



2024 WESTERN REGIONAL GAS CONFERENCE



TUESDAY, AUGUST 20	WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21
<p>7:00 – 8:00 AM REGISTRATION (Palm Ballroom Foyer) & VENDOR EXHIBITS (Palm Ballroom ABDE) and Breakfast (Mission Grille or Snack Shacks)</p>	
<p>8:00 – 8:15 AM</p> <p>WELCOME!</p> <p>Bill Parry – Southwest Gas Corporation Director, Western Regional Gas Association, Inc. (Palm Ballroom CF Main Session Room)</p>	<p>7:00 – 8:15 AM</p> <p>WAKE-UP SESSION</p> <p>Vendor Exhibit Area (Palm Ballroom ABDE) (Snack Shack Continental Breakfast or Hot Breakfast at the Mission Grille!)</p>
<p>8:15 – 9:00 AM</p> <p>Keynote Address: PHMSA Regulatory Focus for 2024 and Beyond</p> <p>Alan Mayberry, Associate Administrator U.S. Department of Transportation, Pipeline & Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) (Palm Ballroom CF)</p>	<p>8:15 – 9:00 AM</p> <p>AGA Efforts and Challenges to Promote Natural Gas Usage Sue Forrester – American Gas Association (Palm Ballroom)</p> <p>Safe Purging Techniques for Natural Gas Pipelines Brandon Porter – Western Plant (Joshua Tree Room)</p> <p>Damage Prevention and Its Relationship to Pipeline Safety Management Steve Allen – Energy Worldnet (Abbey Room)</p>
	<p>9:00 – 9:15 AM BREAK & VENDOR AREA RAFFLE (Palm Ballroom)</p>



Location: The Tempe Mission Palms Hotel and Conference Center, 60 E. Fifth St., Tempe, Arizona 85281

Registration: Palm Ballroom Foyer

Vendor Set-Up: Monday, August 19 from 1:00 to 5:00 PM, Palm Ballroom Vendor Display Area

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



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<p>9:05 – 9:50 AM</p> <p>Pipeline Safety Rulemaking Updates and Advisories: NPRM, Final Rule and Related Regulatory Activity John Gale – PHMSA (scheduled) (Palm Ballroom)</p> <p>Corrosion Control Track: Impact of CP on AC Interference in line with AMPP SP21424 Gerald Haynes – Micor Services Inc. (Joshua Tree Room)</p> <p>Successful Practices for Leadership Soft Skills Development (& Overview of the MEA Gas Rodeo Event) Chad Shannon & John Gann – Midwest Energy Association (Abbey Room)</p>	<p>9:15 – 10:00 AM</p> <p>Facility Data Collection (Digitizing the As Built Process) Paul Gustilo – Southwest Gas Corporation (Palm Ballroom)</p> <p>Advanced Leak Detection and Quantification Johan Wictor - Pergam (Joshua Tree Room)</p> <p>Compliance Monitoring and Management Erin McKay – That Compliance Lady, Evergreen Compliance LLC (Abbey Room)</p>
<p>9:50 – 10:15 AM BREAK & VENDOR AREA RAFFLE (Palm Ballroom)</p>	<p>10:00 – 10:15 AM BREAK & VENDOR AREA RAFFLE (Palm Ballroom)</p>
<p>10:15 – 11:00 AM</p> <p>NAPSR-PHMSA Distribution Team Updates for Operators Matt Smith – Illinois Commerce Commission/NAPSR (Palm Ballroom)</p> <p>Corrosion Control Track – Corrosion Management System Assessment Nicole Cartwright – Southern California Gas Company (Joshua Tree Room)</p> <p>Leak Survey and Emissions Detection Technology Updates Robert Botello – Heath Consultants (Abbey Room)</p>	<p>10:15 – 11:00 AM</p> <p>Industry Efforts and State Actions to Utilize Hydrogen in Gas Systems Ashley Duckman – American Gas Association (Palm Ballroom)</p> <p>PHMSA Western Region Updates, Inspection Results, Compliance Actions Tom Finch – PHMSA Western Region (Joshua Tree Room)</p> <p>Revolutionizing Methane Emissions Quantification with the Next Generation of AI-Powered Advanced Analytics Alnoor Ebrahim – Southern Cross/Sparus (Abbey Room)</p>
<p>11:00 – 11:15 AM BREAK & VENDOR EXHIBITS (Palm Ballroom)</p>	<p>11:00 – 11:15 AM BREAK & VENDOR EXHIBITS (Palm 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 (Palm Ballroom)</p> <p>Corrosion Control Track – Linear Anodes and Electrodes-Applications and Advantages Charlie Poore – Mesa Products (Joshua Tree Room)</p> <p>GTI Energy Project Updates Dennis Jarnecke – GTI Energy (Gas Technology Institute) (Abbey Room)</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 (Palm Ballroom)</p> <p>PHMSA Leak Detection & Repair NPRM Updates After GPAC and Gas Distribution Rule Perspectives Warren Miller – Industrial Training Services (Joshua Tree Room)</p> <p>Remote Virtual Non-Destructive Testing System Technology Mike Childers - Southwest Gas Corporation (Abbey Room)</p>
<p>12:00 – 1:30 PM LUNCH BREAK (Mission Grille; Raffle in Vendor Display)</p>	<p>12:00 – 1:30 PM LUNCH BREAK (Mission Grille; Raffle in Coronado)</p>
<p>1:30 – 2:15 PM</p> <p>Gas Distribution NPRM Rulemaking Team Activities Matt Smith – Illinois Commerce Commission (Palm Ballroom)</p> <p>Corrosion Control Track – Cathodic Shielding Issues Frank Selga – Accurate Corrosion Control (Joshua Tree Room)</p> <p>Methane Mitigation Challenges & Strategies – Operator Case Studies Erik Menard - ZEVAK (Abbey Room)</p>	<p>1:30 – 2:15 PM</p> <p>Material Verification Best Practices Related to Gas Transmission RIN 1 Erick Cowan – Entrust Solutions Group (Palm Ballroom)</p> <p>Damage Prevention Topic TBD Kristy Rees – Unisource Energy Services (Joshua Tree Room)</p> <p>The Critical Role of Accurate Reporting in Mitigating Methane Emissions Jason Vosburgh – Onboard Dynamics Inc. (Abbey Room)</p>
<p>2:15 – 2:30 PM BREAK & VENDOR EXHIBITS (Palm Ballroom Vendor Area)</p>	<p>2:15 – 2:30 PM BREAK & VENDOR EXHIBITS (Palm Ballroom Vendor Area)</p>



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2:30 – 3:15 PM

Aerial Methane Monitoring Project Overview and Safety Benefits

Erik Rodriguez – Southern California Gas Company
(Palm Ballroom)

Corrosion Control Track – Corrosion Control and RIN 2

Jeff Didas – Kinder Morgan
(Joshua Tree Room)

Incident Investigation/Emergency Response Lessons Learned

Eddie Lynch – AEGIS Loss Control
(Abbey Room)

2:30 PM – 3:15 PM

Natural Concepts in Right-of-Way Management; Using Select Species to Control Growth and Harmonize with the Environment

Mary Youpel - API
(Palm Ballroom)

Integrated Techniques for Analyzing Anomalies on Older Pipelines & Managing the Laboratory Analysis Process

Greg Efthemes – Southwest Gas Corporation
(Joshua Tree Room)

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

Sandy Holmes – Arizona Blue Stake/AZ811 Center
(Abbey Room)

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

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

3:45 – 4:30 PM

Pipeline Safety Trust – Damage Prevention Reviews, Recent Initiatives

Bill Caram – Pipeline Safety Trust
(Palm Ballroom)

Corrosion Control Track – Design Considerations for Pipeline Casings

John Rettig – Farwest Corrosion Control
(Joshua Tree Room)

Incident Investigation/Emergency Response Workshop/Overview

David Zak – AEGIS Loss Control
(Abbey Room)

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 – Palm 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!