



2018 WESTERN REGIONAL GAS CONFERENCE



TUESDAY, AUGUST 28	WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29
7:00 – 8:00 AM REGISTRATION & VENDOR EXHIBITS	
8:00 – 8:10 AM WELCOME! Lyndon Boltz – Director Western Regional Gas Association (Molise Ballroom)	7:30 – 8:15 AM WAKE-UP SESSION Vendor Exhibit Area (Marche Vendor Area)
8:10 – 8:15 AM Vendor Sponsor Introductions (Molise Ballroom)	
8:15 – 9:00 AM KEY NOTE ADDRESS: New Challenges for Pipeline Safety in 2018: Working with a New Administration and New Rules Alan Mayberry – Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety Pipeline & Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) (Molise Ballroom)	8:15 – 9:00 AM Small Operator Perspectives on Safety Management Systems, the Operator Qualification Rule and Other Updates John Erickson – APGA Security & Integrity Foundation (Molise Ballroom) 10 Essential Elements to the Perfect Safety Management System Speaker TBD – Energy World Net (Marche Ballroom 1) Coating Applications, Prep, Product Selection and Final Inspection Daniel Toft – B-W Distributors, Inc. (Marche Ballroom 2) Shur Stop PE Line Stopping System Demo Wayne Dennis – Mueller Co. (Marche Ballroom 3)
	9:00 – 9:15 AM BREAK & VENDOR AREA RAFFLE (Marche Vendor Area)



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.

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 and Final Rule Activity Chris McLaren – USDOT/PHMSA (Molise Ballroom)</p> <p>Topic TBD Speaker TBD (Marche Ballroom 1)</p> <p>Corrosion Control Track – Understanding IR Considerations Nick Terri - Accurate Corrosion Control – Paul Sedlet, CC Track Facilitator (Marche Ballroom 2)</p> <p>Locating & Tracking Methane Emissions with Optical Gas Imaging, Mapping and Analytics Bogdan Besfamyinyy – Red Hen Systems</p>	<p>9:15 – 10:00 AM</p> <p>PHMSA TQ Training Model; Using Advanced Training Methods to Improve Training Quality Dr. Doug White – PHMSA Training & Qualifications (Molise Ballroom)</p> <p>ASME B31Q: Updates from the B31Q Committee Speaker TBD (Marche Ballroom 1)</p> <p>Topic TBD Speaker TBD (Marche Ballroom 2)</p> <p>Soil Gas Migration Studies: Incident Review & Updates Part 1 David Heldenbrand - Bison Engineering (Marche Ballroom 3)</p>
<p>9:45 – 10:15 AM BREAK & VENDOR AREA RAFFLE (Marche Vendor Area)</p>	<p>10:00 – 10:15 AM BREAK & VENDOR AREA RAFFLE (Marche Vendor Area)</p>
<p>10:15 – 11:00 AM</p> <p>Distribution Integrity Management: Ongoing Analysis of DIMP Audit Results; Farm Tap FAQs; OQ Rule Updates Chris McLaren – USDOT/PHMSA (Molise Ballroom)</p> <p>Updated Leak Detection & Line Locating Technology Paul Wehnert – Heath Consultants (Marche Ballroom 1)</p> <p>Corrosion Control Track - TBD Speaker TBD - Farwest Corrosion Control (Marche Ballroom 2)</p> <p>AEgis Leak Investigation/Emergency Response Track David Zak – Aegis Insurance Services (Marche Ballroom 3)</p>	<p>10:15 – 11:00 AM</p> <p>Reality Capture, 3D Modeling and Virtual Reality for Project Success Scott Kimery – EN Engineering (Molise Ballroom)</p> <p>Investing in Contractor Qualification and Management Solutions Speaker TBD – Energy World Net (Marche Ballroom 1)</p> <p>Contractor OQ Quality Assurance Speaker TBD (Marche Ballroom 2)</p> <p>Soil Gas Migration Studies: Incident Review and Updates Part 2 David Heldenbrand – Bison Engineering (Marche Ballroom 3)</p>
<p>11:00 – 11:15 AM BREAK & VENDOR EXHIBITS (Marche Vendor Area)</p>	<p>11:00 – 11:15 AM BREAK & VENDOR EXHIBITS (Marche Vendor Area)</p>



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<p>11:15 AM - 12:00 PM</p> <p>NTSB Pipeline Investigations: Recent Updates Rachael Gunaratnam - National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) (Molise Ballroom)</p> <p>Gas Transmission Mega Rule Perspectives DeWitt Burdeaux - TRC Solutions Inc. (Marche Ballroom 1)</p> <p>Corrosion Control Track - Understanding Dynamic DC Interference Bruce Wiskel - PG&E (Marche Ballroom 2)</p> <p>AEGIS Leak Investigation/Emergency Response Track David Zak - AEGIS Insurance Services (Marche Ballroom 3)</p>	<p>11:15 AM - 12:00 PM</p> <p>Bentonite Contamination in Plastic Pipe Installed by HDD PG&E - Speaker TBD (Molise Ballroom)</p> <p>Pipeline Safety Management Systems: Results and New Directions Speaker TBD (Marche Ballroom 1)</p> <p>24/7 Call Center Operations: A New Direction James Wingate - USA North; Sandy Holmes - Arizona 811 (Marche Ballroom 2)</p> <p>Advancing Pipeline Safety Using Fiber Optic Sensing Mark Uncapher - Fiber Optic Sensing Association (Marche Ballroom 3)</p>
<p>12:00 - 1:30 PM LUNCH BREAK & VENDOR RAFFLE (Marche Vendor Area)</p>	<p>12:00 - 1:30 PM LUNCH BREAK (Marche Vendor Area)</p>
<p>1:30 - 2:15 PM</p> <p>Underground Storage: Developing a Comprehensive Underground Storage Integrity Management Plan Chris Foley - Regulatory Compliance Partners (RCP) (Molise Ballroom)</p> <p>Topic TBD Speaker TBD (Marche Ballroom 1)</p> <p>De-coupler 101 - The Basics of De-couplers and Over Voltage Protectors Michael Emerine - Dairyland Electrical Industries, Inc. (Marche Ballroom 2)</p> <p>AEGIS Leak Investigation/Emergency Response Track David Zak - AEGIS Insurance Services - Facilitator (Marche Ballroom 3)</p>	<p>1:30 - 2:15 PM</p> <p>Pipeline Safety Trust Perspectives: Working with Regulators and Industry to Improve Pipeline Safety Carl Weimer - Pipeline Safety Trust (Molise Ballroom)</p> <p>Operator Qualification: Perspectives on Revisions to the Rule Dennis Kuhn - Veriforce (Marche Ballroom 1)</p> <p>Hydrotechnical Engineering Hazards at Pipeline River/Stream Crossings Speaker TBD (Marche Ballroom 2)</p> <p>Topic TBD Speaker TBD (Marche Ballroom 3)</p>
<p>2:15 - 2:30 PM BREAK & VENDOR EXHIBITS (Marche Vendor Area)</p>	<p>2:15 - 2:30 PM BREAK & VENDOR EXHIBITS (Marche Vendor Area)</p>



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2:30 – 3:15 PM

Highlights from the Nevada Pipeline Safety Program

Paul Maguire – Nevada Public Utility Commission
(Molise Ballroom)

**Common Ground Alliance: 811 Damage Prevention Updates
(Best Practices, Regional Partners, and Other Committee Updates)**

Louis Panzer – North Carolina 811
(Marche Ballroom 1)

Corrosion Control Track – Engineering Focus on AC Interference

Barry Krebs - DNV
(Marche Ballroom 2)

AEGIS Leak Investigation/Emergency Response Track

David Zak – AEGIS Insurance Services - Facilitator
(Marche Ballroom 3)

3:15 – 3:45 PM BREAK & VENDOR EXHIBITS (Marche Vendor Area)

3:45 – 4:30 PM

Gathering Line Perspectives

API Gathering Line New RP Working Group
(Molise Ballroom)

**Gas Technology Institute: R&D Brings New Solutions to the
Natural Gas Industry + Updates from the Center for Methane Research**

Bob Morris – Gas Technology Institute (GTI)
(Marche Ballroom 1)

**Corrosion Control Track- Corrosion Control and Casings – Casing Design
and Mitigation of Common Casing Issues**

Jeff Didas - Matcor
(Marche Ballroom 2)

AEGIS Leak Investigation/Emergency Response Track

David Zak – AEGIS Insurance Services - Facilitator
(Marche Ballroom 3)

4:30 – 6:00 PM

GET ACQUAINTED NETWORKING RECEPTION – Milan Vendor 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!**

2:30 PM – 3:15 PM

Pipeline Cybersecurity in an Changing Environment

Speaker TBD
(Molise Ballroom)

Using Natural Gas for Distributed Generation Micro Grids

Josh Hinrichs – ELM Companies
(Marche Ballroom 1)

**European Dry Suction Excavation Technologies: A North American
Perspective**

Colin Donahue & Mike Bultje – Ox Equipment Inc.
(Marche Ballroom 2)

Updates from the California (CPUC) Pipeline Safety Program

Kenneth Bruno – California Public Utilities Commission
(Marche Ballroom 3)

3:15 PM ADJOURNMENT & GRAND PRIZE RAFFLES (Molise Ballroom)

GRAND DOOR PRIZE RAFFLE

**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!**