



2023 WESTERN REGIONAL GAS CONFERENCE



TUESDAY, AUGUST 22	WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23
<p>7:00 – 8:00 AM REGISTRATION (Pueblo) & VENDOR EXHIBITS (Coronado)</p> <p>8:00 – 8:15 AM</p> <p>WELCOME!</p> <p>Bill Parry – Southwest Gas Corporation Director, Western Regional Gas Association, Inc. (Arizona Ballroom)</p>	<p>7:30 – 8:15 AM</p> <p>WAKE-UP SESSION</p> <p>Vendor Exhibit Area (Grand Coronado Ballroom) (Snack Shack Continental Breakfast: Two Locations by UPS Store and on the third level)</p>
<p>8:15 – 9:00 AM</p> <p>Keynote Address: PHMSA Regulatory Focus for 2023 and Beyond</p> <p>Linda Daugherty, Deputy Associate Administrator U.S. Department of Transportation, Pipeline & Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) (Arizona Ballroom)</p>	<p>8:15 – 9:00 AM</p> <p>Small Gas Operator Perspectives on the Pipeline Safety Act Reauthorization, OQ, SHRIMP Highlights/Changes, and Other Initiatives Erin Kurilla – American Public Gas Association (Arizona I)</p> <p>Damage Prevention and Its Relationship to Pipeline Safety Management Steve Allen – Energy Worldnet (Arizona II/III)</p> <p>Assessing the Risk of Squeezing Activities and Reviewing the Impact of Squeezing Polyethylene Pipe Ryan Ragsdale – TD Williamson (Apache I – 3rd Level)</p>
	<p>9:00 – 9:15 AM BREAK & VENDOR AREA RAFFLE (Coronado Ballroom)</p>



Location: The Scottsdale Resort at McCormick Ranch, 7700 McCormick Parkway, Scottsdale, AZ

Registration: Pueblo Room (off main conference area walkway)

Vendor Set-Up: Monday, August 21 from 1:00 to 5:00 PM, Grand Coronado Ballroom Vendor Display Area

All presentations will be available for download after the conference at www.westernregionalgas.org



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<p>9:00 – 9:45 AM</p> <p>Pipeline Safety Rulemaking Updates and Advisories: NPRM, Final Rule and Related Regulatory Activity Chris McLaren – PHMSA (Arizona Ballroom)</p> <p>Corrosion Inhibitor Applications & Usage Derek Dickens – Zerust Oil & Gas (Apache I – 3rd Level)</p> <p>Measurement and Control Track: Gas Meter Operation, Diaphragm and Ultrasonic for Design and Application Kevin Harms – Fortis BC (Apache II – 3rd Level)</p>	<p>9:15 – 10:00 AM</p> <p>PHMSA Gas Leak Detection and Repair NPRM – Review of the Proposed Rule DeWitt Burdeaux – RCP Inc. (Arizona 1)</p> <p>GTI Veritas Methane Emission Metrics Project and Related Updates Srijana Rai – GTI Energy (Gas Technology Institute) (Arizona II/III)</p> <p>Emergency Response Track: 24 Hour Watch Office for Emergency Response Overview Larry Taylor & Brian Burdette – Southern California Gas Company (Apache I – 3rd Level)</p>
<p>9:45 – 10:15 AM BREAK & VENDOR AREA RAFFLE (Coronado Ballroom)</p>	<p>10:00 – 10:15 AM BREAK & VENDOR AREA RAFFLE (Coronado Ballroom)</p>
<p>10:15 – 11:00 AM</p> <p>NAPSR-PHMSA Distribution Team Updates for Operators Matt Smith – Illinois Commerce Commission/NAPSR (Arizona Ballroom)</p> <p>Leak Survey and Emissions Detection Technology Updates Paul Wehnert – Heath Consultants (Apache I – 3rd Level)</p> <p>Measurement and Control Track: Gas Regulators, Residential and Commercial Concepts and Sizing Methods Scott Henrich – Meter, Valve & Control (Apache II – 3rd Level)</p>	<p>10:15 – 11:00 AM</p> <p>Hydrogen Blending and Risk Analysis Project Amado V. Galaviz III – Southern California Gas Company (Arizona I)</p> <p>PHMSA Western Region Updates, Inspection Results, Compliance Actions Tom Finch – PHMSA Western Region (Arizona II/III)</p> <p>Emergency Response Track: Responding to Natural Disasters Rich Hinrichs – San Diego Gas and Electric (Apache I – 3rd Level)</p> <p>Zero Emission Vacuum and Compressor System – Scalable Methane Mitigation Technology for Gas Pipelines Roxy Mounter – ZEVAC Inc. (Apache II – 3rd Level)</p>
<p>11:00 – 11:15 AM BREAK & VENDOR EXHIBITS (Coronado Ballroom)</p>	<p>11:00 – 11:15 AM BREAK & VENDOR EXHIBITS (Coronado Ballroom)</p>



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<p>11:15 AM – 12:00 PM</p> <p>PHMSA Accident Investigation Division – Incident Updates & Reports; How Operators Can Work with PHMSA When Incidents Occur Chris Ruhl – PHMSA Accident and Investigation Division (Arizona Ballroom)</p> <p>GTI Energy Project Updates Dennis Jarnecke – GTI Energy (Gas Technology Institute) (Apache I – 3rd Level)</p> <p>Measurement and Control Track: Regulators; Regulator Station and Commercial Applications Howard Lyon – Tri-Pacific, Inc. (Apache II – 3rd Level)</p>	<p>11:15 AM – 12:00 PM</p> <p>CGA Damage Prevention institute Metrics/Updates and Other CGA Committee Proceedings Louis Panzer – North Carolina 811 (Arizona I)</p> <p>Field Evaluation of the Cosmic Eye Satellite Based Pipeline Right-of-Way Monitoring System Steve Gauthier – Energy Experts International (Arizona II/III)</p> <p>Emergency Response Track: Overview of Emergency Response Workshop at Southwest Gas February 2023 Jeff Goodson – Southwest Gas Corporation (Apache I – 3rd Level)</p>
<p>12:00 – 1:30 PM LUNCH BREAK (Maricopa Room, Raffle in Coronado)</p>	<p>12:00 – 1:30 PM LUNCH BREAK (Maricopa Room, Raffle in Coronado)</p>
<p>1:30 – 2:15 PM</p> <p>Pipeline Safety Additional Rulemaking Topics and Questions Chris McLaren – PHMSA Matt Smith – Illinois Commerce Commission (Arizona I)</p> <p>Automatic and Remotely Controlled Shutoff Valve Rule – Design, Impacts, and Experiences Al Giordano – Entrust Solutions (formerly EN Engineering) (Arizona II/III)</p> <p>New Leak Detection and Emission Quantification Technology 2023 – Finding the Best Fit for Natural Gas Utilities Alnoor Ebrahim – Southern Cross/Sparus Holdings Inc. (Apache I – 3rd Level)</p> <p>Measurement and Control Track: Regulator Station and Industrial Station Design and Concepts for Distribution Systems Howard Lyon – Tri-Pacific, Inc. (Apache II – 3rd Level)</p>	<p>1:30 – 2:15 PM</p> <p>AGA Updates: Updates on Current Advocacy Projects; Studies on Natural Gas Bans; Other AGA Priorities for 2023-2024 Sue Forrester – American Gas Association (Arizona I)</p> <p>Hydrogen Blending Project Challenges & RNG Injection into Distribution Systems Brian Burkowsky – Caltrol (Arizona II/III)</p> <p>Preparing for an Inspection of the Gas Transmission Mega-Rule Requirements Warren Miller – Industrial Training Services (Apache I – 3rd Level)</p>
<p>2:15 – 2:30 PM BREAK & VENDOR EXHIBITS (Coronado Ballroom)</p>	<p>2:15 – 2:30 PM BREAK & VENDOR EXHIBITS (Coronado Ballroom)</p>



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2:30 – 3:15 PM

PHMSA Gas Leakage and Repair NPRM – AGA Member Perspectives and Comments to the Docket

Alan Chichester – American Gas Association
(Arizona I)

Incident Investigation/Emergency Response Lessons Learned

Tony Tetto – AEGIS Loss Control
(Arizona II/III)

Measurement and Control Track: Overpressure Protection Design and Field Applications

Dan Snodgrass – UniSource Energy Services
(Apache II – 3rd Level)

2:30 PM – 3:15 PM

The Advantages of Mid-IR Technology for Methane Detection

Tim Goolsby – SkySkopes/LASEN
(Arizona I)

PHMSA D&A & Significant OQ Changes (State-Level)

Dennis Kuhn – ASTAR, Inc.
(Arizona II/III)

AZ 811 Updates on Locate Ticket Coordination, Unknown Lines, and Reports from One Call Systems International

Sandy Holmes – Arizona Blue Stake/AZ811 Center
(Apache I – 3rd Level)

3:15 – 3:45 PM BREAK & VENDOR EXHIBITS (Coronado Ballroom)

3:15 PM ADJOURNMENT & GRAND PRIZE RAFFLE (Arizona Ballroom)

3:45 – 4:30 PM

Pipeline Safety Trust – Damage Prevention Reviews, Recent Initiatives

Bill Caram – Pipeline Safety Trust
(Arizona I)

Incident Investigation/Emergency Response Workshop/Overview

David Zak – AEGIS Loss Control
(Arizona II/III)

Measurement and Control Track: Odorization Concepts, Design, Monitoring Challenges

Sam Hegje – Tri-Pacific, Inc.
(Apache II – 3rd Level)

GRAND DOOR PRIZE RAFFLE

Please join us in the Arizona Ballroom for a chance to win a MacBook laptop computer or Microsoft Surface Pro, or equivalent (subject to availability due to supply chain shortages), a name brand mini tablet, and more! You must be present to win, and your name badge will be your potentially winning ticket!

Note: The agenda is still under construction and will be updated periodically.

4:30 – 6:00 PM

GET ACQUAINTED NETWORKING RECEPTION – Grand Coronado Ballroom Exhibit Area

Join us in the vendor exhibit area for light fare and cocktails as well as our main event door prize raffle drawings! Visit the vendors to collect your chances to win some great prizes including laptop computers, gift cards, outdoor gear, and much more!