

Operator Qualification Pipeline Industry Forum

January 21 and January 23, 2003

Hyatt Regency Riverwalk - San Antonio, Texas

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Office of Pipeline Safety - Public Meeting

The Office of Pipeline Safety has or will soon announce a public meeting scheduled for January 22, 2003, at the Hyatt Riverwalk Hotel in San Antonio, Texas. OPS meeting highlights:

- Compliance efforts being made by both OPS and industry
- Presentations on:
 - ✓ Protocols
 - ✓ Frequently asked questions
 - ✓ Federal/State enforcement to date
 - ✓ Industry presentations
- Q & A

There is no registration fee for this public OPS meeting; please check the Federal Register for more information as it becomes available.

Several industry associations and interest groups are partnering to co-sponsor a Forum in conjunction with this OPS meeting.

Operator Qualification Pipeline Industry Forum

About this Operator Qualification Pipeline Industry Forum

The sponsors have organized this Forum to provide pipeline operating professionals the opportunity to gain further understanding as to the OQ protocol development process. Product and service providers will be invited to exhibit.

Preliminary Agenda

Tuesday, January 21, 2003

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Exhibitor Set Up

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Pipeline Industry Forum (Open to pipeline operators only)

Potential Discussion Topics

- OQ2 Overview Understanding the Protocol Development Process
- Legislative Process
- Preview of January 22 Public Meeting
- Audits: Lessons Learned So Far
- Discussion on Compliance Effort
- General Discussion

Wednesday, January 22, 2003

Office of Pipeline Safety Public Meeting

This public meeting is being sponsored by the Office of Pipeline Safety. There is no registration fee to attend this public meeting and registration for this meeting should be made through the Office of Pipeline Safety.

If you plan to only attend this OPS public meeting, there is no need to register for the Operator Qualification Pipeline Industry Forum.

Thursday, January 23, 2003

8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Pipeline Industry Forum continues

Potential Discussion Topics

- Discussion of Previous Day Public Meeting
- Separate Breakouts with Pipeline Operators and Regulators
- Industry Reaction
- Next Steps
- Joint Session with Pipeline Operators and Regulators to Discuss Issues and Concerns

11:30 a.m. Adjourn

About The Office of Pipeline Safety, January 22, Public Meeting

The Office of Pipeline Safety has scheduled this January 22 public meeting in San Antonio to help further explain the development of OQ protocols. OPS is solely responsible for the agenda for their January 22 public meeting and there is no fee associated with their meeting.

For more information contact Janice Morgan (Janice.morgan@rspa.dot.gov).

About this Pipeline Industry Forum

The sponsors have organized this Forum to provide pipeline operating professionals the opportunity to gain further understanding as to the OQ protocol development process, and express concerns and get valuable feedback from their peers during the OPS Forum on Tuesday afternoon and Thursday morning.

Conference Exhibits

Companies active in providing products and services designed to assist pipeline operators with OQ compliance issues are invited to exhibit. The schedule will include time for pipeline operators to spend time with vendors and make contacts with these important allies.

Exhibitors will be provided with one table for a tabletop display. Depending on space availability, tables will be set up in the meeting room foyer or an adjacent meeting room. The registration fee to exhibit is \$250, which includes one full registration to the Forum. Each additional person from the same company registering to exhibit should register at the Forum rate of \$50.

This exhibitor fee does not include special services such as electricity. Each exhibitor is responsible for working directly through the hotel (Karen Lupe, 210/362-6311) to secure these types of services.

How to Register

Register by mail or fax using the registration form included, before **January 7**. Be sure to include your topics for discussion. The registration fee of \$50 includes breaks during the Tuesday afternoon and Thursday morning Forum sessions. This \$50 registration fee registers you to attend the Tuesday afternoon and Thursday morning sessions as outlined in the preliminary agenda above. Please see the registration form for more information.

More Information?

You can get more information by contacting Pat Turman (pturman@southerngas.org). Information will also be available at southerngas.org.

Hotel Information

Hotel reservations should be made by calling the Hyatt Regency Riverwalk at (210) 222-1234 or (800) 233-1234. Ask for the Southern Gas Association rate of \$119 single or double occupancy. **The cut-off date for reservations is January 3, 2003.** Late requests will be accepted only on a space available basis and are subject to a higher rate. Shuttle service is available to and from the airport and you may access this service in the baggage claim area of the airport. The hotel is located at 123 Losoya Street in downtown San Antonio.

Operator Qualification Pipeline Industry Forum Registration Form

**January 21 and January 23, 2003
San Antonio, Texas**

Return registration to: **(972) 620-1613 FAX**

Name

Title

Company

Mailing Address

City/State/Zip

Telephone Number Fax Number

E-Mail Address

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Registration Fee: \$50 \$250 (Exhibitor)
 \$50 (Add'l. Exh)

Check enclosed

Please invoice

Credit Card

American Express Master Card

Visa

Card # _____ Exp. _____

Name on Card: _____

Signature: _____

*** IMPORTANT ***

Hotel Reservation Deadline:

January 3, 2003

Hyatt Regency Riverwalk - ((800) 233-1234)

Topics I would like included on the agenda: *(Please return by January 7)*

Cancellation Policy: Refunds must be requested from SGA. For late cancellations, the following charges will be made:

- Canceling up to two weeks before the activity will be refunded in full*
- Canceling within two weeks of the program, 25 percent of fee*
- Canceling within three days, no refund but substitutions may be made*