



# 2011 WESTERN REGIONAL GAS CONFERENCE

August 23 & 24, 2011

Tempe Mission Palms Hotel • Tempe, Arizona

## CONFERENCE • SEMINARS • VENDOR EXHIBITS

**Distribution Integrity Management Track • Integrity Management Updates • Vendor Exhibition**

We are a completely non-profit and volunteer-organized event. Our objectives are to:

1. Provide a venue for discussion of natural gas distribution and transmission issues;
2. Provide an atmosphere of fellowship, information exchange, and networking between delegates, speakers and vendors; and
3. Maintain conference costs at a level commensurate with a less than perfect economy!

## 2011 WRGC PROGRAM-AT-A-GLANCE

### MONDAY, AUGUST 22

**2:00 – 5:00pm:** Vendor Set-up & Registration  
(Vendors & Delegates)

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 23:

**Keynote Address, Regulatory Agenda, DIMP,  
Pipeline Safety & Operations Seminars**

**7:30 – 8:00am:** Continental Breakfast & Delegate  
Registration

**8:00am – 4:30pm:** Conference & Exhibits  
Deluxe Buffet Lunch Provided

**4:30 – 6:00pm: Reception & Door Prizes in the  
Vendor Exhibit Area**

Join us for a hosted reception with appetizers, drinks  
and door prizes! Network with vendors and colleagues!

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24:

**Pipeline Safety & Operations Seminars**

**7:30 – 8:00am:** Continental Breakfast & Exhibits

**8:00am – 3:15pm:** Conference & Exhibits  
Deluxe Buffet Lunch Provided

*(Exhibit teardown begins after lunch at vendors'  
discretion.)*

**Register now for the best prices and prepare for an  
enjoyable and educational opportunity! Registration  
fee covers attendance at all seminars; continental  
breakfast, breaks and delicious buffet lunch each  
day; and admission to the Tuesday night reception  
with door prizes.**

### SPEAKERS & TOPICS HIGHLIGHTED

**Keynote: Addressing Aging Pipeline Infrastructure  
in Light of Recent Incidents**

Jeff Wiese – Associate Administrator, PHMSA

**The Regulatory Agenda, PHMSA Rulemaking  
Updates**

Lane Miller – PHMSA/Training & Qualification Section

**Distribution Integrity Management Seminars**

Various operators and vendors

**Damage Prevention Seminars**

Common Ground Alliance, Arizona Blue Stake Center  
and others

**Emergency Response & Leak Investigation  
Seminars**

Various operators and vendors

**CGA Best Practices Committee Updates**

Louis Panzer – Arizona Blue Stake Center

**Public Awareness Program Audits**

Tim Finch – PHMSA Western Region CATS Manager

**DIMP – Results of the Pilot Audit Program**

John Erickson – American Public Gas Association