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DNR Office of Conservation Adopts New Regulation for Hydraulic Fracture Operations in Louisiana

The Louisiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Office of Conservation adopted a new rule requiring oil and gas operators to obtain a work permit and disclose the types of fluids used in the hydraulic fracturing process of wells in Louisiana.

Additionally, operators are required to disclose the composition of the fracturing fluids and volumes used after completing the well to the Office of Conservation or to a public registry, such as FracFocus - <http://www.fracfocus.org/>, which was developed by the national Ground Water Protection Council and the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission.

Louisiana oil and gas regulations are found in Title 43 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, under Subpart 1, Statewide Order No. 29-B.

La. Commissioner of Conservation James Welsh said the new rule provides for more disclosure of information and allows the office to collect technical data not required before.

"With the intense development of the Haynesville Shale and in the interest of being protective of the environment, revising our rules provides substance and transparency," Welsh said.

Welsh explained that the STRONGER, Inc. report issued in March 2011 also recommended this type of amendment to Louisiana's existing regulations.

Since June of this year, the amended rule has made its way through the necessary administrative rule-making process, allowing for public comment along the way.

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The Hydraulic Fracture Stimulation Operations rule is available in the Louisiana Register - <http://www.doa.louisiana.gov/osr/reg/register.htm>



David Frey Honored for Outstanding Contributions to the Louisiana Gas Association, Receives LGA's 2011 Hall of Flame Award



David Frey is presented with the 2011 Hall of Flame award by LGA President, Siamak Mokhtarnejad, at the Annual Operations Conference
Pictured L-R:
David Frey & Siamak Mokhtarnejad

David Frey, Damage Prevention Manager for LA One Call and LGA Board Member, has been recognized with the Louisiana Gas Association's (LGA) 2011 Hall of Flame Award. Presented on an annual basis during LGA's Annual Operations Conference, held October 10-12, in Houma, LA, the LGA award recognizes outstanding people who have made significant contributions to the success of LGA's organization and its membership placing David among an elite group.

"As much as his time allows, he will be there for LGA. [He] gives advice on legislative activities, helps with presentations and [is] generous with sponsorships for LGA," said Michael St. Romain, Director and Past President of LGA.

David has been employed by Louisiana One Call since 1987. Over the years he has been responsible for membership, marketing, legislative activities and administrative activities. He provides presentations regarding Louisiana One Call's operations, the dig law

and dig safely. He also works with various entities including utility operators, excavators, local political subdivisions and state political subdivisions to spread the word on damage prevention.

His background includes a staff position at the Baton Rouge Chamber of Commerce where he was Director of Governmental Affairs for nine years. He currently sits on various boards and committees, including One Call Systems International and the Common Ground Alliance. He represented the one-call industry on the Common Ground Study's Best Practices One Call Center Task Team.

As a Director on LGA's Board of Directors, David has been an active member on the Board of Directors, Damage Prevention Committee and Communications Committee.

For more information on LGA's Annual Operations Conference and Hall of Flame Award, please visit www.lagas.org.



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NGV Workshop Presented at Louisiana Gas Association Annual Meeting

On Monday, Stephe Yborra presented a 2 ½ hour "Compelling Case For NGVs" mini-workshop for approximately 45 members of the Louisiana Gas Association's Operations Conference.

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Houma, Louisiana. The presentation for area fleets also was offered as a pre-conference educational session to the Louisiana Gas Association's Annual Meeting, which started that evening. There were a number of CNG vehicles on display outside and there were half a dozen tabletop vendors in attendance as well. Although the group was smaller than originally anticipated, the result was good - the local paper provided favorable coverage and, more importantly, Terrebonne Parrish officials indicated that the session (along with plenty of legwork by our Louisiana members) convinced them that they should transition their transit system over to natural gas. For more information about NGV market development activities in Terrebonne Parrish, contact Siamak "Mac" Mokhtarnejad, Utilities Associate Director of the Terrebonne Parrish Consolidated Government at 985.873.6747.

"NGV Workshop Presented at Louisiana Gas Association Annual Meeting." [NGV America Newsletter](#) 14 Oct. 2011. Volume 14 Edition 36: 2

Did you miss LGA Annual Operations Conference?

The Annual Operations Conference was held October 10-12, 2011 at the Courtyard Marriott and Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center in Houma, Louisiana.

The 2011 conference included more than 150 attendees. Thank you to all our volunteers, speakers, sponsors and exhibitors that helped make this years conference a huge success!

What did you miss at the Annual Operations Conference?

On Monday, October 11, 2011, LGA introduced it first NGV Event, Making \$ense of Natural Gas Vehicle Fleets Exhibition & Tradeshow, at the Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center. This exciting event brought speakers from across the United States to share valuable information about the up and coming trend of Natural Gas Vehicles in Louisiana. Stephe Yborra, the Director of Market Analysis, Education and Communications for Clean Vehicle Education Foundation, discussed how natural gas vehicles can provide solutions for company fleets. Paul Miller with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality discussed the environmental benefits of using CNG to meet air quality mandates. The event also included 11 exhibitors that attendees had the opportunity to discuss converting and Natural Gas solutions for their fleets.

LGA's Annual Golf tournament was held Monday at Southern Oaks Golf Course. Set back amongst mossy oaks, this 9 hole public golf course provided exciting golf for all skill levels. Congratulations to Laird France, Brent Kuber and Charlie Gauthier, 2011 Grand Champions!

The 4th Annual BBQ was also held on Monday. Four teams competed at the Courtyard Marriot for the title of LGA Grill-Off Champion. Equiped with some of the most impressive BBQ pits built, the teams spent the day preparing chicken, brisket, and ribs. Congratulations to CenterPoint Energy who took home, not only the Grand Champion title, but also came in first in all categories!

Tuesday and Wednesday included a great lineup of speakers that traveled from across the United States to share their knowledge and experiences in the Natural Gas industry. Tuesday included two tracks: Gas Transmission and Gas Distribution/Small Operators. ***Miss a presentation during the Conference? Click here to visit the LGA website to download presentations and handouts that speaker s provided.***

Tuesday evening, LGA hosted a reception like no other. With entertainment provided by the Treater Band, attendees were able to network with exhibitors, enjoy great music and delicious food. The reception also included LGA's annual Live & Silent Auction. Over the past several years, LGA has awarded scholarships to deserving individuals. This year LGA awarded eleven college students with a \$1,000 scholarship each and honored them at the conference. Through the Live & Silent Auction and Scholarship Raffle, LGA was able to raise over \$7,000. LGA appreciates everyones support!

To find out more about LGA's upcoming events, please visit our website, www.LAGas.org, or contact the LGA office, 225.218.6885.

AGA Applauds U.S. Senate for Bipartisan Passage of Pipeline Safety Bill

The American Gas Association (AGA) today applauds the U.S. Senate for passing S. 275, the Pipeline Transportation Safety Development Act of 2011. The passage of this bill sends a strong signal that



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2. **Bobby Burns with CenterPoint Energy** won the Apple iPad 2 WiFi 32G donated by LNGS
3. **Todd Hebert with CenterPoint Energy** won the Yeti Coler Tundra Series 45 Quart Ice Chest donated by Crosstex

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that Senate is committed to pipeline safety. The bipartisan effort that resulted in this vote demonstrates the commitment to getting pipeline safety reauthorization legislation completed this year.

"AGA and its member companies have always considered pipeline safety the industry's number one priority and it is commendable to see our nation's political leaders working together to get this legislation passed by a unanimous vote," said Dave McCurdy, AGA president and CEO. "Pipeline safety is a non-partisan issue, as it impacts every senator's state and constituents. A unanimous endorsement of this particular bill puts us one step closer to reaching our ultimate goal, which is getting a final bill passed and on the desk for President Obama's signature this year.

"Our pipeline operators are already hard at work addressing key safety issues raised during legislative hearings, but reauthorization will provide the ultimate certainty for all pipeline stakeholders," continued McCurdy.

Gulf Operations Safety Rule Deadline Approaching

DNR Secretary Scott Angelle calls on energy operators in federal waters to act with urgency in complying with federal rules on safety management

Louisiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Secretary Scott Angelle today reminded energy exploration and production operators active in the federal Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) waters of the Gulf of Mexico that a Nov. 15 deadline for meeting new federal rules formalizing and standardizing safety practices is fast approaching - and that they should move quickly to comply and assess and correct weaknesses in their programs and documentation.

"As we simultaneously work to get permits issued, it is important that companies be aware of this upcoming deadline and not miss the boat on any opportunities for current and future work due to noncompliance," said Angelle."

The U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE), now called the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE), released its final version of a Workplace Safety set of rules in October 2010, giving operators in the federal waters until Nov. 15, 2011 to demonstrate compliance with the new rules.

The workplace safety rules require a formal Safety and Environmental Management System (SEMS) focused on best practices for workers and for operating and maintaining equipment as a means of providing safeguards for workers and the environment.

Angelle noted that BOEMRE recently released a proposed rule adding further requirements for the SEMS programs, including providing authority for any employee working at a BOEMRE-regulated operation to stop work at that facility if a dangerous activity is witnessed, establishing who has ultimate responsibility for decision making affecting safety during operations and requiring third-party safety audits.

For more information on the rule, visit: <http://www.doi.gov/news/pressreleases/Salazar-Bromwich-Announce-Proposed-Rule-to-Further-Strengthen-Workplace-Safety-in-Offshore-Oil-and-Gas-Operations.cfm>.

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