



# 2019 WESTERN REGIONAL GAS CONFERENCE



TUESDAY, AUGUST 20	WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21
7:00 – 8:00 AM <b>REGISTRATION &amp; VENDOR EXHIBITS</b>	
<p>8:00 – 8:15 AM</p> <p><b>WELCOME!</b></p> <p>Erich Trombley – Southwest Gas Corporation            Director - Western Regional Gas Association            (Palm Ballroom)</p>	<p>7:30 – 8:15 AM</p> <p><b>WAKE-UP SESSION</b></p> <p><b>Vendor Exhibit Area (Palm Ballroom Vendor Area)</b></p>
<p>8:15 – 9:00 AM</p> <p><b>KEY NOTE ADDRESS:</b></p> <p><b>New Challenges for Pipeline Safety in 2019: PHMSA Looks Forward to the 2020 Reauthorization</b></p> <p>Alan Mayberry – Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety            Pipeline &amp; Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA)            (Palm Ballroom)</p>	<p>8:15 – 9:00 AM</p> <p><b>Small Operator Perspectives on Safety Management Systems, the Plastic Pipe Rule and Other Updates</b>            Bert Kalisch – American Public Gas Association            (Palm Ballroom)</p> <p><b>Meeting the Challenges of Leak Survey in Snow Zone Areas</b>            Michael Gruenberg – Southwest Gas &amp; Paul Wehnert – Heath Consultants            (Abbey Room)</p> <p><b>Case Study: 3D CADD-BIM Models for Utility Mapping and Investigation at Puget Sound Energy</b>            Philip Meis, PE – Utility Mapping Services, Inc.            (Joshua Tree Room)</p> <p><b>Keeping the Pilots Lit (Meter Bypassing)</b>            Eric Stachowiak-Long Beach Energy Resources            (Dolores Room)</p>
	9:00 – 9:15 AM <b>BREAK &amp; VENDOR AREA RAFFLE (Palm Vendor Area)</b>



**Location:** The Tempe Mission Palms Hotel & Conference Center, 5 East Fifth St, Tempe, AZ

**Registration:** Palm Ballroom Foyer

**Vendor Set-Up:** Monday, August 19 from 2:00 to 5:00 PM, Palm Ballroom Vendor Display Area

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

All presentations will be available for download after the conference at [www.westernregionalgas.org](http://www.westernregionalgas.org)



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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> Chris McLaren – USDOT/PHMSA (Palm Ballroom)</p> <p><b>New Technology Showcase: Cascade Laser Mobile Detection System</b> George Champey – Bascom-Turner Instruments (Abbey Room)</p> <p><b>The Contractor Safety Compliance Management Maturity Model</b> Erik Menard - Veriforce (Joshua Tree Room)</p>	<p><b>9:15 – 10:00 AM</b></p> <p><b>Updates from the Gas Piping Technology Committee (GPTC) – Chair’s Review of Recent Improvements to the GPTC Guide</b> Leticia Quezada – Southern Company Gas (Palm Ballroom)</p> <p><b>Pipeline Safety Management Systems – It’s a Journey Not a Destination</b> Steve Allen – Energy World Net (Abbey Room)</p> <p><b>CGA Expo Advisory Committee Meeting – Western States Focus for 2020</b> Scott Landes – Infrastructure Resources Inc. (Joshua Tree Room)</p> <p><b>The Rota Meter – Lessons Learned After 2 Years</b> Jorge Gonzalez – Long Beach Energy Resources (Dolores Room)</p>
<p><b>9:45 – 10:15 AM BREAK &amp; VENDOR AREA RAFFLE (Palm Vendor Area)</b></p>	<p><b>10:00 – 10:15 AM BREAK &amp; VENDOR AREA RAFFLE (Palm Vendor Area)</b></p>
<p><b>10:15 – 11:00 AM</b></p> <p><b>Plastic Pipe Rule Overview/Discussion – OQ and Farm Tap Updates</b> Chris McLaren – USDOT/PHMSA (Palm Ballroom)</p> <p><b>Updated Mobile Leak Detection, Leak Analysis &amp; Drone Technology</b> Paul Wehnert – Heath Consultants (Abbey Room)</p> <p><b>Emergency Response – Examining Your Emergency Response Procedures – Terrorist Attacks &amp; Cybersecurity (Part 1)</b> Robert Soto, Steve Roberts - Paradigm (Joshua Tree Room)</p>	<p><b>10:15 – 11:00 AM</b></p> <p><b>GTI Project Updates and Virtual Reality (VR) Training Technology</b> Ray Deatherage – Gas Technology Institute (Palm Ballroom)</p> <p><b>PHMSA Western Region Updates</b> Tom Finch – PHMSA Western Region (Abbey Room)</p> <p><b>Compliance – More Than the Minimum!</b> Michel Oliver – G2 Integrated Solutions (Joshua Tree Room)</p> <p><b>Customer Service Roundtable</b> Facilitated by Long Beach Energy Resources (Dolores Room)</p>
<p><b>11:00 – 11:15 AM BREAK &amp; VENDOR EXHIBITS (Palm Vendor Area)</b></p>	<p><b>11:00 – 11:15 AM BREAK &amp; VENDOR EXHIBITS (Palm 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, Merrimack, Millersville</b>  <b>Roger Evans – National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB)</b>  (Palm Ballroom)</p> <p><b>Underground Damages Case Study: Use of Comprehensive Data Analysis for Process Improvement</b>  <b>Louis Panzer – North Carolina 811</b>  (Abbey Room)</p> <p><b>Emergency Response – Examining Your Emergency Response Procedures – Terrorist Attacks &amp; Cybersecurity (Part 2)</b>  <b>Robert Soto, Steve Roberts - Paradigm</b>  (Joshua Tree Room)</p>	<p><b>11:15 AM – 12:00 PM</b></p> <p><b>Preventing Overpressurizations – New Industry Guidance Document</b>  <b>Mary Palkovich – American Gas Association</b>  (Palm Ballroom)</p> <p><b>Building a Positive Safety Culture</b>  <b>Steve Allen – Energy World Net</b>  (Abbey Room)</p> <p><b>Optimizing Your AC Mitigation System</b>  <b>Michael Emerine - Dairyland</b>  (Joshua Tree Room)</p> <p><b>Covered Task or Not?</b>  <b>David Landry – Industrial Training Services</b>  (Dolores Room)</p>
<p><b>12:00 – 1:30 PM LUNCH BREAK &amp; <b>VENDOR RAFFLE</b> (Palm Vendor Area)</b></p>	<p><b>12:00 – 1:30 PM LUNCH BREAK (Palm Vendor Area)</b></p>
<p><b>1:30 – 2:15 PM</b></p> <p><b>Pipeline Safety Trust – The Public’s Perspective on Recent Rulemakings and Public Engagement Initiatives</b>  <b>Carl Weimer – Pipeline Safety Trust</b>  (Palm Ballroom)</p> <p><b>Incident Investigation/Emergency Response Lessons Learned (Part 1)</b>  <b>George Lomax – Lomax Incident Investigation &amp; Emergency Response Consulting</b>  (Abbey Room)</p> <p><b>The Gas Transmission Mega Rule – Are you prepared?</b>  <b>Jenny Hudson – EN Engineering</b>  (Joshua Tree Room)</p>	<p><b>1:30 – 2:15 PM</b></p> <p><b>Distribution Integrity Management (DIMP) Updates and Recent Incidents</b>  <b>Chris McLaren - PHMSA</b>  (Palm Ballroom)</p> <p><b>Do You Have Traceable, Verifiable, and Complete Pipeline Records?</b>  <b>Lane Miller – TRC Solutions</b>  (Abbey Room)</p> <p><b>A Structured Approach to Competency Development</b>  <b>Speaker TBD – Rosen Group</b>  (Joshua Tree Room)</p> <p><b>Customer Service Roundtable (continued)</b>  <b>Facilitated by Long Beach Energy Resources</b>  (Joshua Tree Room)</p>
<p><b>2:15 – 2:30 PM BREAK &amp; <b>VENDOR EXHIBITS</b> (Palm Vendor Area)</b></p>	<p><b>2:15 – 2:30 PM BREAK &amp; <b>VENDOR EXHIBITS</b> (Palm Vendor Area)</b></p>



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**2:30 – 3:15 PM**

**NYSEARCH – National Research and Development Project Summary**

**Daphne D’Zurko – NYSEARCH/Northeast Gas Association**  
(Palm Ballroom)

**Incident Investigation/Emergency Response Lessons Learned (Part 2)**

**George Lomax – Lomax Incident Investigation & Emergency Response Consulting**  
(Abbey Room)

**Pipeline Pressure Testing Objectives and Acceptance Criteria**

**Sheri Baucom – RCP Inc.**  
(Joshua Tree Room)

**2:30 PM – 3:15 PM**

**Incident Response Training- A Practical Approach**

**Jason John & Jakob Gribble – Southwest Gas Corporation**  
(Palm Ballroom)

**New Concepts in Soil Gas Migration**

**David Heldenbrand – Bison Engineering**  
(Abbey Room)

**Static Electricity – Hazards and Controls**

**Dirk Smith – Ionix Gas Technologies**  
(Joshua Tree Room)

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

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

**3:45 – 4:30 PM**

**Merrimack Valley, MA Overpressure Incident – Overview and Lessons Learned**

**Mary Palkovich – American Gas Association**  
(Palm Ballroom)

**Arizona 811: Changing the Future of 811 Ticket Creation and Excavator Training!**

**Sandra Holmes – Arizona 811**  
(Abbey Room)

**Tools for Identifying Asset Conflicts in GIS and Planning Work Cooperatively**

**Dave Veilleux – G2 Integrated Solutions**  
(Joshua Tree Room)

**GRAND DOOR PRIZE RAFFLE**

**Please join us in the Palm 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!**

**4:30 – 6:00 PM**

**GET ACQUAINTED NETWORKING RECEPTION – Palm 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!**