OFFSHORE & COASTAL PIPELINE OPERATIONS CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITS

June 11-13; Biloxi Mississippi
Chairman: Warren Toups, Williams

This conference provides an excellent forum for operations superintendents and managers, technicians, foremen, and support supervisors and managers of natural gas coastal region and offshore facilities to learn from one another's experiences, share smart and best practices, and develop strategies for future seasons. This conference features an exhibit hall for the service providers and operators to discuss issues, new technologies, and opportunities to solve challenges in the offshore operations environment.

- Keynote Address - The Gulf of Mexico: A Powerful Energy Province
- U.S. Gulf of Mexico Diving Safety Workgroup
- Regulatory compliance breakout
- Operations and integrity breakout
- PHMSA Pipeline Safety Program Updates
The Environmental, Safety & Health, and Training Conference features a variety of topics that pertain to today's needs in the natural gas industry. This conference offers a unique opportunity to hear from experts in these three areas, network and have open dialogue with your peers during roundtable sessions. Attendees can also visit with over 30 exhibitors at this conference to find out the latest in services and products available to the pipeline industry in these areas.

- Environmental Roundtable
- Safety & Health Roundtable
- Training Professionals Roundtable
SGA OPERATING CONFERENCE & EXHIBITS
July 28-30; New Orleans

Breakouts
Breakout sessions will cover topical areas that are typically cross-functional in any given organization. These are short 2-3 hour sessions that will be available on the Monday afternoon of the conference.

Roundtables
- Distribution Construction, Operations and Maintenance
- Distribution Engineering
- Distribution Integrity Management
- District Managers - New!
- Gas Control
- Legal
- LNG Operations
- Midstream
- NGV Operations
- Pipeline Construction, Operations & Maintenance
- Project Management
- Public Awareness and Damage Prevention
- Right of Way
- Supply Chain Management
- Transmission Integrity Management
- Transmission Measurement
- Underground Storage

BEST PRACTICE WORKSHOPS
GIS Management & Recordkeeping Best Practices Workshop
July 30-31; New Orleans

The workshop is structured to give professionals that manage recordkeeping functions as well as Geographical Information Systems the opportunity to share best practices in this space. The format will make use of subject matter expert presentations to provide relevant information and seed conversation for roundtable discussion.

MAOP Verification Best Practices Workshop
July 30-31; New Orleans

More information soon. SGA contact: Gary Hines

CONTROL OF NATURAL GAS IN AN EMERGENCY
A resource booklet
The “Control of Natural Gas In an Emergency” booklet is designed to be a resource for those who might be called on to handle a natural gas emergency. This booklet gives instructions on actions to be taken when certain emergencies occur.

The booklet is 13 pages in length and is 4” x 6”. It was developed so that SGA member companies could purchase quantities and share them with local emergency professionals, and other individuals who might be involved in a natural gas emergency.

Click here for more information.

Contact: Kent Hobart
SAFELY MANAGING THE LIFECYCLE OF PIPELINE SERIES
This annual series includes the workshops outlined below, as well as a webinar series either in the spring or fall.

- Operations & Engineering Spring Web Conference Series
- Advanced In-Line Inspection Workshop
  - Wrap up to this workshop
- Practical In-Line Inspection
- Integrity Management for Gas Transmission Pipelines
  - Wrap up to this workshop

Each of these workshops will be sponsored again in 2015. Additionally, the following webinars are under development for this Fall or next Spring:

- Pipeline Movement Threats
- MAOP Verification

Contact: Fraser Farmer

ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS
The Environmental Committee has selected this year's award winners! This award program recognizes companies who have made significant impacts in protecting our environment and integrated improvements into the communities in which they work and live. 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.

An overview of the award winning programs will be shared during the Environmental, Safety & Health, and Training Conference in Tampa at the end of this month. Learn more about each award winning program by visiting the SGA blog posts for each award (winners listed below award):

- Stewardship
  - Nicor Gas (an AGL Resources Company)
- Technology/Conservation
  - Williams
- Partnership
  - PB Energy Storage Services
- Chairman's Award
  - Columbia Pipeline Group (a Nisource Company)

Contact: Gary Hines

ENGINEERING WEEK
September 8 - 12, 2014
Atmos Energy Training Facility - Charles K Vaughan Center - Plano, TX

SGA's Engineer's Week provides an excellent opportunity for engineers to receive valuable, industry specific training in only a few short days. Workshops are often combined during the week so that attendees can attend multiple classes to get the most benefit out of their travel and schedule. Some workshops will be offered in parallel, so check schedules accordingly.

Workshops
• Ethics for Engineers
• Pipeline Design
• Project Planning & Management
• Factors in Compressor Station Design
• DOT Compliance
• Distribution Engineering (tentative)

**CONNECT@SGA**
An effective way to connect with your peers in the natural gas industry

• Engage in discussions on industry-related topics
• Share best practices

How to Access Connect

1. Go to [http://connect.southerngas.org/home](http://connect.southerngas.org/home)
2. Login (using the same credentials you use to register for SGA events; or create one)
3. Select “Communities” in the menu tab and select “All Communities.”
4. Find the communities that interest you and join in on the conversation.

**Most Active Discussion in May**

- MAOP and General Pipeline Data Verification

**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

**EVENT CALENDAR**

**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
ADVANCED PIPELINE DESIGN WORKSHOP

- August 26, 2014: Nashville, TN
- November 4, 2014: Houston, TX

FALL TRAINING WEEK

September 23-25, 2014: Charles K Vaughan/ Atmos Energy Training Facility, Plano, TX

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

ENGINE EMISSIONS STACK TESTING & ANALYZER WORKSHOP

October 15 - 17, 2014; The Skirvin Hilton, Oklahoma City, OK

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 Communications Center to access our June Network News to learn more about programs like:

Natural Gas Ambassador: Natural Gas Vehicles

Target Audience: All Employees
Presenter: Chris Lallier, CenterPoint Energy
Available: Starting June 19

Embracing Technology: Managing Information Over-Load
(Part 1 of a 3 part series)

Target Audience: All Employees
Presenter: Dr. Melanie Brown, IT Manager, CenterPoint Energy
Available: Starting July 1

SGA Network Contact: Jake Wagner

GAS MACHINERY RESEARCH COUNCIL

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.

Gas Machinery Conference
October 5-8; Nashville TN
Registration now open!

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

- June 4, 2014: SGA Network “Embracing Technology” Series
- May 30, 2014: May/June Issue of the LINK Newsletter Now Available
- May 30, 2014: Innovations Optimize Gas Compression
- May 28, 2014: GMRC Board and Project Supervisory Committee Meets at the Charles K. Vaughan Training Facility
- May 27, 2014: SGA Network User Guide
- May 9, 2014: A Review of the Pipeline Safety, Regulatory Certainty, and Job Creation Act of 2011
- May 9, 2014: NewsBlast - Transmission Regulatory Compliance
- May 9, 2014: Potential Gas Committee
- May 7, 2014: Dr. Scott Tinker Confirmed as Keynote at the SGA Operating Conference
- May 7, 2014: Safety Shorts and Safety Training Videos Submission - Deadline Extended to May 16th

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