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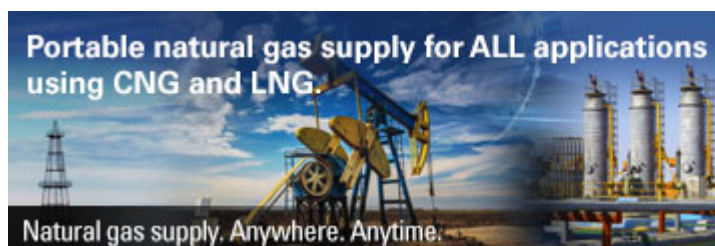
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Pipeline Safety Conference *Agenda Changes in 2017*

We have some exciting news in regards to the 2017 Pipeline Safety Conference, which will be held on July 10th-14th at the Astor Crowne Plaza in New Orleans. As you know, this conference is an excellent opportunity for our attendees to receive valuable information and educate themselves on various topics affecting our industry. It also provides the opportunity to interact with the numerous state agency officials as well as industry experts.

After numerous requests, this year we have decided to make a small change to the conference format. The classroom portion will no longer begin on Monday afternoon; it will begin on Tuesday morning. The tracks Hazardous Liquids, Gas Transmission and Gas Distribution have been extended to three full days and a brief session Friday morning. This change will increase the number of educational opportunities over previous years for each track. These three tracks will run concurrently which will allow attendees to attend the track of their choice at any time during the conference.

The conference will kick off on Monday evening with registration and a welcome reception. In addition there will be a reception with our vendors on Tuesday evening and the LGA reception on Thursday evening. Wednesday evening will be left open this year to allow our attendees to experience the rich flavor of New Orleans. Friday morning will begin with a fabulous full breakfast and a reduced number of sessions to allow for on time hotel check out and travel.

To experience the full program we are suggesting attendees arrive in New Orleans on Monday and check out on Friday morning.

Hopefully these small changes will make your experience at the conference a more educational and a valuable part of our continuing education in the industry.

Thank you,

Blaine Spell
LGA President

Steven Giambone
Director, Department of Natural Resources Pipeline Safety Program

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Have an interesting article to include in the LGA E-Newsletter? Send suggested articles to Kathleen O'Regan at the LGA Office. Your article will appear in the next quarterly issue!

Articles may include, but are not limited to:

- LGA member, company, and/or employee recognitions
- Industry updates
- Member special events
- Company announcements
- Consumer reports

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Upcoming Events

1st Quarter Board Meeting
February 15, 2017

Electrofusion/Valve Maintenance Training
March 8, 2017

Competent Person Training - Safety in Excavation

New Year. New Look. New LGA Website.




We are pleased to announce the launch of the newly redesigned LouisianaGasAssociation.org website!

As part of our initiative to accommodate our ever-growing membership with resources to better your company and make the experience of being a LGA member more accessible to existing and prospective members across the state, it is our privilege to present the new and improved LouisianaGasAssociation.org web site! The new and improved web site includes a wide range of new functionalities and adds value to the membership of LGA. Please take a look at the new site and tell us what you think of it!

We have been working for many months on the redesigned site, and our efforts have been helped immeasurably by the comments, suggestions, and feedback from LGA members. We're excited about it and think you'll love it too! Our new site has been designed by the LGA Communications Committee with the help of our staff and it offers new features and an ease of access that we are sure you will find beneficial, informative, and even fun!

>>[Check out the new website!](#)

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Leger Honored for Leadership by Southern Gas Association

Entergy Gas Distribution Region Manager Mike Leger recently received the Leaders Make a Difference Award from the Southern Gas Association this year for his commitment and service to the organization.

"During Mike's 36-year career, he's been extremely active in gas industry working groups and has done an outstanding job representing Entergy's gas business," said Michelle Bourg, director of Entergy's gas distribution business. "He is widely regarded by his industry peers as an expert in emergency management and this recognition by SGA is extremely well deserved."

Leger, who is based at the Tulane office in New Orleans, was honored earlier this year during SGA's Operating Conference and Exhibits in Houston, Texas. Recipients of the Leaders Make a Difference Award are nominated by SGA members or staff for demonstrating "exceptional leadership" and making a positive impact on SGA.

"My involvement with SGA has allowed me to build great industry relationships, keep current on new technology and best practices, and collaborate with industry peers on finding practical solutions to industry issues and challenges," Leger said. "Being actively involved with industry associations like SGA has been a very important part of my development and a rewarding part of my career."

Entergy is a longstanding member of SGA, and Leger has actively served the organization on multiple committees over the last 20 years. He chaired the emergency management committee, supported the SGA mutual assistance program and played a major role in SGA's first national mutual assistance mock drill.

He also organized multiple tours and lessons-learned presentations for SGA members following Hurricane Katrina and traveled to the northeast in the aftermath of Super Storm Sandy to serve as a subject-matter expert on storm restoration and mutual assistance best practices.

Story by Margaret Bucci. Photo at bottom: Mike Leger with his SGA award & a closer look at the award.

April 4, 2017

2nd Quarter Board Meeting
May 3, 2017

Scholarship Golf Tournament & Crawfish Boil
May 4, 2017

Service Technician and Customer Service Roundtable
May 10, 2017

Regulator & Relief Valve Training
June 7, 2017

Pipeline Safety Conference
July 10-14, 2017

Horizontal Directional Drilling Training/Sewer Cross Bore Awareness
July 19, 2017

Cathodic Protection Seminar - BASIC
August 15, 2017

Cathodic Protection Seminar - ADVANCED
August 16, 2017

Annual Operations Conference
October 16-18, 2017



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LGA Marketing Committee Announces New Consumer Website, www.GetGasLa.com

The LGA has a new consumer website that makes it easy for consumers to find a local natural gas utility in their area

The Louisiana Gas Association (LGA) is pleased to announce the launch of a completely new interactive website that serves as a resource for consumers looking for natural gas utilities in their area, www.GetGasLa.com.

The new website offers consumers easy navigation, a clean interface, and the ability to promptly find natural gas utilities in their own zip code. The website is intuitive and mobile-ready so users can easily find the information they need and learn about the benefits of natural gas.

LGA Marketing Committee Chair, Jim Tilley, said "We are delighted to offer our Louisiana consumers this new resource, which not only makes it easy to find natural gas utilities but educates consumers about the benefits of making natural gas part of their everyday use."

The new [GetGasLa.com](http://www.GetGasLa.com) features include:

- Zip Code search feature to find technical assistance or see if natural gas is available in your area
- Information about the residential and commercial benefits of using natural gas
- Statistics on the economic impact that natural gas has in Louisiana
- Advantages of using Compressed Natural Gas (CNG)
- Benefits of incorporating Commercial Fleets into municipalities and residential applications and how to find active stations in your area
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Consumers are encouraged to explore the new www.GetGasLA.com website to learn more about the benefits of natural gas and find a utility in their area.


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