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Did You Miss the 191/192 & 195 Pipeline Safety Conference?

The 2012 Pipeline Safety Conference was held July 23-27, 2012 for Gas Transmission, Gas Distribution, and Hazardous Liquid companies in the Natural Gas industry. Attendees received up-to-date information from federal and state regulators and were able to network with colleagues in the industry.

Presenters from across the United States addressed more than 500 individuals from 18 different states working in the industry. Attendees had the opportunity to participate in four tracks that included presentations focused on DIMP, SHRIMP, San Bruno Investigation, Public Awareness, Control Room Management, and Damage Prevention, just to name a few.

"This conference, in my opinion, should be considered by PHMSA and OPS the premiere Pipeline Safety Conference Nationwide" said Henry Leger with Chevron Pipeline.

A special thank you to all our speakers, exhibitors and generous sponsors that traveled from across the United States and took time out of their schedule to share their

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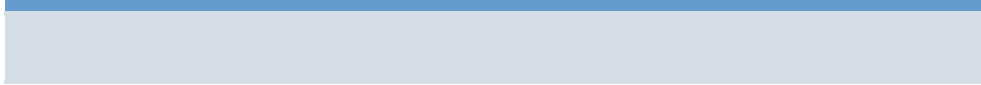
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knowledge and experience throughout the week. Through their generous support this conference will continue to grow and provide educational and networking opportunities to the Natural Gas Industry.

The conference was co-hosted by Louisiana Gas Association, Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Arkansas Oil and Gas Commission, Arkansas Public Service Commission, Mississippi Public Service Commission, New Mexico Public Regulation Commission, and Texas Railroad Commission.

To find out more about the Pipeline Safety Conference and other upcoming LGA events, please visit www.lagas.org. Save the Date for the 2013 Pipeline Safety Conference that will be held July 22-26, 2012 at the Royal Sonesta in New Orleans, Louisiana.



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David Frey Appointed Executive Director of Louisiana One Call

Louisiana One Call has announced that David Frey has been appointed Executive Director effective October 1. Frey has been the association's Damage Prevention Manager since 1987.

According to Paul Blouin, Louisiana One Call President and COO, the appointment is one of several planned organizational changes designed to make the association more efficient and responsive to member needs. "David has been with us for 25 years, and he's helped us in too many ways to count. His qualifications and experience will help us continue to grow and improve."

As David Frey puts it, "Our challenge is to become leaner and more efficient - while remaining focused on our board's vision of becoming the pre-eminent one call center in the United States. Innovation and technology are critical, but so are our relationships with members, the public and the many associations and trade groups that have worked so hard to make us successful."

Prior to joining LA One Call, Frey served as Governmental Affairs Director for the Baton Rouge Chamber of Commerce. He is a native of Eunice, Louisiana.



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SAFETY ALERT: CSST Lightning Safety

Did you know that there are 22 million lightning strikes on average in the United States each year? This means that understanding the dangers of lightning is vital in taking safety precautions and utilizing early protection methods due to the unpredictable nature of a strike. Lightning can cause substantial damage by striking both directly and indirectly. There are various methods used in reducing the risk of damages to mechanical systems, infrastructures and electrical systems. A lightning protection system includes LPS installation, bonding and equipotential bonding. Since most infrastructures in the United States are not designed to reduce the damage from lightning, it is essential that

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2012 Scholarship Raffle

LGA is raffling the following prizes: Sony Bravia 46" 1080p LCD HDTV donated by Gulf South Pipeline, Yeti Tundra Series 45 Quart Ice Chest donated by Crosstex, and a Kindle Fire with \$25 Gift Card to Amazon.com donated by LUSCO!

All proceeds will benefit the Louisiana Gas Association's Scholarship Program. Winners will be drawn and announced at the LGA Annual Operations Conference in October. **You do not need to be present to win!**

protection methods be fully understood and implemented.

For more information, please visit the links below:

- [CSST and Lightning](#)
- [Buildings and Lightning Strikes](#)
- [Protecting Gas Piping](#)
- [Equipotential Bonding](#)



LNGS Open House



On April 13, 2012, LA Natural Gas Services, LLC (LNGS) celebrated their new facility with an Open House at 1830 West Willow Street. Owners Chellie Godeaux and Allen Meche welcomed family, friends, industry associates, and staff during the ribbon cutting ceremony.



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Upcoming Diggers' Night Out Events

Like all Diggers' Night Out events, these two are popular and well-attended by contractor employees and supervisors. The programs are always interesting, the door prizes are great and the food is free. Everyone who attends can expect to have some fun and learn things they can use on the job, too.

Louisiana One Call encourages you to consider a sponsorship or donating a door prize. You'll be in good company: Sponsors of past events have included utilities and pipeline operators, local distribution systems, equipment dealers, contractors and a long list of suppliers to the industry.

You'll reach a large audience: Hundreds of RSVPs have already been received. The cost is very low and, when you consider the hundreds of professionals you'll reach, an excellent investment for anyone involved in construction or excavation.

If you are interested in purchasing or selling raffle tickets, please contact Kathleen O'Regan at the LGA office.

Save the Date LGA Upcoming Events

[11th Annual Lake Charles Area Diggers' Night Out](#)
 September 27, 2012
 Isle of Capri, Flamingo Bay Ballroom, Westlake, Louisiana

[LGA Annual Operations Conference](#)
 October 29-31, 2012
 Courtyard Marriott & Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center, Houma, LA

[LGA Board Meeting](#)
 November 29, 2012
 Location TBD

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Click the links below for sponsorship details and registration forms.

Twentieth Annual Capital Area Diggers' Night Out
Capital Area Utility Risk Partnership
5:30 - 8:30 pm
Thursday, October 11th, 2012
Abundant Life Church
206 Edgewood Drive
Denham Springs, Louisiana
Projected Attendance: Up to 400 excavators and supervisors
[Click HERE](#) for details and sponsorship information

Fourth Annual New Orleans Diggers' Night Out
Greater New Orleans Utility Coordinating Council
5:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Thursday, October 25, 2012 VFW Hall
1133 Hickory Avenue
Harahan, Louisiana
Projected Attendance: More than 300 excavators and supervisors
[Click HERE](#) for sponsorship information

AGA UPDATE: NPC Study Emphasizes Significant Opportunities for Natural Gas Vehicles

Washington, D.C. - Developing the market for natural gas vehicles enhances our energy security, our competitiveness, and encourages the expansion of transportation fueling infrastructure and technologic advances. The American Gas Association (AGA) today applauded the release of the National Petroleum Council (NPC) study, *Advanced Technology for America's Transportation Future*, which discusses the opportunities and challenges facing future use of natural gas as a transportation fuel. The study's findings demonstrate a viable spot for both light and heavy-duty natural gas vehicles (NGVs) in both retail and fleet markets.

"NGVs are a proven way to improve air quality, while reducing the United States' dependence on foreign oil, and we are pleased to see the NPC highlight the many benefits this fuel can bring to the transportation sector," said AGA President and CEO Dave McCurdy. "The economics are in favor of NGVs, and we should take advantage of the opportunities that exist to help meet America's transportation needs today."

In the coming days, the Obama Administration will make a final ruling on fuel economy and greenhouse gas regulations that will guide automakers' product plans until the middle of the next decade. McCurdy was president and CEO of the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers and was instrumental in developing the historic agreement to increased mandatory fuel economy to 35.5 miles per gallon for cars and light-duty trucks by model year 2016 and created a blueprint for bringing together government and industry for a common purpose.

The NPC study highlights several factors that demonstrate the positive role natural gas can have in the future. "The potential for a long-term and low-cost domestic supply of natural gas, supported by significant economically recoverable shale gas resources, presents an opportunity for the increased use of natural gas as a transportation fuel, replacing some part of the current requirements for oil in transportation: gasoline in light duty applications and diesel fuel in heavy duty vehicle," it states. The study says that conditions already exist that will help ensure that NGVs can be an important part of America's transportation future. Citing the Energy Information Administration (EIA)'s Annual Energy Outlook 2010, which estimated technically recoverable shale gas resources at 368 trillion cubic feet, it explains, "If this expansion in reserve base evidenced in recent years continues to result in sustainable long term and stable price advantages relative to petroleum fuels, there are economic incentives for increased use of natural gas in the transportation sector. The natural gas fuel price differential advantage over gasoline and diesel is already significant. The EIA suggests that this gap between gasoline/diesel and natural gas may widen further through 2025."



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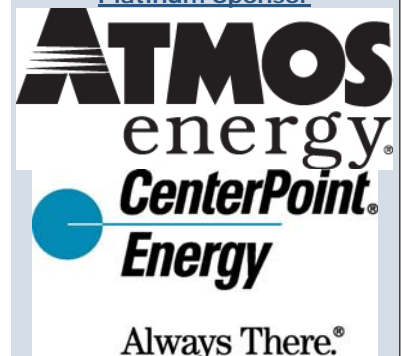
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The low price of natural gas compared to gasoline or diesel can in itself drive greater use of this alternative fuel. With fuel costs making up 40 percent of the total costs of class 8 combination trucks such as tractor trailers and dump trucks, the savings from switching to natural gas are substantial and can offset the initial cost hurdle of a natural gas engine within just a few years of operation.

For more information or to access the study, visit the National Petroleum website.

LGA 2012 Annual Operations Conference

Save-the-Date!

Please make plans to attend the 2012 Annual Operations Conference that will be held October 29-31, 2012 at the Courtyard Marriott and Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center in Houma, Louisiana.

2 Ways to Register:

1. [Download the Registration Brochure](#) and mail or fax the completed form with your payment to the LGA office
2. Register through LGA's [Online Registration](#) system on the LGA website.

Agenda: *(Complete agenda can be found in the Registration Brochure)*

- **Monday, October 29, 2012:** Golf Tournament & 5th Annual Michael Hester BBQ Cook-off
- **Tuesday, October 30, 2012:** Small Operator Track, Management Operations Track, and Live & Silent Auction
- **Wednesday, October 31, 2012:** General Session Speaker(s) & LGA Annual Meeting

Hotel Accommodations:

Courtyard Marriott
142 Library Drive
Houma, LA
(985) 223-8996

The special room rate of \$109 for a Standard King/Double or \$119 for a Balcony Suite will be honored at the Courtyard Marriott. Reservations can be made by phoning the hotel directly at (985) 223-8996, or online at www.marriott.com. The deadline to receive this rate is **October 15, 2012**. Reservations made after this date will be based on available space and rates.

Exhibitor & Sponsorship Opportunities:

Exhibitor & Sponsorship Opportunities are now available! Download the brochure to learn more and register TODAY! Booth space is limited - register NOW, register EARLY! **Booths will be confirmed on a first come, first paid basis.** Download the [registration form](#) or [register online](#) to secure your booth space TODAY! Updated exhibitor floor layouts will be available online, www.lagas.org, to view which booths have been taken and which are still available.

If you have any questions, please contact Kathleen O'Regan at the LGA office.

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Line Locating Seminar

The Louisiana Gas Association has hosted several Educational Seminars this year throughout the state of Louisiana. The next Educational Opportunity is being held in



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conjunction with the Annual Operations Conference.

The Line Locating Seminar is a 1 day seminar that will be held in Houma, LA in conjunction with the 2012 Annual Operations Conference. During the seminar you will learn the techniques to tell the difference between good and bad locating information, superior troubleshooting techniques, and acquire skills to consistently provide accurate and complete utility location. Class room and hands on training will be provided.

Mike Parilac with Planet Underground will be the instructor for the seminar. Mike is no stranger to LGA, presenting already two times this year in other cities in Louisiana on behalf of LGA. Mike brings a well renowned knowledge and animation to his presentation and provides opportunity for participation through dialogue and hands on training

LGA seminars promise to be informative instruction for different areas of the industry. Be sure to review the "course Overview" and "Who Should Attend" to learn more about the class and the target audience.

[Download the registration form](#) for full program agendas or [register online](#) today. For sponsorship and exhibitor opportunities for this event, download the [Annual Operations Conference brochure](#) to learn more. Questions? Contact the LGA office at (866) 921-0923 or LGA@tatmangroup.com.

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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 could appear in the next quarterly issue!

Articles may include, but are not limited to:

1. LGA Member, Company, and/or Employee Recognitions
2. Industry Updates
3. Member special events
4. Company Announcements
5. Consumer Reports

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