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UPDATES AND INFORMATION

MUTUAL ASSISTANCE & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP
May 14-16, 2014; New Orleans, LA

This workshop is conducted annually and combines training and education for managing both natural disasters and third party damage emergencies. This workshop is beneficial for key personnel involved in emergency planning and response, field operations management, public awareness professionals, corporate communications experts that deal with media outlets on a day to day basis, and technical support personnel that work with regulatory agencies during a time of a pipeline incident.

MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE
April 2-4, 2014; Orlando FL

General Sessions

- "Disney's Approach to Business Excellence" - Disney Institute
- "How to Win the PR Battle" - Bart Mongoven, President & CEO, Keyframe Policy Consulting Inc.

This Conference Features Roundtables Including:
- Distribution Operations
- Engineering Management
### Midstream Operations
- Transmission Operations

### UPCOMING WORKSHOPS IN THE "SAFELY MANAGING THE LIFECYCLE OF PIPELINES" SERIES
These workshops are scheduled based on demand. To help us with planning, please click the link and indicate your interest.

- **Practical In-Line Inspection**  
  - May 6-8; Tulsa OK
- **Integrity Management for Gas Transmission Pipelines**  
  - May 21-23; Houston TX
- **Advanced In-Line Inspection**  
  - June 3-5; Columbus OH

### OPERATING CONFERENCE
Below is a preliminary list of topics identified by some of the 15 committees hosting roundtables at the SGA Operating Conference (July 28-30; New Orleans, LA).

**Project Management**

- Us Army Corps of Engineers - NOLA Levee Rebuild Project Management Challenges
- Half Day Tour - Local New Orleans Construction Project

**Gas Control**

- Opportunity for CRM Peer to Peer Evaluations
- Alarm Management: Alarms vs. Alerts
- PHMSA Audit Overview of 2013/2014 - Common Findings

**Transmission Integrity Management**

- Lessons Learned in Incident Response
- Integrity Verification Process / MAOP
- Repurposing Pipelines

**Pipeline Construction, Operations and Maintenance (PCOM)**

- Stray Current During Construction
- Lost & Unaccounted for Gas
- Construction Inspection (including Welding)

**Midstream**

- Risk in the Midstream Business Model
- Operational Reliability
- Integrity Verification Process / MAOP

**Underground Storage**

- Well Testing
- Regulatory Issues (including LADNR)
- Training

Legal

- Cyber Security Presentation - General James Hoyer, West Virginia Army National Guard, will provide an update on the national security work from the military and federal perspective.
- Accelerated Rate Recovery & Rate Case Design Trends - Claudia Earl, Associate General Counsel, NiSource will present on the latest developments in rate recovery mechanisms and rate case design given the increase in capital spending for pipeline projects, maintenance and upgrades.
- Pipeline Safety - Biz Scott, Partner, Steptoe & Johnson will provide an update on the recent changes and trends from PHMSA regarding pipeline safety.
- CLE's will available for attending this roundtable.

NGV Operations Roundtable

- NGV Conversion Kit Manufacturers - Representatives from Landirenzo, Altech Eco and Westport have been invited to discuss the conversion process and kit options available as well as compatibility and service issues.
- NGV/CNG Operational Safety Programs - Companies have been invited to share their safety programs and training to deal with the operational and maintenance aspects of their fleet and fill stations.
- Watch for an NGV Operations member survey in the next few weeks. Your company's response and participation is most appreciated. The survey results will be shared with the membership and be used to develop the NGV Operations Roundtable Agenda.

ROW Breakout and Roundtable

- The Army Corp of Engineers has been invited to discuss the unique challenges of dealing with permitting and construction on levies and in wetlands and coastal erosion zones.
- Ambassador Training Program - Danny Gibbs, Spectra Energy, has agreed to share Spectra's highly successful "Ambassador Training" program.
- A focus on the challenges and resolution strategies distinctive to landowner issues in storage fields and operations.

Public Awareness / Damage Prevention

- Roundtable to Discuss State One Call Changes
- Case Studies of Effective Damage Prevention Reporting Practices
- Cross Bores Discussion and Presentations

Distribution Engineering

- Finding and Keeping Engineering Talent
- Design Process and Data Collection
- Redesign and Replacement

Distribution Integrity Management

- Getting Funding for your DIM programs
- Looking Forward to 2016 (5 year plan rewrite)
- Field Data Collection & Work Process Applications
Distribution Construction Operations & Maintenance

- Excavation Safety
- Accelerated Replacement Programs
- Mobile Applications

ENVIRONMENTAL INTEREST GROUP ONE MINUTE UPDATE
Check out the recent Environmental Interest Group Update to learn more about:

- Environmental Compliance During Pipeline Construction - New Workshop
- Environmental Excellence Awards
- Environmental, Safety & Health, and Training Conference
- Connect@SGA

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INTEREST GROUP
Check out the recent IT Interest Group Update to learn more about:

- Management Conference - IT Roundtable
- NIST Publishes Version 1.0 of the Cybersecurity Framework Document
- SGA Technology Training Committee
- Connect@SGA

CUSTOMIZE THE LEARNING EXPERIENCE
Our member’s needs are unique to their operations and workforce. And the time available to develop talent is shrinking.

SGA offers a wide range of training from technical to professional development.

With our workshops, roundtables, expos, on-line web based training and virtual programs like videos and webinars, SGA can customize a learning experience to help you grow your valued asset - your employees.

Contact Amanda Morgan to schedule a (virtual) meeting to learn more.

EVENT CALENDAR

SPRING GAS CONFERENCE AND EXPO
March 17-19, 2014; Marriot Columbia - Columbia, SC

TRANSMISSION PIPELINE DESIGN WORKSHOP
March 17-20, 2014; Columbia Convention Center - Columbia, SC

EVERYTHING DISTRIBUTION INTEGRITY MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP
March 17-19, 2014; Marriot Columbia - Columbia, SC

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE DURING PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION
March 19-21, 2014; Embassy Suites - New Orleans, LA
ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE DURING PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION
March 24-26, 2014; Holiday Inn - Kansas City, MO

OPERATIONS & ENGINEERING SPRING WEB CONFERENCE SERIES
March 31 to April 21, 2014; Virtual

MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE
April 2-4, 2014; Disney's Yacht and Beach Club - Lake Buena Vista (Orlando), FL

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE DURING PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION
April 9-11, 2014; Hilton Garden Inn - Pittsburgh, PA

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE DURING PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION
April 16-18, 2014; DoubleTree by Hilton - Denver, CO

PRACTICAL IN-LINE INSPECTION WORKSHOP
May 6-8, 2014; at T.D. Williamson Tulsa, OK

MUTUAL ASSISTANCE & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP
May 14-16, 2014; Intercontinental Hotel New Orleans - New Orleans, LA

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

MARCH
"Conflicts Management: Anti Bullying." Although the setting for bullying has changed from the playground at recess, the dynamics are much the same. Bullies in the workplace exert their
power to intimidate, exclude and/or belittle their targets. In this roundtable discussion, HR consultant Tish Times, uses her keen ability to address free-flowing dialogue and help groups grow past their own obstacles to develop tools for success the workplace environment.

- How to handle bullying in the workplace
- Am I the bully?
- Constant and unfair criticism
- Insults and behind the back put-downs/Malicious gossiping

More information about this program.

APRIL
April 10th - Live Webinar
"How to be successful in a Behavior Interview"

As an interviewee, learn what you can expect & how you can be successful in a behavior-based interview.

April 24th - Live Webinar
"Leveraging the Power of Generations Roundtable Discussion"

In this second session of our annual series understand how your industry peers are maximizing each generation's contributions by going beyond common generational stereotypes.

Questions: Jake Wagner (jake.wagner@southerngas.org)

GAS MACHINERY RESEARCH COUNCIL

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS:

COMBUSTION CHARACTERISTICS
April 22-25; Dallas TX

This workshop provides a comprehensive troubleshooting and problem-solving class covering the effects of operating conditions and control adjustments on engine combustion, plus detailed discussion around issues affecting the development and use of horsepower performance curves.

FACTORS IN COMPRESSOR STATION DESIGN
April 23-25; Dallas TX

This 2 ½ day workshop provides engineers and design professionals information on how to design and integrate the various parts of a compressor station into an effective and efficient system. It will provide practical knowledge on how to design a new compressor station or evaluate the design of an existing compressor station.

COMPRESSOR STATION VIBRATION AND THE IMPACT ON PERFORMANCE, COST & RELIABILITY
April 23-25; Dallas TX

This course focuses on vibration issues affecting compressor stations, including piping systems. Using a series of interactive case studies, the participants will gain a hands-on understanding of vibration issues and solutions at the design stage, as well as during commissioning and troubleshooting.
BLOG HIGHLIGHTS

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

- 2014 Community Service Awards
- Evolution of the SGA Network
- NIST Releases Cybersecurity Framework Version 1.0
- SGA 2014 Environmental Excellence Awards - Nominations Now Being Accepted
- Thank you to our Sponsors - Technical Conference on Environmental Permitting & Construction
- Thank you to our Sponsors - Supply Chain Management Conference

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