



# 2018 WESTERN REGIONAL GAS CONFERENCE



TUESDAY, AUGUST 28	WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29
7:00 – 8:00 AM <b>REGISTRATION &amp; VENDOR EXHIBITS</b>	
8:00 – 8:10 AM  <b>WELCOME!</b>  <b>Lyndon Boltz – Director</b> <b>Western Regional Gas Association</b> (Molise Ballroom)	7:30 – 8:15 AM  <b>WAKE-UP SESSION</b>  <b>Vendor Exhibit Area (Marche Vendor Area)</b>
8:10 – 8:15 AM  <b>Vendor Sponsor Introductions</b> (Molise Ballroom)	
8:15 – 9:00 AM  <b>KEY NOTE ADDRESS:</b>  <b>New Challenges for Pipeline Safety in 2018: Working with a New Administration and New Rules</b>  <b>Alan Mayberry – Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety</b> <b>Pipeline &amp; Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA)</b> (Molise Ballroom)	8:15 – 9:00 AM  <b>Small Operator Perspectives on Safety Management Systems, the Operator Qualification Rule and Other Updates</b> <b>John Erickson – APGA Security &amp; Integrity Foundation</b> (Molise Ballroom)  <b>10 Essential Elements to the Perfect Safety Management System</b> <b>Speaker TBD – Energy World Net</b> (Marche Ballroom 1)  <b>Corrosion Control Track</b> <b>Speaker TBD</b> (Marche Ballroom 2)  <b>Topic TBD</b> <b>Speaker TBD</b> (Marche Ballroom 3)
	9:00 – 9:15 AM <b>BREAK &amp; VENDOR AREA RAFFLE (Marche Vendor Area)</b>



**Location:** The M Hotel & Resort, 12300 Las Vegas Blvd. South, Henderson, Nevada

**Registration:** Milan Ballroom Foyer

**Vendor Set-Up:** Monday, August 27 from 2:00 to 5:00 PM, Milan Ballroom

**Conference Host:** Western Regional Gas Association, Inc.

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<p><b>9:00 – 9:45 AM</b></p> <p><b>Pipeline Safety Rulemaking Updates and Advisories: NPRM and Final Rule Activity</b>  <b>Chris McLaren – USDOT/PHMSA</b>            (Molise Ballroom)</p> <p><b>Topic TBD</b>  <b>Speaker TBD</b>            (Marche Ballroom 1)</p> <p><b>Corrosion Control Track</b>  <b>Speaker TBD – Paul Sedlet, Accurate Corrosion Control - Facilitator</b>            (Marche Ballroom 2)</p> <p><b>Topic TBD</b>  <b>Speaker TBD</b>            (Marche Ballroom 3)</p>	<p><b>9:15 – 10:00 AM</b></p> <p><b>DIMP Inspection Updates &amp; Farm Tap FAQs</b>  <b>Chris McLaren – USDOT/PHMSA</b>            (Molise Ballroom)</p> <p><b>ASME B31Q: Updates from the B31Q Committee</b>  <b>Speaker TBD</b>            (Marche Ballroom 1)</p> <p><b>Corrosion Control Track</b>  <b>Speaker TBD</b>            (Marche Ballroom 2)</p> <p><b>Topic TBD</b>  <b>Speaker TBD</b>            (Marche Ballroom 3)</p>
<p><b>9:45 – 10:15 AM BREAK &amp; VENDOR AREA RAFFLE (Marche Vendor Area)</b></p>	<p><b>10:00 – 10:15 AM BREAK &amp; VENDOR AREA RAFFLE (Marche Vendor Area)</b></p>
<p><b>10:15 – 11:00 AM</b></p> <p><b>Distribution Integrity Management: Ongoing Analysis of DIMP Audit Results; Farm Tap FAQs; OQ Rule Updates</b>  <b>Chris McLaren – USDOT/PHMSA</b>            (Molise Ballroom)</p> <p><b>Updated Leak Detection &amp; Line Locating Technology</b>  <b>Paul Wehnert – Heath Consultants</b>            (Marche Ballroom 1)</p> <p><b>Corrosion Control Track</b>  <b>Speaker TBD</b>            (Marche Ballroom 2)</p> <p><b>AEGIS Leak Investigation/Emergency Response Track</b>  <b>David Zak – Aegis Insurance Services</b>            (Marche Ballroom 3)</p>	<p><b>10:15 – 11:00 AM</b></p> <p><b>Engineering Design Topic</b>  <b>Speaker TBD</b>            (Molise Ballroom)</p> <p><b>Investing in Contractor Qualification and Management Solutions</b>  <b>Speaker TBD – Energy World Net</b>            (Marche Ballroom 1)</p> <p><b>Corrosion Control Track</b>  <b>Speaker TBD</b>            (Marche Ballroom 2)</p> <p><b>Topic TBD</b>  <b>Speaker TBD</b>            (Marche Ballroom 3)</p>
<p><b>11:00 – 11:15 AM BREAK &amp; VENDOR EXHIBITS (Marche Vendor Area)</b></p>	<p><b>11:00 – 11:15 AM BREAK &amp; VENDOR EXHIBITS (Marche Vendor Area)</b></p>



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<p><b>11:15 AM – 12:00 PM</b></p> <p><b>NTSB Pipeline Investigations: Recent Updates</b>  <b>Rachael Gunaratnam – National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB)</b>            (Molise Ballroom)</p> <p><b>Topic TBD</b>  <b>Speaker TBD</b>            (Marche Ballroom 1)</p> <p><b>Corrosion Control Track</b>  <b>Speaker TBD</b>            (Marche Ballroom 2)</p> <p><b>AEGIS Leak Investigation/Emergency Response Track</b>  <b>David Zak – AEGIS Insurance Services</b>            (Marche Ballroom 3)</p>	<p><b>11:15 AM – 12:00 PM</b></p> <p><b>Topic TBD</b>  <b>Speaker TBD</b>            (Molise Ballroom)</p> <p><b>Pipeline Safety Management Systems: Results and New Directions</b>  <b>Speaker TBD</b>            (Marche Ballroom 1)</p> <p><b>Topic TBD</b>  <b>Speaker TBD</b>            (Marche Ballroom 2)</p> <p><b>Advancing Pipeline Safety Using Fiber Optic Sensing</b>  <b>Mark Uncapher – Fiber Optic Sensing Association</b>            (Marche Ballroom 3)</p>
<p><b>12:00 – 1:30 PM LUNCH BREAK &amp; VENDOR RAFFLE (Marche Vendor Area)</b></p>	<p><b>12:00 – 1:30 PM LUNCH BREAK (Marche Vendor Area)</b></p>
<p><b>1:30 – 2:15 PM</b></p> <p><b>Underground Storage: Developing a Comprehensive Underground Storage Integrity Management Plan</b>  <b>Chris Foley – Regulatory Compliance Partners (RCP)</b>            (Molise Ballroom)</p> <p><b>Topic TBD</b>  <b>Speaker TBD</b>            (Marche Ballroom 1)</p> <p><b>De-coupler 101 – The Basics of De-couplers and Over Voltage Protectors</b>  <b>Michael Emerine – Dairyland Electrical Industries, Inc.</b>            (Marche Ballroom 2)</p> <p><b>AEGIS Leak Investigation/Emergency Response Track</b>  <b>David Zak – AEGIS Insurance Services - Facilitator</b>            (Marche Ballroom 3)</p>	<p><b>1:30 – 2:15 PM</b></p> <p><b>Pipeline Safety Trust Perspectives: Working with Regulators and Industry to Improve Pipeline Safety</b>  <b>Carl Weimer – Pipeline Safety Trust</b>            (Molise Ballroom)</p> <p><b>Operator Qualification: Perspectives on Revisions to the Rule</b>  <b>Speaker TBD</b>            (Marche Ballroom 1)</p> <p><b>Topic TBD</b>  <b>Speaker TBD</b>            (Marche Ballroom 2)</p> <p><b>Topic TBD</b>  <b>Speaker TBD</b>            (Marche Ballroom 3)</p>
<p><b>2:15 – 2:30 PM BREAK &amp; VENDOR EXHIBITS (Marche Vendor Area)</b></p>	<p><b>2:15 – 2:30 PM BREAK &amp; VENDOR EXHIBITS (Marche Vendor Area)</b></p>



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<p><b>2:30 – 3:15 PM</b>  <b>Highlights from the Nevada Pipeline Safety Program</b>  <b>Paul Maguire – Nevada Public Utility Commission</b>  (Molise Ballroom)</p> <p><b>Common Ground Alliance: 811 Damage Prevention Updates</b>  <b>(Best Practices, Regional Partners, and Other Committee Updates)</b>  <b>Louis Panzer – North Carolina 811</b>  (Marche Ballroom 1)</p> <p><b>Corrosion Control Track</b>  <b>Speaker TBD</b>  (Marche Ballroom 2)</p> <p><b>AEGIS Leak Investigation/Emergency Response Track</b>  <b>David Zak – AEGIS Insurance Services - Facilitator</b>  (Marche Ballroom 3)</p>	<p><b>2:30 PM – 3:15 PM</b>  <b>R&amp;D Topics</b>  <b>Maria Araujo – Southwest Research Institute</b>  (Molise Ballroom)</p> <p><b>Topic TBD</b>  <b>Speaker TBD</b>  (Marche Ballroom 1)</p> <p><b>Topic TBD</b>  <b>Speaker TBD</b>  (Marche Ballroom 2)</p> <p><b>Topic TBD</b>  <b>Speaker TBD</b>  (Marche Ballroom 3)</p>
<p><b>3:15 – 3:45 PM BREAK &amp; VENDOR EXHIBITS (Marche Vendor Area)</b></p>	<p><b>3:15 PM ADJOURNMENT &amp; GRAND PRIZE RAFFLES (Molise Ballroom)</b></p>
<p><b>3:45 – 4:30 PM</b>  <b>Gathering Line Perspectives</b>  <b>API Gathering Line New RP Working Group</b>  (Molise Ballroom)</p> <p><b>Gas Technology Institute: R&amp;D Brings New Solutions to the</b>  <b>Natural Gas Industry + Updates from the Center for Methane Research</b>  <b>Bob Morris – Gas Technology Institute (GTI)</b>  (Marche Ballroom 1)</p> <p><b>Corrosion Control Track</b>  <b>Speaker TBD</b>  (Marche Ballroom 2)</p> <p><b>AEGIS Leak Investigation/Emergency Response Track</b>  <b>David Zak – AEGIS Insurance Services - Facilitator</b>  (Marche Ballroom 3)</p>	<p><b>GRAND DOOR PRIZE RAFFLE</b></p> <p><b>Please join us in the Molise Ballroom for a chance to win an Apple MacBook laptop computer, a name brand mini tablet, and more! You must be present to win and your name badge will be your potentially winning ticket!</b></p>
<p><b>4:30 – 6:00 PM</b>  <b>GET ACQUAINTED NETWORKING RECEPTION – Milan Vendor Area</b>  <b>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!</b></p>	