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2015 GPA School of Gas Chromatography registration is open

GPA will host its School of Gas Chromatography Aug. 3 - 7 at the University of Tulsa (Oklahoma). In its 42nd year, this intensive one-week school has proven to be one of the best available worldwide. GPA will take up to 100 students this year, and GPA's Analysis and Test Methods Section (Technical Section B) will manage, direct and conduct the school as in past years.

Registration is open and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who register by July 11 will save \$100.

Early Bird Registration (by July 11)

\$675 - GPA / GPSA Members
\$975 - Non-Members

Standard Registration (after July 11)

\$775 - GPA / GPSA Members
\$1,075 - Non-Members

For more information and to register, visit www.GPAGlobal.org/education/gas-chromatography-school.

GPA, GPSA office move to begin May 11

The relocation of the GPA and GPSA office will begin on May 11, and we anticipate some down time during the week as we make this transition. Please expect some delays in response to phone calls and e-mails that week, and thank you in advance for your patience.

Please make note of our new office address, which will become effective May 15:

Sixty Sixty American Plaza, Suite 700
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74135

GPA Gas Day victory

GPA, along with members of the National Gas Council, was successful in advocating for no change to the Gas Day start time.

On April 16, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission approved a final rule to maintain the start of the Gas Day at 9 a.m. Central time. FERC was considering moving the start time of the Gas Day to 4 a.m. Central time. The commission held that the potential negative outcomes outweighed any potential benefits and that it was not in the public interest to change the time of the Gas Day.

Thank you to all of GPA's members who were instrumental during this process, especially GPA's Regulatory Committee.

View the comments that GPA filed on Nov. 26, 2014:

<https://www.gpaglobal.org/assets/gpa/pdf/comments/2014/GPA-FERC-Comments-11-26-14.pdf>

View GPA-supported Natural Gas Council comments on answers submitted in response to FERC's data requests to each U.S. Regional Transmission Organization and Independent System Operator:

<https://www.gpaglobal.org/assets/gpa/pdf/comments/2015/GPA-Supported-Comments-to-FERC-02-02-15.pdf>

View the April 24 Federal Register notice: https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2015/04/24/2015-09275/coordination-of-the-scheduling-processes-of-interstate-natural-gas-pipelines-and-public-utilities?utm_campaign=subscription+mailing+list&utm_medium=email&utm_source=federalregister.gov

GPA files comments on NSPS Subpart OOOO Rule Revisions

On April 22, GPA filed comments in support of the proposed New Source Performance Standards Subpart OOOO rule revisions as published in the March 23, 2014 Federal Register.

GPA specifically supported the removal of provisions concerning storage vessels connected or installed in parallel and revisions to the definition of "storage vessel." In fact, the Environmental Protection Agency specifically references GPA's petition for reconsideration in proposing to remove the regulatory provisions relative to storage vessels "installed in parallel" or "connected in parallel."

Text from the Federal Register notice:

Following publication of the December 2014 final rule, we became aware that the terms "connected in parallel" and "installed in parallel" inadvertently include in storage vessels beyond those we attempted to address as described above. On February 19, 2015, the Gas Processors Association (GPA) submitted a petition for administrative reconsideration of the December 31, 2014, amendments. The GPA asserted that "it is quite common for multiple storage vessels to be situated next to each other and connected in parallel. Sometimes the storage vessels are operated in parallel, sometimes they are operated in series, and sometimes they are operated one-at-a-time with the connecting valves closed." The GPA further asserted that this configuration has existed for decades and that "this language potentially has large impacts to how our members evaluate affected facility status."

For the reasons discussed above, we are proposing to remove the regulatory provisions relative to storage vessels "installed in parallel" or "connected in parallel." Instead, we solicit comment on other approaches to help avoid or discourage installation or operation of storage vessels that would unnecessarily reduce the potential to emit (PTE) of a single storage vessel.

....With regard to storage vessels, in response to the GPA petition and in light of the considerations discussed above, we are proposing to amend the NSPS provisions relative to storage vessels "installed in parallel" or "connected in parallel." Specifically, we are proposing to amend § 60.5365(e) to remove language related to storage vessels "installed in parallel" or "connected in parallel." We are also proposing to amend the definitions of "returned to service" and "storage vessel" in § 60.5430 to remove language pertaining to storage vessels connected in parallel. We solicit comment on other approaches to help avoid or discourage installations or operations of storage vessels that would unnecessarily reduce the PTE of a single storage vessel.

View the proposed rule in the Federal Register notice:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2015/03/23/2015-06593/oil-and-natural-gas-sector-definitions-of-low-pressure-gas-well-and-storage-vessel>

Thanks to the GPA Environmental Committee for their efforts leading to this success.

GPA thanks outgoing committee leaders

GPA's committee volunteers are critical to our association and to the midstream industry. Several leaders of our committees ended their tenure at the 2015 GPA Convention. We would like to provide a special "thank you" to the following outgoing chairs for their service and reiterate that their leadership drives this association:

Advocacy Steering Committee – Al Fatica, Enterprise Products
Environmental Committee – Doug Jordan, Southwestern Midstream
Legal Committee – Elizabeth Hawkins, Targa Resources
Legislative Committee – Steve Johnson, ONEOK Partners
Pipeline Safety Committee – Alice Ratcliffe, Crestwood Midstream Partners
Technical Section C - Product Specifications – Steve Voss, ONEOK Partners
Program Committee – Stan Golemon, EnLink Midstream
Regulatory Committee – Ron Mucci, ONEOK Partners
Safety Committee – Marty Summers, Devon Energy Corp.
Young Professionals Committee – Matt Moellers, Enterprise Products

Many of these leaders will continue their engagement in their respective committees and will provide mentoring assistance as the groups begin efforts under new leadership teams.

GPA has a number of committees in which member company employees may explore their specific areas of interest, discuss ideas with peers and stay abreast of current issues facing the industry. Any employee of a GPA member company is welcome and encouraged to participate in any volunteer committee of interest. For more information about a particular committee, visit the committee page at: <https://gpaglobal.org/committees>.

GPSA Engineering Data Book example spreadsheets available for download

Members of GPA Technical Section A – Facilities Design & Optimization have created Excel spreadsheets to accompany chapters of the Engineering Data Book (EDB) applicable to Section A. Many hours of work to prepare, check, add limits/ranges for input, re-check, format, add security, etc., were donated by Section A volunteers to make these valuable additions to an already valuable resource. The spreadsheets will help EDB users work through example problems in the book, and the interactive nature of these tools should deepen EDB users' understanding of the concepts covered.

The example spreadsheets can be found on the GPSA web site beneath the "GPSA Data Book" drop-down menu under "Example Calculation Spreadsheets." If you do not already own a copy of the GPSA Engineering Data Book 13th edition, electronic and print versions of it can be purchased on the GPSA web site on the "GPSA Data Book" drop-down menu under "Order Online."

New GPA documents and revised standards moving toward approval

The acceptance of three new documents, *GPA Facilities Design Recommended Practices*, *Survey of Recent Plant Spacing Recommendations*, and *Facilities Design & Optimization Training Resources List*, and the revision of two existing standards, GPA 2198 – *Selection, Preparation, Validation, Care and Storage of Natural Gas and Natural Gas Liquids Reference Standard Blends* and GPA 2140 – *Liquefied Petroleum Gas Specifications and Test Methods*, have completed a milestone in the approval process – acceptance by the appropriate technical sections. This signifies that the respective sections approved the documents in their current form and recommend that the Technical Committee ballot them for acceptance. Technical Committee members can expect to receive ballots for each of these documents in the coming month.

Plan to participate in IPTC

GPA is a senior endorsing organization for the 9th International Petroleum Technology Conference, which will be held at the Qatar National Convention Centre in Doha, Qatar, Dec. 6 - 9. Be part of the largest multi-society event in the

eastern hemisphere. Besides attending, opportunities exist for sponsorship and exhibiting. For more information, visit: <http://www.iptcnet.org/2015/doha/index.php>

GPA Safety Awards

GPA member companies were honored for their outstanding midstream industry safety records at the 2015 GPA Convention earlier this month in San Antonio, Texas.

The GPA Safety Awards Program recognizes GPA member companies for outstanding safety performance in comparison among similar companies within the association's membership. U.S. and international midstream operating companies are recognized separately for the safety honors.

The four award divisions are determined by a range of midstream operational workhours, from less than 50,000 to more than one million. The top two entries in each division are selected according to lowest "total cases incidence rate" (TCR), lowest "fatalities plus lost workdays incidence rate" (LTR) and highest "number of workhours reported."

Congratulations to the following 2014 GPA Safety Award recipients:

UNITED STATES FACILITIES

Division I (1 million or more midstream operational workhours)

1st Anadarko Petroleum Corp.

2nd Access Midstream

Division II (200,000 - 999,999 midstream operational workhours)

1st ConocoPhillips

2nd Hess Corp.

Division III (50,000 - 199,999 midstream operational workhours)

1st Superior Pipeline Co.

2nd Azure Midstream Energy

Division IV (less than 50,000 midstream operational workhours)

No companies qualified

INTERNATIONAL FACILITIES

Division I (1 million or more midstream operational workhours)

1st United Gas Derivatives Co.

2nd Saudi Aramco

Division II (200,000 - 999,999 midstream operational workhours)

1st Phoenix Park Gas Processors Ltd.

2nd Bahrain National Gas Co.

Division III (50,000 - 199,999 midstream operational workhours)

No companies qualified

Division IV (less than 50,000 midstream operational workhours)

1st Aitken Creek Gas Storage

2nd No companies qualified

CHAIRMAN'S AWARD FOR SAFETY IMPROVEMENT

This award recognizes a company for demonstrating significant improvement in its safety performance. A company must achieve a 25 percent or greater reduction in the total cases incident rate for the year as compared to the average of the total cases incident rate for the three immediate previous years. Additionally, the company cannot experience an OSHA Reportable incident during the award year. Companies earning the award for 2014 are:

Anadarko Petroleum Corp.

DCP Midstream

MarkWest

ONEOK

United Gas Derivatives Co.

GPSA Safety Awards

GPSA awards are based on companies' 2014 Occupational Safety and Health Administration records, plus a three-year history of active safety programs promoting safety and displaying safety improvement.

Congratulations to the following GPSA companies receiving safety honors:

ENGlobal
Prime Controls
Saulsbury Industries
S & B Engineers and Constructors
Valerus
Vinson Process Controls

GPSA Safety Improvement Award

Northstar Energy Services
Spitzer Industries

Environmental Excellence Awards

Targa Resources was honored with a GPA Environmental Excellence Award for its Managing Reciprocating Rod Packing Emissions project. The initiative was part of an overall operational goal to reduce plant emissions, maintenance downtime and improve fuel efficiency.

Oxy USA was awarded a GPA Environmental Excellence Award for its Slaughter Gas Plant Sulfur Recovery Unit Shutdown project. The goal was a total elimination of emissions from the SRU during normal operation and periods of maintenance, startup and shutdown.

Impact Award

GPA presented the Impact Award to Targa Resources in recognition of industry contributions through the company's enhanced LPG export development. Targa spent \$480 million on a two-phase international LPG export expansion at Mont Belvieu and Galena Park, Texas. Prior to the completion of the first phase in September 2013, Targa was exporting about 1.5 million barrels per month of propane and butane. With completion of the first phase, Targa added capabilities to export low ethane propane on very large gas carrier vessels and increased facility effective capacity to be able to export 4 million barrels per month of propane and butane. The second phase was completed in September 2014, and Targa's Galena Park facility now has an effective capacity of approximately 6.5 to 7 million barrels per month and is continuing to see significant demand for propane and butane export services.

As the U.S. finds itself in a relatively new position as a low cost producer of hydrocarbons, increasing the country's ability to export products, with relatively flat domestic demand, projects like Targa's are integral in continuing to support producer upstream growth in both conventional and shale resource plays.

Individual recognitions

Descriptions on award criteria for awards listed below are available here: <https://gpaglobal.org/awards>.

Contact jdreyer@GPAglobal.org if you would like to nominate someone for the 2015 awards.

Hanlon Award

John Ehlers, Valero (retired)

Katz Award

Dr. Ralph H. Weiland, Optimized Gas Treating Inc.

Lifetime Achievement Award

Tom Russell, UOP Russell

Citation for Service Award

Justin Hearn, BASF Corp.
Harvey Hensley, S & B Engineers and Constructors

Calvin Spencer, KBR

Leadership Award

Matt Moellers, Enterprise Products
Steve Pudlewski, Enterprise Products
Alice Ratcliffe, Crestwood Midstream Partners

Volunteer of the Year Award

Dan McKenzie, Enbridge
Scott Neil, DCP Midstream
Mark Prewitt, DCP Midstream
Brett Wheelock, ONEOK

GPA Convention recap

GPA will issue a survey next month to all who attended to give everyone the option of providing candid comments anonymously. We greatly value all feedback and hope those who attended will take time to complete the survey.

Papers and presentations that we have received from authors/presenters will be posted in the GPA app and on the app's web-based version for download. The app is available to registered convention attendees only; look for access information in a post-convention e-mail coming soon.

If you weren't able to attend, we encourage you to download the 2015 GPA Show Daily issues as a recap of events:

[Monday, April 13 Issue: https://gpaconvention.org/assets/convention/pdf/2015/2015-GPA-Show-Daily-Monday.pdf](https://gpaconvention.org/assets/convention/pdf/2015/2015-GPA-Show-Daily-Monday.pdf)
[Tuesday, April 14 Issue: https://gpaconvention.org/assets/convention/pdf/2015/2015-GPA-Show-Daily-Tuesday.pdf](https://gpaconvention.org/assets/convention/pdf/2015/2015-GPA-Show-Daily-Tuesday.pdf)
[Wednesday, April 15 Issue: https://gpaconvention.org/assets/convention/pdf/2015/2015-GPA-Show-Daily-Wednesday.pdf](https://gpaconvention.org/assets/convention/pdf/2015/2015-GPA-Show-Daily-Wednesday.pdf)

Save the dates for next year's GPA Convention, which is scheduled for April 10 - 13, 2016 in New Orleans, La. Additionally, all contracted future GPA Convention dates can be found on our convention web site: <https://gpaconvention.org/future-dates>

Interested in presenting a paper next year? Information on how to submit an abstract will be posted under "Speaking Opportunities" on www.GPAconvention.org next month.

Thanks to all who attended and participated, including speakers, committee members, sponsors and, last but not least, those on the Program Committee who made this conference the success that it was.

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GPA/GPSA Calendar

May

- 1 - Permian Basin GPA Scholarship Golf Tournament
- 11 - GPA Gulf Cooperation Council Chapter Annual Meeting
- 12 - GPA Gulf Cooperation Council Chapter 23rd Technical Conference
- 13 - Houston GPA Luncheon
- 14 - Rocky Mountain GPA Luncheon
- 15 - MidContinent GPA Spring Clay Shoot
- 15 - Rocky Mountain GPA Golf Tournament

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