



Session Descriptions

Critical Infrastructure Track

Critical Designation of Natural Gas Infrastructure Rule Requirements – Update

30 minutes

Haley Cochran and Natalie Dubiel

This session will provide an update on 16 Texas Administrative Code §3.65, relating to Critical Designation of Natural Gas Infrastructure.

Critical Infrastructure Division: The RRC's Newest Division

30 minutes

Jim Collins, Mysti Doshier, Jarrod Eberly, Gilbert Herrera, Andrea Meyer, and Jared Ware

This session is an introduction to the RRC's newest division Critical Infrastructure which was created in response to recent legislation that gave the agency new responsibilities to regulate the weatherization of natural gas facilities. Come meet division's leadership and learn where the division is currently and where they are headed.

Critical Infrastructure Division Inspections and Audits

30 minutes

Jim Collins, Mysti Doshier, Jarrod Eberly, Gilbert Herrera, and Andrea Meyer

In this session, the Critical Infrastructure Division's Regional Directors will provide an overview of what to expect during an inspection and outline the audit process.

How to File the Form CI-D and Form CI-X Online

1 hour

Mysti Doshier

This session will outline the steps to file the Form CI-D, Acknowledgement of Critical Customer/Critical Gas Supplier Designation, and its attachment and Form CI-X, Critical Designation Exception Application, and its attachment online using the Critical Infrastructure Designation (CID/CIX) application in the RRC Online System. In addition, information on recent updates to the online forms and attachments will be provided.

Importance of GIS Data and Shapefiles for Mapping the Electricity Supply Chain

30 minutes

Chris Vincent and Jared Ware

In April, Texas adopted the first-ever Electricity Supply Chain Map for use during disaster and emergency preparedness and response. This session will demonstrate the importance of geographic information system (GIS) data and shapefiles to energy regulation processes and provide submission best practices for digital data required by the RRC.

Winterization Best Practices

1 hour

Jeff Cooley, Pacia Diaz, PhD, Randall Earley, and Ivan Salas

In this session the RRC's Critical Infrastructure Division and AARC representatives will educate operators of gas supply chain facilities and gas pipeline facilities on energy industry best practices to prepare to operate in extreme weather conditions during the winter.

Oil and Gas Track

Drilling Permits and Online Filing

1 hour 30 minutes

David King

This course will outline procedures for filing a Form W-1 (*Application for Permit to Drill, Recomplete, or Re-Enter*). Main topics for discussion will include an overview of the relevant Statewide Rules; update on new functionality within the online application, including requirements for Statewide Rule 40, uploading attachments, and which attachments are needed; Off-Lease Penetration Point procedures; and payment problems.

Exceptions to Statewide Rule 10

30 minutes

Valentine Dongo

This session will focus on helping operators understand the rule that prohibits production from different strata through the same conduit and the requirements for an exception to the rule.

Filing Completions for Oil and Gas/UIC

1 hour 30 minutes

Weston Cassady, Roseanna Edson, Lauryn McFarland, and Jacquelyn Teseny

This session will cover the filing of a completion report (Form W-2, *Oil Well Potential Test, Completion or Recompletion*/Form G-1, *Gas Well Back Pressure Test, Completion or Recompletion*) using the RRC Online System. This session will also cover common problems encountered by RRC's Well Compliance Unit, Underground Injection Control Unit, Engineering Unit and District Offices that may delay the completion approval process.

Forms GW-1 & GW-2: Groundwater Protection Determination Requests and Statewide Rules 13, 14, 9, 46, 99 & 100

1 hour

James Harcourt and Heather Hesskew

This session will provide a functional overview of the RRC's Groundwater Advisory Unit and explain how to apply for a Determination Letter using the Form GW-1 (*Groundwater Protection Determination Request Form*) and GW-1 online application. Topics include methods and research used in making determinations and how determinations relate to aspects of Statewide Rules 13, 14, 9, 46, 99 and 100. The Form W-14 (*Application to Dispose of Oil & Gas Waste by Injection into a Porous Formation Not Productive of Oil or Gas*) will be used as an example, and recommended research strategies and tools will be discussed.

Form H-5 and the New Disposal/Injection Well Pressure Test Report Online System

1 hour

Aaron Lejeune

This session will discuss how to use the new *Disposal/Injection Well Pressure Test Report* (Form H-5) online system and explain the process of how to resolve the 90-day approval letters.

Form H-10 / H-10H: Annual Well Monitoring Reports for Disposal and Injection Wells, Brine Mining Wells, and Storage Caverns

1 hour

Margot Buyens

This session will focus on filing the Form H-10, inactive UIC wells, H-10 permit violations & enforcement, H-10 corrections, UIC permit transfer issues, the Severance Query, etc. This session will also provide a brief overview of the Form H-10H Annual Well Monitoring Report for Brine Mining wells and Storage Caverns in Salt Formations.

Form P-16: Acreage Designation

1 hour 30 minutes

David King and Jacquelyn Teseny

In this session we will discuss the Form P-16 (*Acreage Designation*). Topics for discussion will cover when the form is required to be submitted, what data is required for a W-1 application or a G-1/W-2 packet, the differences between the two, and common mistakes that are encountered when utilizing the form. If time allows a live demo of data entry will be shown.

Form P-18: Skim Oil/Condensate Report and Form T-1: Monthly Transportation & Storage Report

1 hour

Deborah Davis and Erin Hehnly

This session will provide detailed instructions on completing and filing the Form P-18 (*Skim Oil/Condensate Report*) and Form T-1 (*Monthly Transportation & Storage Report*). An overview of frequently asked questions and common filing errors will also be covered.

Form PR: Production Report and P-17/P17A: Surface Commingling

2 hours

Deborah Davis

This session will provide detailed instructions on completing and filing the Form PR (*Monthly Production Report*) also mentioning the new flaring disposition codes, P-17 [*Application for Permit Exception to Statewide Rules 26 and/or 27 (Commingling)*]; and P-17A [*Application for Commingle Permit Pursuant to Statewide Rules 26 and/or 27 (Commingling)*]. This session will also discuss when fees are required for certain P-17 filings.

Introducing RRC LoneSTAR and Forms P-5, W-3C & W-3X Online Filing

1 hour

Kaitlyn Cunningham and Jennifer Gilmore

The RRC has embarked on its largest information technology project in agency history with creation of the RRC State Tracking and Reporting system, or LoneSTAR. This online application will allow users to make online filings and view records and track various RRC regulatory functions. The first LoneSTAR release includes the processes for filing the Form P-5, *Organization Report*, required to become, or renew as, an oil or gas operator or pipeline operator under the jurisdiction of the RRC. Also included in the first release are forms related to

Statewide Rule 15 requirements: Form W-3C, *Certification of Surface Equipment Removal for an Inactive Well*, and Form W-3X, *Application for an Extension of Deadline for Plugging an Inactive Well*.

Oil and Gas Waste Stream Management, Part 1

1 hour

James Bolton and Jason Hollinger

This session provides an overview for certain authorized activities, minor permits and noncommercial permits issued for the handling, storage, treatment and disposal of Resource Conservation and Recovery Act exempt oil and gas waste. The session will include guidance for waste haulers, hydrostatic tests, recycling of domestic wastewater, noncommercial fluid recycling, land spreading, and pits.

Oil and Gas Waste Stream Management, Part 2

1 hour

Heidi Pelkey and Christopher Straub

This session provides an overview of the various permits issued for the handling, storage, treatment and disposal of Resource Conservation and Recovery Act exempt oil and gas waste and the additional requirements for commercial facility applications. The session will include a listing of permit types, guidance for potential locations, various requirements, notice requirements, and closure cost estimate assumptions.

Public GIS Viewer Tool

1 hour

Matt Brown and Mark Maddox

This session will cover how to get the most out of the RRC's Public GIS Viewer and available digital map data. This will include a description of the origins of the Public GIS Viewer, core functionality, associated tools and layers that can be used by RRC staff and the public. Attendees will learn to successfully navigate the website and understand how to view, download, and display data.

Statewide Rule 32 - Flaring

1 hour

Atia Rahman

This session provides an overview of the requirements of Statewide Rule 32 regarding the venting and flaring of casinghead and gas well gas. Discussion topics will include authorized flaring and venting and exemptions to the rule, as well as exceptions to the rule. The new online filing system will also be discussed.

Statewide Rules 37 & 38 – Drilling Permits

1 hour

Lorenzo Garza

This will be an intermediate to advanced level discussion on the causes and resolutions to Statewide Rule 37 and 38 exceptions. We will also discuss some of the most common problems and issues that are identified on drilling permit applications.

Statewide Rules 101 and Form ST-1

1 hour

James Harcourt, Heather Hesskew and Kaila Thomas

This is a discussion of Statewide Rule 101 regarding Certification for Severance Tax Exemption or Reduction for Gas Produced from High-Cost Gas Wells. They will also discuss how to apply for a tight formation area designation and how to file the Form ST-1, *Application for Texas Severance Tax Incentive Certification*. A representative from the Comptroller Office will discuss the AP-180, *Request for Approval of Reduced Tax for High-Cost Gas*.

Underground Injection Control (UIC) – Permitting

1 hour

Rob Castillo

This session is an overview of the application process for Statewide Rules 9 and 46. We will discuss navigating the UIC online manual followed by a detailed look at the administrative and technical review done on injection/disposal well applications. We will discuss our seismic review process for disposal wells. Through these reviews the participant will have a better understanding of what is needed to complete the application process.

Website Queries – How to Stay in Compliance

1 hour

Trisha Fleming

This session is intended to provide a review of RRC's website focusing on regulatory compliance by demonstrating the tools available to users. In addition, an overview of the RRC Online Research Queries will be reviewed to illustrate the data available through the RRC website. Topics to be discussed include oil and gas well supplements, proration schedules, and online research queries associated with the RRC's Well Compliance Unit.

Pipeline Safety Track

Conversion to Service: 49 CFR §192.14 and 49 CFR §195.5

1 hour

John Jacobi, RegSafe

In this session, Mr. Jacobi will address requirements regarding converting of 49 CFR Part 192 gas pipelines to 49 CFR Part 195 hazardous liquid pipelines as well as converting 49 CFR Part 195 hazardous liquid pipelines to 49 CFR Part 192 gas pipelines and converting existing non-jurisdictional pipelines to jurisdictional pipelines. It sounds simple but it is not!! Attendees will not learn how to play baseball (all the nitty gritty technical and regulatory details), but by the time John is done, attendees should have a good idea of which regulatory bases to touch and how the umpires (regulatory agencies) should be calling the game.

Corpus Christi NTSB Accident Review and Industry Recommendations

45 minutes

Ed Landgraf, Texas811/CAMO

This session will address the NTSB Investigation review of the August 2020 Corpus Christi Pipeline Accident where five died. Findings will be shared along with NTSB mitigative recommendations that could change the look of company integrity programs and PA/DP regulations. We will also discuss the "Pipeline Task Force" and what's new at Texas811 as they relate to the accident.

Distribution Integrity Management and Rule 8.209

30 minutes

Jonathan Saucedo

The session will focus on the intricacies of Distribution Integrity Management and 16 Texas Administrative Code §8.209 regarding the Distribution Facilities Replacement Program.

Do I Have a Regulated Hazardous Liquid Pipeline?

30 minutes

Michael Parker

The session will focus on helping operators understand the Federal and State codes when determining whether a pipeline is regulated or not.

Do I Have a Regulated Natural Gas Pipeline?

45 minutes

Michael Parker

The session will focus on helping operators understand the Federal and State codes when determining whether a pipeline is regulated or not.

Driving Effective and Sustainable Integrity Management Programs

45 minutes

Mike LaMont, RCP, Inc.

Today there is more pressure than ever to manage the integrity of our pipeline systems, with social and environmental driving integrity management to C Suite level conversations. Most Texas natural gas and hazardous liquids pipeline operators developed and implemented robust Integrity Management Programs (IMPs) to comply with §192 Subpart O, Gas Transmission Pipeline Integrity Management, Subpart P, Gas Distribution Pipeline Integrity Management, §195.452, Pipeline Integrity Management in High Consequence Areas, and 16 Texas Administrative Code §8.101, Pipeline Integrity Assessment and Management Plans for Natural Gas and Hazardous Liquids Pipelines. These programs include all the required elements such as High Consequence Areas, Data Integration, Risk Assessment, Integrity Assessments, and Preventive and Mitigative Measures, but what are some of the factors that separate an excellent program from a good one? What are some of the critical considerations in developing a program that consistently performs over the years? In this session we will briefly review the risk-based approach provided by Integrity Management Regulations and associated required elements. Then we will focus our conversation on exploring factors driving effective and sustainable integrity management programs.

Gas Gathering Rule

1 hour

Wallace McGaughey, G2 Integrated Solutions

This session will cover the new federal gathering line rule that went into effect May 16, 2022. This final rule extends reporting requirements to all gas gathering operators and apply a set of minimum safety requirements to certain gas gathering pipelines with large diameters and high operating pressures.

Gathering Incident/Accident Investigations

30 minutes

Godspower Oniovosa

The session will focus on the differences in Federal and State codes for reporting pipeline accidents/incidents and the operator requirements when the RRC is investigating.

How to Prepare a Plan of Correction (POC)

30 minutes

Nicholas Owojori

The session will help operators understand the POC process and how to respond to alleged violations cited during Pipeline Safety inspections. Topics will include POC request letters, response deadlines, completion documentations, POC delinquents and approval/rejection process.

How to Prepare for an RRC Pipeline Inspection

30 minutes

Keith Grimes

The session will focus on informing new operators as to the process of an inspection. It will explain what is looked at and what Pipeline Safety expects during one.

Introducing RRC LoneSTAR and Form P-5 Online Filing

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Jurisdictional Determination of Non-Traditional Hazardous Liquid Facilities

1 hour

Karl Leger, RegSafe

In this session, Mr. Leger will address the jurisdictional determination of non-traditional hazardous liquids transmission pipeline systems such as those associated with midstream and refining facilities regulated by 49 CFR 195. Attendees will be presented with regulatory guidance and examples of pipeline configurations including the pipeline, facilities, and tankage. The goal of this presentation is to assist attendees in properly defining and evaluating their pipeline system to determine their jurisdictional status.

Meet RRC Managers and Specialized Leads

1 hour

Evon Boothe, Jennifer Delacruz, Derek Garcia, Mark Herrin, Derek Lawrence, Michael Nuernberg, Michael Parker, Ross Richardson, Jonathan Saucedo, and Charles Tetteh

This session will provide information on preparing for various RRC specialized evaluations, also known as program evaluations. Plus, there will be discussion on forms used and common issues found for the following evaluation types: operation and maintenance plans; distribution integrity management plans; gas and liquid transmission integrity management plans; public awareness/damage prevention plans; drug and alcohol plans; operator qualification plans; and new construction evaluations. This session will also include a discussion on key actions to best prepare your company for the audit process and provide insight into what the inspector will be reviewing.

Navigating the Code: Gas Basics

45 minutes

Lane Miller

The session will focus on helping operators understand the basics of 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 192 to improve compliance with it.

Navigating the Code: Liquid Basics

45 minutes

Lane Miller

The session will focus on helping operators understand the basics of 49 CFR 195 to improve compliance with it.

Operator Qualifications FAQs

1 hour

Al Giordano, G2

OQ FAQ's: What does it mean for you? This session will dissect the latest guidance and development of recommended actions for continued OQ compliance.

PHMSA Headquarters Updates

45 minutes

Alan Mayberry, PHMSA

This session will cover Pipeline Hazardous Materials and Safety Administration (PHMSA) regulatory, rulemaking and data updates.

PHMSA Updates — Gas

30 minutes

William (Bill) Lowry, P.E., PHMSA

This session will cover PHMSA gas regulatory updates, rulemaking, and data updates, as well as Outreach and Engagement Division initiatives. The regulatory update will include a discussion of gas transmission and gas storage rules and proposed rules. Data updates will include a discussion of incident and accident and pipe materials data. Community Liaison and damage prevention activities will be covered in an Outreach and Engagement Division discussion.

PHMSA Updates — Hazardous Liquids

30 minutes

William (Bill) Lowry, P.E., PHMSA

This session will cover PHMSA hazardous liquids regulatory updates, rulemaking, and data updates, as well as Outreach and Engagement Division initiatives. The regulatory update will include a discussion of hazardous liquids rules and proposed rules. Data updates will include a discussion of incident and accident and pipe materials data. The Outreach and Engagement Division discussion will include Community Liaison and damage prevention activities.

Pipeline Damage Prevention: Improving TDRF Submissions

Ricardo Gamez

45 minutes

This session will focus on informing operators how to improve their Texas Damage Reporting Form (TDRF) for the RRC's Pipeline Damage Prevention Program (PDPP). Topics of discussion will include detailed review of the TDRF, ways of improving before and after damage photos,

locked gate situations, and improving public outreach efforts. Time will be allotted at the end for discussion of issues commonly found in the field.

Pipeline Inspection, Permitting & Evaluation System (PIPES) Overview

30 minutes

Pete Longoria

This session will provide information on how to navigate the Pipeline Inspection Permitting & Evaluation System including how to locate inspection packages, make a payment, and Form PS-48 submissions.

Q&A with RRC Pipeline Safety Staff

1 hour

Pipeline Safety Staff will be available for questions and discussion about pipeline safety issues, inspections, and upcoming rule changes.

RRC Pipeline Safety Updates

30 minutes

Stephanie Weidman

This session will cover general updates in Pipeline Safety.

RRC Specialized Inspections

45 minutes

RRC Regional Managers and Team Leads

The RRC's Pipeline Safety Specialized Leads will provide a high-level overview of the Accident and Incident, Distribution Integrity Management, Natural Gas Integrity Management, Hazardous Liquid Integrity Management, Control Room, Public Awareness and Damage Prevention, Operations and Maintenance, Drug & Alcohol, Operator Qualification, and New Construction fields.

Recap of Merrimack Valley Incident

1 hour

Dewitt Burdeaux, RCP

This presentation will touch on the events which led to the accident, the restoration efforts undertaken, and the resulting ramifications in legislation and rulemaking to come.

Section 114 Inspections

1 hour

Wally McGaughey, G2

This session will address leak prevention through advanced program management. Information presented is applicable to all regulated pipeline operators.

Simplistic Approach to Leak Detection and Valve Spacing for Liquid Pipelines

30 minutes

Prasanna Swamy, Enlink

This session will provide guidance to liquid pipeline operators for selecting the appropriate leak detection model by incorporating risk mitigation strategies and performance metrics, and to provide guidance for valve spacing requirements.

T-4 Permits and Pipeline Online Permitting System (POPS)

45 minutes

Bruce Waterman

This course will outline procedures for filing a Form T-4 (*Application for a pipeline Permit*). Main topics for discussion will include an overview of the pipeline permit rule (16 Texas Administrative Code §3.70); pipeline fees; types of permit applications; and using the online pipeline permit application, including requirements for uploading attachments and which attachments are needed.

Underground Natural Gas Storage Inspections

30 minutes

Mark Lay

This session will cover RRC compliance inspections of underground natural gas storage facilities under both the federal Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration program and the RRC's Oil and Gas Division program.

Understanding the Special Permit Process for Rehab to Address Integrity

45 minutes

Dewitt Burdeaux, RCP

Integrity problems with a pipeline? What are the expectations when submitting a "Request for a Special Permit/Waiver"? This presentation will touch on key items which must be addressed in any request.