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LGA Presents Free Small Operator Seminar on Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2015

**LGA Presents
Small Operator Seminar
Wednesday, February 4, 2015
Louisiana Municipal Association
700 North 10th St. #400
Baton Rouge, LA 70802**

LGA Members & Non-Members can register for FREE!

Pre-Registration Deadline: January 28, 2015

Please register early! Due to limited space, registrations are limited to the first 70 registrations

[CLICK HERE to download the Registration Form!](#)

[CLICK HERE to register online!](#)

Agenda:

8:30 - 9:00 a.m.	Registration
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Training
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch (provided) <u>sponsored by BlackBelt Energy</u>
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Training Continues
3:00 p.m.	Training Ends

Course Overview:

In this course the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) will review how to complete an Annual Report, including going line by line, and explaining what information needs to be included in your report. OPS will also explain how important your Annual Report is to your Distribution Integrity Management Program (DIMP). This course is providing an excellent opportunity for you to ask questions and get answers from a panel of operators that will be available to address your issues.

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February 4, 2015
Baton Rouge, LA

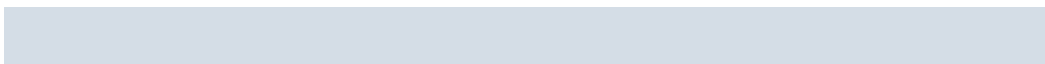
[LGA Pipeline Safety Conference](#)

Who Should Attend:

Upper Management, Owner Operators, Operator Staff, Personnel, Anyone involved with filing the Annual Report.

[CLICK HERE to download the Registration Form!](#)
[CLICK HERE to register online!](#)

Registrations received after January 28, 2015 will incur a \$10 late registration fee. Individuals interested in learning more may also contact the LGA office for additional information at (225) 218-6885 or LGA@tatmangroup.com.



LGA Announces 2015 Board of Directors

The Louisiana Gas Association is pleased to announce the four board of directors elected during the special Annual Meeting & Holiday Luncheon held at the Tatman Group Office, 3043 Old Forge Dr., Baton Rouge, La., on Friday, December 19, 2014. One new director was elected and three incumbents were re-elected. The directors elected to serve a three year term include: Roger Hull, Denham Springs, La.; Michael St. Romain, Raceland, La.; Ken Drone, Baton Rouge, La.; and Randall Rogers, Shawnee, Ok.

Incumbent Distribution Operator, Roger Hull of Denham Springs, La., is the gas superintendent of the City of Denham Springs. Hull is a LGA Past President (1997-1999), the 2004 LGA Hall of Flame recipient, and currently serves on the Advisory and Bylaws Committees.

Incumbent Distribution Operator, Michael St. Romain of Raceland, La., is Vice President of South Coast Gas Co., Inc. St. Romain is a LGA Past President (1995-1997), the 2003 LGA Hall of Flame recipient, and currently serves on the Advisory, Bylaws and Convention Committees.

Incumbent Member-at-Large, Ken Drone of Baton Rouge, La., is Assistant Director of Operations for the Louisiana Municipal Association (LMA). Drone is the current LGA Treasurer and also serves on the Budget & Finance and Investment Committees.

New Member-at-Large, Randall Rogers of Shawnee, Ok., is an outside sales representative for Kerotest Manufacturing Corp. Rogers has been a member of LGA since 2007 and currently serves on the Associate and Education & Training Committees.

[To read full press release, click here.](#)



SAVE THE DATE: LGA 2015 Pipeline Safety Conference

[LGA 2015 Pipeline Safety Conference](#)

July 20 - 24, 2015
New Orleans, LA

[Annual Operations Conference](#)

October 19-21, 2015
Lafayette, LA



**July 20 - 24, 2015
The Royal Sonesta Hotel
300 Bourbon St.
New Orleans, LA**

SAVE THE DATE for the 2015 Pipeline Safety Conference on July 20-24, 2015 held at the beautiful Royal Sonesta Hotel located in the heart of the French Quarter on Bourbon Street in New Orleans, LA! The 2015 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," is developing an amazing lineup of presenters as well as networking opportunities for attendees, exhibitors and sponsors. Registration and Sponsorship/ Exhibitor Opportunities will be released soon. Do not miss out on the opportunity to participate in this great event.

[CLICK HERE to download the 2015 Pipeline Safety Conference Priority Exhibitor Booth Assignment Guidelines!](#)
Registration will be open soon!

More information about the 2015 Pipeline Safety Conference can be found by visiting www.louisianagasassociation.org. Individuals interested in learning more may also contact the LGA office at (225) 218-6885 or LGA@tatmangroup.com.



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Louisiana Damage Prevention Summit, March 30 - April 1, 2015

The Louisiana Gas Association is a proud Gold Sponsor of the 2015 Louisiana Damage Prevention Summit on March 30-April 1, 2015 at the Crowne Plaza in Baton Rouge, LA!

Last year's summit was another huge success -- Louisiana's largest gathering of industry professionals dedicated to excavation safety and damage prevention. This year's event promises to be even better, with more exhibitors and an excellent schedule of workshops and training sessions.

You can earn continuing education credits by participating in OSHA "Competent Person" training and pick up valuable tips about how to properly conduct damage investigations in Summit Workshops.

The basic utility locator training workshop is an outstanding opportunity for those new to the industry and experienced locators alike, and it's much more than just another a classroom session.

There's no better way to learn about best practices and new technologies from operators of underground facilities, contractors and others involved in safe excavation throughout Louisiana and beyond.

- Pipeline representatives
- Professional excavators
- Locators
- Utility Operators
- Municipalities

[Click here for more information and registration.](#)

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DNR Reports Nomination of State Land for Leasing Program Under Authority of Mineral and Energy Board

The state Mineral and Energy Board has received nominations for its monthly Mineral Lease Sale to be held March 11, 2015. The deadline for receipt of nominations for the March 2015 mineral lease sale was December 22, 2014.

The Board's administrative unit, the Department of Natural Resources' Office of Mineral Resources, reported today that 25 nominations containing approximately 26,000 acres were received. The parishes included Plaquemines, St. Bernard, East Baton Rouge, West Baton Rouge, Lincoln, Bienville, Union, Ouachita, Catahoula and Concordia.

These are preliminary figures leading up to the preparation of the actual number of tracts and tracts acreage that will be advertised for leasing.

A complete look at the Mineral and Energy Board's meetings and lease sale schedule is available **[online here.](#)**

Additionally, the Notice of Publication for the monthly lease sales can also be viewed on the DNR homepage website at **www.dnr.la.gov**.

Obama Signs Key Alt-Fuel Legislation Into Law

As expected, President Barack Obama signed into law on December 19, 2014 two bills that benefit the alternative fuel vehicle industry.

H.R.5771, or the Tax Increase Prevention Act of 2014, retroactively extends over 50 lapsed tax breaks for one year through the end of 2014. The U.S. House of Representatives passed the bill on Dec. 3, and the Senate later followed suit.

The law includes an extension of the federal \$0.50/gallon alternative fuels excise tax credit, which covers compressed natural gas, liquefied natural gas, propane autogas and other alternative transportation fuels. The extension means that all alt-fuel purchases made this calendar year are eligible for the credit.

H.R.5771 also includes a retroactive one-year extension of the 30% alternative refueling infrastructure tax credit, which is capped at \$30,000. Furthermore, the law renews the \$1,000 home refueling tax credit through the end of this year.

[To read full article, visit NGTNews.com.](#)

SAVE THE DATE: LGA 2015 Annual Operations Conference

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**October 19-21, 2015
Double Tree/Hilton
1521 West Pinhook Road
Lafayette, LA**

SAVE THE DATE for the 2015 Annual Operations Conference on October 19-21, 2015 at the Double Tree/Hilton in Lafayette, LA! This three day, fun-

filled, education-packed event will provide you with the knowledge and latest information on what's affecting the natural gas industry today. You will not want to miss out on this conference featuring the LGA Golf Tournament, 8th Annual Michael Hester BBQ Cook-Off, BBQ Social, and Annual Conference Reception & Silent Auction.

More information about the 2015 Annual Operations Conference can be found by visiting www.louisianagasassociation.org. Individuals interested in learning more may also contact the LGA office at (225) 218-6885 or LGA@tatmangroup.com.

Advertising Opportunities

Don't miss out on the chance to promote your business in the Louisiana Gas Association's Quarterly E-Newsletter. As an advertiser, you will receive the opportunity to provide target advertising to business and supply valuable information within your industry. Don't be the only vendor left out. Place an ad today!

[Download the E-Newsletter Flyer](#)

Ad rates and deadlines included in flyer

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Have an interesting article for the LGA E-Newsletter?

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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