



2022 WESTERN REGIONAL GAS CONFERENCE



TUESDAY, AUGUST 23	WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24
7:00 – 8:00 AM REGISTRATION & VENDOR EXHIBITS	
<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 Vendor Area)</p>
<p>8:15 – 9:00 AM</p> <p>Keynote Address: PHMSA & Industry Efforts on the Pipeline Safety Reauthorization Mandates Alan Mayberry – 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 PIPES Act Mandates, OQ, and Other Initiatives Erin Kurilla - American Public Gas Association (Arizona Ballroom)</p> <p>Pipeline Safety Management Systems – Preparing for a PSMS Regulation and What Some Operators Are Doing Now Steve Allen – Energy World Net (Pueblo Room 1)</p> <p>Corrosion Control Track - Material Selection for Impressed Current Cathodic Protection Ground Beds Charlie Poore – Mesa Products (Pueblo Room 2)</p> <p>Customer Service Roundtable Discussion & Presentations Facilitator: Eric Stachowiak – Long Beach Energy Resources (Board/Yuma Room)</p>
	<p>9:00 – 9:15 AM BREAK & VENDOR AREA RAFFLE (Coronado Vendor Area)</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 22 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>Advanced Leak Detection Technology – LDAR and Methane Emission Quantification Alnoor Ebrahim- Southern Cross (Pueblo Room 1)</p> <p>Corrosion Control Track – Recent PHMSA Rule Changes (Gas Transmission RIN 2) and the Impact to Corrosion Control Activities Tom Finch – PHMSA Western Region (Pueblo Room 2)</p>	<p>9:15 – 10:00 AM</p> <p>Gas Transmission Rule Compliance with RIN 2 – Operator Objectives DeWitt Burdeaux – RCP Inc. (Arizona Ballroom)</p> <p>New Solutions for Isolating Distribution Pipelines; Double Block & Bleed Stop-Off for Steel Distribution; PolyStop Quick Connect for Plastic Stop-Off TD Williamson Corporation (Pueblo Room 1)</p> <p>Gas Distribution HCA & Complex Class Location Analysis Using ArcGIS for Line Marker Placements Kris Kerr - G2 Integrated Solutions – Jen Brewer – PG&E (Pueblo Room 2)</p> <p>Customer Service Roundtable Discussion & Presentations Facilitator: Eric Stachowiak – Long Beach Energy Resources (Board/Yuma Room)</p>
<p>9:45 – 10:15 AM BREAK & VENDOR AREA RAFFLE (Coronado Vendor Area)</p>	<p>10:00 – 10:15 AM BREAK & VENDOR AREA RAFFLE (Coronado Vendor Area)</p>
<p>10:15 – 11:00 AM</p> <p>NAPSR-PHMSA Distribution Team Updates for Operators Chris McLaren - PHMSA (Arizona Ballroom)</p> <p>Tunable Diode Laser Absorption Spectroscopy Technology for Leak Survey and Advanced Mobile Leak Detection Paul Wehnert – Heath Consultants (Pueblo Room 1)</p> <p>Corrosion Control Track – AC Interference Monitoring and Mitigation Modeling Gerald Haynes - Elsyca (Pueblo Room 2)</p>	<p>10:15 – 11:00 AM</p> <p>Gas Technology Institute – Advanced Training Technologies (AR, VR, etc.) for Gas Operators Ray Deatherage – Gas Technology Institute (Arizona Ballroom)</p> <p>PHMSA Western Region Updates, Inspection Results, Compliance Actions Tom Finch – PHMSA Western Region (Pueblo Room 1)</p> <p>Methane Recovery During Purging and Emissions Reduction and Tracking Options (Natural Gas Compression Technology) Jason Vosburgh – Onboard Dynamics (Pueblo Room 2)</p> <p>Customer Service Roundtable Discussion & Presentations Facilitated by Long Beach Energy Resources (Board/Yuma Room)</p>



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<p>11:00 – 11:15 AM BREAK & VENDOR EXHIBITS (Coronado Vendor Area)</p> <p>11:15 AM – 12:00 PM</p> <p>National Transportation Safety Board – Incident Updates & Reports Kim West - NTSB (Arizona Ballroom)</p> <p>Methane Emission Reduction and Recovery Technology and Other Updates Dennis Jarneke – GTI Energy (Gas Technology Institute) (Pueblo Room 1)</p> <p>Corrosion Control Track – DC Interference Challenges Paul Sedlet – Accurate (Pueblo Room 2)</p>	<p>11:00 – 11:15 AM BREAK & VENDOR EXHIBITS (Coronado Vendor Area)</p> <p>11:15 AM – 12:00 PM</p> <p>Using Satellite Technology for Methane Emission Detection and Leak Survey Jay Almlie - Satelytics (Arizona Ballroom)</p> <p>One Call Perspectives on the 811 Emergency Reports and Updates Louis Panzer – North Carolina 811 (Pueblo Room 1)</p> <p>Pipeline Integrity Threats and Applicable Assessment Methods Scott Kimery – HDR Engineering (Pueblo Room 2)</p> <p>Customer Service Roundtable Discussion & Presentations Speaker TBD (Board/Yuma Room)</p>
<p>12:00 – 1:30 PM LUNCH BREAK (Arizona Room, Raffle in Coronado)</p>	<p>12:00 – 1:30 PM LUNCH BREAK (Arizona Room, Raffle in Coronado)</p>



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<p>1:30 – 2:15 PM</p> <p>Review of the Automatic Shutoff Valve/Remote Control Valve Final Rule Bryan Frye – Southwest Gas; Lane Miller, PHMSA (Arizona Ballroom)</p> <p>Gas Gathering Rulemaking RIN 3 Updates Chris McLaren - PHMSA (Pueblo Room 1)</p> <p>Corrosion Control Track – Pipeline Coating Preparation and Application Tony Blake – B&W Distributors (Pueblo Room 2)</p> <p>Establishing Pipeline Compliance Program Solutions Wally McGaughey/Al Giordano – G2 Integrated Solutions (Board/Yuma Room)</p>	<p>1:30 – 2:15 PM</p> <p>AGA Updates: Gas Transmission, Class Location, PIPES Act Mandates, etc. Sonal Patni - American Gas Association (Arizona Ballroom)</p> <p>OQIP Project Updates – How Does OQ Relate to Incidents? – PHMSA/ State OQ Inspection Perspectives Warren Miller – Industrial Training Services (Pueblo Room 1)</p> <p>Methane Emission Tracking, Evaluation, and Reporting for Gas Pipelines Nhan “Barney” Pham – RCP Inc. (Pueblo Room 2)</p> <p>Customer Service Roundtable Discussion & Presentations Facilitated by Long Beach Energy Resources (Board/Yuma Room)</p>
<p>2:15 – 2:30 PM BREAK & VENDOR EXHIBITS (Coronado Vendor Area)</p>	<p>2:15 – 2:30 PM BREAK & VENDOR EXHIBITS (Coronado Vendor Area)</p>
<p>2:30 – 3:15 PM</p> <p>Using the Picarro System for Section 114 PIPES Act Mandates in Leak Detection and GHG Emission Reduction Jeff Lukens - Picarro (Arizona Ballroom)</p> <p>Incident Investigation/Emergency Response Lessons Learned Tony Tetto - AEGIS Loss Control (Pueblo Room 1)</p> <p>Corrosion Control Track – Application of DC De-couplers in Cathodic Protection Systems Jay Warner - Dairyland Electrical (Pueblo Room 2)</p>	<p>2:30 PM – 3:15 PM</p> <p>Operator Qualification Emerging Topics- New England OQ NPRM – OQ FAQs Dennis Kuhn – Astar Consultants (Arizona Ballroom)</p> <p>Emergency Response – Integrating First Responders Lindsay Sander – Sander Resources (Pueblo Room 1)</p> <p>Laboratory Analysis Processes for Material Investigations Greg Efthemes – Southwest Gas Corporation (Pueblo Room 2)</p>
<p>3:15 – 3:45 PM BREAK & VENDOR EXHIBITS (Coronado Vendor Area)</p>	<p>3:15 PM ADJOURNMENT & GRAND PRIZE RAFFLE (Coronado Vendor Area)</p>



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3:45 - 4:30 PM

Pipeline Safety Trust - Expanding the Work of PST, Recent Initiatives

Bill Caram - Pipeline Safety Trust

(Arizona Ballroom)

Incident Investigation/Emergency Response Workshop/Overview

David Zak - AEGIS Loss Control

(Pueblo Room 1)

Efficient Use of Coupons and ER Probes

Jeff Didas - Kinder Morgan

(Pueblo Room 2)

4:30 - 6:00 PM

GET ACQUAINTED NETWORKING RECEPTION - Grand Coronado Ballroom 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!

GRAND DOOR PRIZE RAFFLE

Please join us in the Grand Coronado 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.