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#### 2014 Pipeline Safety Conference Agenda Released



The 2014 Pipeline Safety Conference will bring together individuals in the Natural Gas Industry, expert presenters on the federal and state levels, and suppliers to enhance performance, promote safety, and broaden public awareness. This conference, which has been referred to as the "Premier Pipeline Safety Conference," will take place July 21-25, 2014 at the Royal Sonesta Hotel in New Orleans, LA.

The agenda for the 2014 Pipeline Safety Conference

has been released! This year's conference features presentations from PHMSA, LA One Call, Atmos, Entergy and more. In addition to the regular schedule, the conference is continuing its tradition of offering additional workshops during the conference which attendees will have a chance to learn hands on techniques and participate in roundtable discussions. Do not delay, register today! To download the registration brochure, [CLICK HERE](#) or the register online visit [lagas.org](http://lagas.org)!

Don't forget that for the Exhibitor Hall has already SOLD OUT for the 2014 Pipeline Safety Conference! The Exhibitor Hall is an impressive showcase of the newest and most exciting products and services in the industry. If you would like to be added to our wait list for the exhibit hall, please contact the LGA staff at 225-218-6885 to inquire about this process. Sponsorship opportunities are still available and a great way to promote your business.

More information about the 2014 Pipeline Safety Conference can be found by visiting [www.lagas.org](http://www.lagas.org). Individuals interested in learning more may also contact the LGA office for more information at (225) 218-6885 or [LGA@tatmangroup.com](mailto:LGA@tatmangroup.com).

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#### Save the Date LGA Upcoming Events

[191/192 & 195 Pipeline Safety Conference](#)

July 21-25, 2014  
Royal Sonesta Hotel  
New Orleans, LA

[Valve Maintenance Seminar](#)

September 30, 2014  
Zachary, LA

[Digger's Night Out](#)

October 16, 2014  
New Orleans, LA

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**Digger's Night Out**

October 23, 2014  
 Baton Rouge, LA

**Annual Operations Conference**

October 27-29, 2014  
 Crowne Plaza Hotel  
 Baton Rouge, LA

**Hotel Accommodation Overflow Options for the 2014 Pipeline Safety Conference**



**The Royal Sonesta Conference Headquarters**

Located in the heart of the French Quarter on world famous Bourbon Street, the Royal Sonesta Hotel New Orleans displays a timeless elegance and refinement reminiscent of its European counterparts. With traditional gabled windows, French doors and wrought-iron lace balconies, the hotel is distinctively European and unmistakably New Orleans. Reserve your room at the official conference hotel TODAY and receive the special room rate of \$101.00. Reservations may be made

by contacting the hotel directly at (504) 586-0300, (800) 766-3782 or reserve online [HERE](#) with code **PIPE071814**. Be sure to mention that you are attending the **Pipeline Safety Seminar** in order to receive the special negotiated rate. The deadline to receive this special room rate is Friday, June 27, 2014.

We encourage you to reserve your hotel room and make your travel arrangements as soon as possible. As the regions "Premier Pipeline Safety Conference" rooms book quickly and the deadline will not be extended due to the hotels expected occupancy. Staying at the conference hotel gives you easy access to social events, and allows you to network with fellow attendees.



**The Bourbon Orleans  
 717 Orleans St.  
 New Orleans, LA 70116**

Due to the high demand for hotel rooms, please make your room reservation now by calling the Bourbon Orleans directly at (866) 513-9744. Be sure to mention that you are attending the **Pipeline Safety Seminar** in order to receive the special negotiated rate of \$139 for a Single/double guest room. The deadline to receive this special rate is Monday, June 23, 2014. Reservations made after this date will be accepted based on hotel availability. ROOMS ARE LIMITED, PLEASE

REGISTER EARLY!

Hotel parking is available for \$34 per vehicle for overnight, \$38 per night for over sized vehicles.



**Hyatt French Quarter  
 800 Iberville St.  
 New Orleans, LA 70112**

Due to the high demand for hotel rooms, please make your room reservation now by calling the Hyatt French Quarter directly at (888) 421-1442 or click [HERE](#). Be sure to mention that you are attending the **Pipeline Safety Conference** in order to

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receive the special negotiated rate of \$101 for a Single/double guest room. The deadline to receive this special rate is Thursday, July 10, 2014! ROOMS ARE LIMITED, PLEASE REGISTER EARLY!

Hotel parking is available at the prevailing rates. valet parking only, for standard size vehicles, is available at a discounted rate of \$25, plus applicable taxes, per day. Over sized vehicle parking rate, valet parking only, is \$46 plus applicable sales taxes, per day. Prices are subject to change without notice



**Hotel Mazarin  
730 Bienville St.  
New Orleans, LA 70130**

Due to the high demand for hotel rooms, please make your room reservation now by calling the hotel directly at (800) 535-9111 or (504) 200-3119 or click [HERE](#). Be sure to mention that you are with the **Louisiana Gas Association/Pipeline Safety 2014 Group** in order to receive the special negotiated rate of \$105 for a Single/double guest room. The deadline to receive this special rate is Thursday,

July 3, 2014.

Hotel parking is available for \$34 per night for valet parking, \$36 per night for over sized vehicles.



## Pipeline Safety Update by Sue Guidry

Everywhere you look these days it seems that many of our regulations for the oil and gas industry are undergoing intense scrutiny. This article deals with recent Advisory Bulletins (ADB) issued by the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), and National Pipeline Mapping System (NPMS) Operator Standards Submission Guidance.

PHMSA uses Advisory Bulletins as a means of communicating with operators on issues that have been found through incidents or accidents, releases, investigations or inspections. Many of these advisory bulletins can serve as a means of giving operators a focus for improvement efforts in their programs. They can also be used as a tool for alerting operators of potential problems with equipment or materials, or even weather related damages that may occur due to flooding or hurricanes.

At the beginning of 2014, PHMSA issued ADB-2014-01 pertaining to conforming Facility Response Plans (FRP's) to Appendix A of Part 194. The bulletin was issued as a reminder that all FRP's need to be updated every five (5) years from the date of last submission or the last approval according to its significant and substantial designation. Plans must also be updated whenever new or different operating conditions would affect the implementation of a response plan. When updating FRP's operators should utilize Appendix A Part 194 - Guidelines for the Preparation of Response Plans and submit them electronically to PHMSA.

ADB-2014-02 focuses on Integrity Management Lessons Learned from the Marshall, Michigan, Release. PHMSA issued this ADB to notify pipeline owners and operators they should evaluate their safety programs and implement any changes to eliminate



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deficiencies similar to the ones the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) found when it investigated Enbridge's July 25, 2010, crude oil release in Marshall, Michigan.

Specifically, the NTSB investigation identified deficiencies in three Enbridge programs: Integrity Management (IM), control center operations and public awareness. The NTSB noted that had existing regulations, guidance, advisories and recommendations regarding these programs been properly acted upon, the consequences of the incident could have been prevented, or at the very least, mitigated.

As with most ADB's, PHMSA strongly encourages operators to review past and future NTSB recommendations that the NTSB provides to pipeline operators following incident investigations. Operators should proactively implement improvements to their pipeline safety programs based on these observations and recommendations so that the entire industry can benefit from them.

Full reports and Advisory Bulletins can be found on the PHMSA website, or [click here](#).

The National Pipeline Mapping System (NPMS) consists of geospatial data, attribute data, public contact information, and metadata pertaining to interstate and intrastate hazardous liquids trunklines and hazardous liquid low-stress lines as well as gas transmission pipelines, LNG plants, and hazardous liquid breakout tanks regulated by PHMSA.

Effective May, 2014, the NPMS Operator Standards for Pipeline, Liquefied Natural Gas and Breakout Tank Submissions, was updated to include the following changes:

- Section 1.1 regarding abandoned pipelines was clarified to specifically include gas pipelines, in addition to liquid pipelines.
- A note was added to the COMMODITY attribute description in the Pipeline Attribute Table to clarify when to use the commodity code EPL and EPG.
- Appendix B - Abandonment Certification Template (typo correction made)

Operators insure the location, line size and commodity in the pipeline are reported accurately. NPMS data is available to anyone through the public viewer and provides information regarding the pipeline and contact information to any interested party. [Click here for more information](#).



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## Legislative Update

by David Frey and Trey Hill

House Bill 868 was signed by Governor Jindal and will take effect on August 1, 2014. The signed Bill became Act 203 and includes four items. The first is the delayed marking; this is allowed when there is a documented agreement between the owner/operator and the excavator. Second is offset markings. Third is warning letter for the first citation. And fourth are changes to the penalty section of the law concerning hazardous and non-hazardous materials.

PHMSA will conduct an interview regarding the "Nine Elements Damage Prevention Study." It is anticipated that the interview will take place in July. Anyone interested in details may want to contact David Frey.

The Dig Law Advisory Committee will meet on July 1, 2014 at 9 a.m. at Louisiana One Call corporate office at 2215 West Boardwalk Drive, Baton Rouge.

Texas 811 has been certified by the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections to conduct business as a regional notification center in Louisiana.



## Exhibitor & Sponsor Opportunities for the 2014 LGA Annual Operations Conference *October 27 - October 29, 2014 / Crowne Plaza Baton Rouge*

Exhibitor and Sponsor opportunities are now available for the **2014 Annual Operation Conference**. This three day, fun filled, education packed event will provide you with the knowledge to enhance performance, promote safety, and broaden public awareness. Don't miss out on this amazing networking and promotional opportunity for your business!

**[Click here to download the Exhibitor & Sponsorship Registration Brochure TODAY!](#)**

### **Tentative Agenda:**

- **October 26, 2014** - Golf Tournament & 7th Annual Michael Hester BBQ Cook-off
- **October 27, 2014** - Small Operator & Management Operations Track
- **October 28, 2014** - General Session Speaker(s) & LGA Annual Meeting

### ***Don't forget to make your hotel accommodations NOW!***

The Crowne Plaza Baton Rouge Hotel, the Annual Operations Conference host site, is offering a special room rate of \$92. Please contact the Hotel reservations direct at **(800) 678-4065** to make your reservations today. The deadline to receive this rate is **October 13, 2014**.

We look forward to seeing you in Baton Rouge in October!

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