced In-Line Inspection

SGA ACCELERATED REPLACEMENT PROGRAM - UPDATE!

- The Gas Distribution Infrastructure: Pipeline Replacement and Upgrades report was produced by Yardley Associates for the American Gas Foundation and provides insights into the need for LDC's to replace or upgrade existing pipeline infrastructure.
- Click this link to access an article summarizing the report in the Pipeline & Gas Journal.
- Industry leader perspective on gas system upgrade programs

The Southern Gas Association's Accelerated Replacement Program Task Force hosted a workshop in July 2012, and is currently developing a webinar series to continue to build a body of knowledge about this important topic. Read more on page 2 of the December Operations & Engineering Newsletter. This webinar will begin in March. Look for registration information in the February Operations & Engineering Newsletter. Contact: Kent Hobart

THE PIPELINE SAFETY, REGULATORY CERTAINTY AND JOB CREATION ACT OF 2011 - ONE YEAR LATER
CLICK here to get an update on PHMSA's progress.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE DURING PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION - New Workshop
This workshop has traditionally been held in conjunction with the environmental technical conference. However, starting in 2013, the Committee plans on having regional opportunities for this workshop to provide more in-depth review of regional specific inspections information. More information will be coming soon and available on the workshop web page. Contact: Gary Hines

JOIN THE CONVERSATION
Overheard on some SGA Committee Meeting Email Exchange
“PHMSA is getting serious about "traceable, verifiable and complete" which means that EVERY joint of pipe and appurtenant facility (as in regulated gathering lines) needs to be documented for MAOP purposes. Translation - every jurisdictional operator should be getting serious about identifying and filling existing data gaps and keeping excellent records for any new construction so that any new ones are not created.” … This is an example of a conversation our volunteers have. Connect with a committee and accelerate your learning.

Contact: Gary Hines or Kent Hobart

NATURAL GAS FLEET SAVINGS CALCULATOR
The Natural Gas Fleet Savings Calculator is a spreadsheet based, total cost of ownership evaluation tool designed to help fleet owners conduct a preliminary analysis of the total costs associated with converting a fleet, or part of a fleet, to natural gas. It comes pre-loaded with the current numbers for natural gas vehicle availability and cost, but it is also fully customizable for fleet managers to input the parameters that best describe the kind of vehicles they use, and how they use them.

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Contact: Kathryn Clay
## EVENTS CALENDAR

### TECHNICAL CONFERENCE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITTING & CONSTRUCTION
- February 4-6, 2013 - Houston, TX
- Hotel cutoff is January 14

### SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE
- February 20-22, 2013 - Marriott Sawgrass

### SPRING GAS CONFERENCE & EXPO
- March 11-13, 2013 - Charlotte, NC
This technical conference will feature a variety of workshops targeting distribution operating professionals. SGA contact: Kent Hobart

### TRANSMISSION PIPELINE DESIGN
- March 12-15, 2013 - Charlotte, NC

### MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE
- April 3-5, 2013 - New Orleans, LA
- [Click here for the most recent Conference Updates](#)

### PROJECT MANAGEMENT
- April 16-17, 2013 - Pittsburgh, PA
- Registration opening soon

### MUTUAL ASSISTANCE & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP
- May 8-10, 2013 - Clearwater, FL

### ENVIRONMENTAL, SAFETY & HEALTH, AND TRAINING CONFERENCE
- June 4-6, 2013 - St. Louis, MO

### OFFSHORE GAS OPERATIONS CONFERENCE & EXHIBITS
- June 12-14, 2013 - Lake Charles, LA

### SGA OPERATING CONFERENCE
- July 22-24, 2013 - Houston, TX

*Not seeing a workshop you are interested in or maybe want to bring one of our workshops to your location? Check out our full list of onsite workshops to indicate your interests.*

## GAS MEASUREMENT TRAINING COUNCIL (GMTC)

### GMTC WORKSHOPS - UPDATE
The Gas Measurement Training Council held two events in Dallas during the week of January 14-17, 2013. Access the outlines from the [SGA BLOG](#). These workshops were led by three instructors from [Barton Community College](#) (BCC).

**User-Group Meeting**
The Council also hosted a User Group Meeting. This annual meeting featured presentations from users providing examples of how to maximize the ROI from the program. If your company would be interested in the archive of this meeting (for those unable to attend there was a webinar of the meeting), please contact Nadine Fred.
Note: These events took place at the Atmos Energy's Charles K. Vaughn Training Facility in Plano, TX (far north Dallas). See related article "Training a Measurement Technician" in the November issue of Pipeline & Gas Journal.

SGA NETWORK

CYBER SECURITY: A CEO’S FRIEND OR FOE
Available 24/7 beginning January 10 - www.sganetwork.org
Do you know the "cyber health" of your organization? Watch this program to find out.

ANNUAL NETWORK REPORT TO MEMBERS

NETWORK NEWS - JANUARY ISSUE
This Newsletter is full of ideas on ways to use the Network in your organization, as well as information about upcoming events.

GAS MACHINERY RESEARCH COUNCIL

ANNUAL GMRC REPORT TO MEMBERS

GM LINK

BLOG HIGHLIGHTS

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

- Joni Pullen Joins SGA Staff
- GMRC Chairman’s Message
- SGA Training, Learning & Development - Restructured

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It is our hope that this Newsletter will serve to not only keep you up-to-date on the upcoming events, but will provide relevant information from past events that you might not have been able to participate in.

Sincerely,
Mike Grubb, President & CEO
Southern Gas Association