

## Tuesday 7/21

Time	Location	Session	Educational Track
3:00pm - 5:00pm	Moontower Hall Pre-function Area	Registration & Information Open	

## Wednesday 7/22

Time	Location	Session	Educational Track
7:30 AM - 5:00 PM	Moontower Hall Pre-function Area	Registration & Information Open	
7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Waller Salon CD	<b>Breakfast</b>	
7:45 AM - 8:15 AM	Waller Salon A	<b>Associate Townhall with the Associate Section Managing Committee</b>	
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM	Waller Salon A	<b>SGA In-Person Committee Meetings</b> <i>Any conference attendees interested in joining an SGA committee are welcome</i>	
	Waller Salon B		
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9:30 AM - 9:45 AM	Pre-function Area	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
9:45 AM - 10:45 AM Session 1	Waller Salon A	Regulatory Updates - Proactive Operational Preparation and Communication Strategies Roundtable	Risk Mitigation & Compliance
	Waller Salon B	Part 1: Tariff Impacts Overview	Supply Chain
	Waller Salon E	Railroad Permitting: Building Collaborative Partnerships	Project Execution
	Waller Salon F	Lessons Learned - Biogas Testing Technology Roundtable	Process Optimization
	401	Operational Learnings for Peak Shaving and Underground Facilities Roundtable	Peak Shaving
	402	AI in the Control Room	Control Room Management
	403	AI & LLM	Technology & Security Advancement
	404	Hard Spots Roundtable	Reliability & Integrity
	405	PHMSA Underground Storage Update	Underground Storage
10:45 AM - 11:00 AM	Pre-function Area	<b>Transition Break</b>	
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Session 2	Waller Salon A	Data Quality: What is it and why does it matter?	Technology & Security Advancement
	Waller Salon B	Part 2: Tariff Impacts Panel	Supply Chain
	Waller Salon E	AI Applications for O&M Work Production and Project Management Roundtable	Project Execution
	Waller Salon F	GHG Surveys and Results	Risk Mitigation & Compliance
	401	Virtual Pipeline Solutions Panel	Peak Shaving
	402	RMV Impacts on Leak Detection Process and Changes in Regulations Roundtable	Control Room Management
	404	Asset Management - Data & Records Management Systems Roundtable	Process Optimization
405	Contractor Management & Training Roundtable	Underground Storage	
12:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Waller Salon CD	<b>Networking Lunch</b>	
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Pre-function Area	<b>Pipeline Pairings</b> Vendor & Operator Networking Event Hosted by the Supply Chain Committee	
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Session 3	Waller Salon A	SMS Program Maturity Panel	Risk Mitigation & Compliance
	Waller Salon B	Technology in Supply Chain Roundtable	Supply Chain
	Waller Salon E	Broadcasting Lessons Learned for Capital Projects Roundtable	Project Execution
	Waller Salon F	Satellite & AI Applications for Geospatial Analytics	Technology & Security Advancement
	401	Peak Shaving Liquefaction Process	Peak Shaving
	402	Analytical Review of CRM Enforcement Cases	Control Room Management
	403	Advanced Load Forecasting for Natural Gas Pipelines: A Case Study on the Transco Pipeline	Process Optimization
404	192.624:Method 3-MAOP Reconfirmation using ECA	Reliability & Integrity	
405	Well & Reservoir Integrity, Optimization & Performance Roundtable	Underground Storage	
3:00 PM - 3:15 PM	Pre-function Area	<b>Refreshment Break</b>	
3:15 PM - 4:15 PM Session 4	Waller Salon A	Part 1: Integrating Contract Partners Into your Corporate Culture - Managing Contractor Safety & Engagement Panel	Process Optimization
	Waller Salon B	Data Center Developments: Impacts to Gas Industry	Supply Chain
	Waller Salon E	Part 1: Replacement Project Risk Evaluations	Project Execution
	Waller Salon F	Damage Prevention Technology – Contractor Risk and AI applications	Risk Mitigation & Compliance
	401	Peak Shaving Gas Supply Planning and Utilization	Peak Shaving
	402	Control Room Audits- Best Practices Roundtable	Control Room Management
	404	Part 1: Flow Measurement Technology - A Progressive Overview of Existing and Emerging Tools	Technology & Security Advancement
405	UNGS Case Study - Comparing New Technology Usage Over Time	Underground Storage	
4:15 PM - 4:30 PM	Pre-function Area	<b>Networking Break</b>	
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM Session 5	Waller Salon A	Part 2: Integrating Contract Partners Into your Corporate Culture - Managing Contractor Safety & Engagement Roundtable	Process Optimization
	Waller Salon B	Navigating the Future of Logistics: Insights from Industry Leaders and Subject Matter Experts Panel	Supply Chain
	Waller Salon E	Part 2: Replacement Project Risk Evaluations Roundtable	Project Execution
	Waller Salon F	XcelWell: Powering Well-Being, Together	Process Optimization
	401	Peak Shaving - Project Overview	Peak Shaving
	402	Root Cause Analysis – Effective Methodologies	Control Room Management
	403	Data Center Impacts and Power Loads Roundtable	Risk Mitigation & Compliance
404	Part 2: Flow Measurement Technology - A Progressive Overview of Existing and Emerging Tools	Technology & Security Advancement	
405	AI Models for Underground Storage Roundtable	Underground Storage	
5:30 - 6:30 PM	Waller Salon CD	Welcome Reception <i>Sponsored by Evers &amp; Sons</i>	

**Thursday 7/23**

Time	Location	Session	Educational Track
7:30 AM - 5:00 PM	Moontower Hall Pre-function Area	Registration & Information Open	
7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Waller Salon CD	<b>Breakfast</b>	
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Session 6	Waller Salon A	Updates on the 2027 editions of the International Codes (IFGC, IECC, IRC) and NFPA 54	Risk Mitigation & Compliance
	Waller Salon B	Labor force Availability During Expansion Periods	Supply Chain
	Waller Salon E	AI Applications for Regulatory Compliance Roundtable	Risk Mitigation & Compliance
	Waller Salon F	Part 1: Cybersecurity Emergency Drills Roundtable	Technology & Security Advancement
	401	Part 1: AMPRM Changes and Updates	Peak Shaving
	402	Best Management Practices for Blowdowns	Process Optimization
	403	Growth Projects Best Practices Roundtable	Project Execution
	405	Storage Subcommittee Updates - Storage Regulatory Compliance, Well Construction & Maintenance, Well Integrity Assessment	Underground Storage
9:30 AM - 9:45 AM	Pre-function Area	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
9:45 AM - 10:45 AM Session 7	Waller Salon B	Inventory Levels Roundtable	Supply Chain
	Waller Salon E	Growing Demand for Gas Reliability through LNG	Reliability & Integrity
	Waller Salon F	Part 2: Cybersecurity Emergency Drills Roundtable	Risk Mitigation & Compliance
	401	Part 2: AMPRM Changes and Updates Roundtable	Peak Shaving
	402	Meter Health and Diagnostics Technology	Technology & Security Advancement
	403	Third Party Deconfliction in Growth Projects Roundtable	Project Execution
	405	Risk Modeling - Threat and Hazard Interactions Roundtable	Underground Storage
10:45 AM - 11:00 AM	Pre-function Area	<b>Transition Break</b>	
11:00 AM - 12:00 AM Session 8	Waller Salon A	Measurement & Communications Cybersecurity Panel	Technology & Security Advancement
	Waller Salon B	Supply Chain General Roundtable	Supply Chain
	Waller Salon E	Project Management in High Density Fiber Optic Corridors Roundtable	Project Execution
	Waller Salon F	Team Training Requirements Roundtable	Control Room Management
	401	Peak Shaving General Roundtable	Peak Shaving
	403	Security Risk Assessments Roundtable	Risk Mitigation & Compliance
	404	Operations General Roundtable	Process Optimization
405	Storage General Roundtable	Underground Storage	
12:00 AM - 1:30 PM	Waller Salon CD	<b>SGA Awards Ceremony Lunch</b> Annual SGA Awards, Meritorious Action, and Committee Chair Recognition	
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	Waller Salon CD	<b>General Session:</b> Committee Information Presentations	
2:30 PM - 2:40 PM	Pre-function Area	<b>Networking Break</b>	
2:40 PM - 3:40 PM	Waller Salon CD	<b>General Session:</b> <i>What PHMSA Is Looking For Right Now: Enforcement Trends, Audit Triggers, and How to Prepare</i> Tiffany Ziemer   Director of Pipeline Safety & Regulatory Excellence, SGA (Former Chief Investigator, PHMSA)	
3:40 PM - 3:55 PM	Pre-function Area	<b>Refreshment Break</b>	
3:55 PM - 5:00 PM	Waller Salon CD	<b>Closing Keynote:</b> <i>Where Safety Meets Performance: Elevating Operations Through Trust, Precision, and Execution</i> Nate "Utah" Scott   Former Blue Angel #4 (Slot Pilot)	
5:30 PM - 8:30 PM		Special Event: <b>Gas Rocks at Brazos Hall</b> Enjoy OpsCon's signature social event at one of Austin's premier downtown venues, featuring live music, special networking opportunities, and refreshments	

Room	Day	Date	Time	Session Format	Session Title	Track	Descriptions
402	Wed.	July 22	9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	Roundtable	AI & Gas Control Roundtable	Control Room Management	This session is well suited for control room leaders and operations teams exploring how artificial intelligence may fit into their environments. Attendees will hear how peers are evaluating AI use cases, both within and adjacent to gas control operations. Participants will walk away with a realistic understanding of opportunities, limitations, and considerations for integrating AI responsibly.
405	Wed.	July 22	4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Roundtable	AI Models for Underground Storage Roundtable	Underground Storage	Sharing experiences and challenges encountered to date with AI integration and applications for Underground Storage. Roundtable will include discussion around resources required to make these models work, with consideration on how to improve ROI for an organization. This session is ideal for storage professionals exploring AI modeling. Attendees will discuss challenges, resource needs, and value realization. Participants will leave with realistic expectations for AI deployment.
402	Wed.	July 22	2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Presentation	Analytical Review of CRM Enforcement Cases	Control Room Management	This presentation will cover PHMSA CRM compliance actions for the recent past (posted through 1Q-26), with trends and tallies.
405	Wed.	July 22	11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Roundtable	Contractor Management & Training Roundtable	Underground Storage	This interactive roundtable focuses on how operators train, qualify, and manage external contractors supporting underground gas storage operations. Discussion topics will include onboarding and recurring training, verification of qualifications, oversight in the field, and managing contractor performance. The session is designed to facilitate sharing of practical lessons learned, challenges, and successful approaches across organizations. Attend this roundtable to exchange ideas on managing and training contractors within underground storage operations. The session focuses on aligning contractor performance with operator safety and compliance expectations. Participants will leave with practical approaches to strengthen oversight and training programs.
402	Wed.	July 22	3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.	Roundtable	Control Room Audits- Best Practices Roundtable	Control Room Management	Join us in a roundtable discussion as we share insight and experiences from recent Control Room Audits. Topics being explored include preparing for Control Room audits, documentation best practices, and organizational response to audit findings. •What factors/data is required by PHMSA for things like staffing or workload studies •What is being focused on or cited, findings by element, etc. Attend this roundtable to better prepare for control room audits. Attendees will discuss PHMSA expectations, common findings, and documentation strategies. Participants will leave with practical guidance to strengthen audit readiness.
Waller Salon B	Thurs.	July 23	9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	Roundtable	Inventory Levels Roundtable	Supply Chain	A focused panel discussion on the evolving role of inventory services within the natural gas industry, exploring managing pipe, materials, and critical assets across storage yards, project sites, and distribution networks. Panelists will provide strategic insights into optimizing inventory visibility, improving material traceability, and mitigating risks associated with storage, handling, and allocation. The discussion will also address vendor stocking programs that impact inventory management, including supply chain disruptions, pricing volatility, storage capacity constraints, and regulatory considerations. Attendees should gain practical perspectives, peer-driven insights, and actionable approaches to enhance inventory control, improve coordination across stakeholders, and drive greater efficiency and reliability in material management.
Waller Salon B	Thurs.	July 23	8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	Presentation	Labor force Availability During Expansion Periods	Supply Chain	This session will offer a practical, industry-focused discussion of workforce availability, labor constraints, and resource uncertainty affecting natural gas investments. It will examine how operators, contractors, and supply chain organizations are addressing challenges in securing and retaining qualified professionals to design, build, and manage natural gas infrastructure projects. The session will encourage open dialogue on current issues, lessons learned, and strategies for competing in a tight labor market. Attendees will gain insight into how labor shortages and resource volatility are affecting natural gas investments, along with practical approaches to workforce planning, contractor management, and coordination between operations and supply chain teams. Participants will also be encouraged to share successful strategies and lessons learned to support peer learning and idea generation.

							Intended to share knowledge experiences of an industry expert, or gas company with strong logistics program.
							<p>Topics to be addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Who manages logistics functions in an org</li> <li>• Who negotiates freight for an org</li> <li>• Impact of rules/regulations</li> <li>• Where does ownership of materials transfer, and resulting tax implications?</li> <li>• Advanced Shipping Notices to receiving locations</li> <li>• Important KPIs</li> <li>• Supply chain disruptions - impact.</li> </ul>
Waller Salon B	Wed.	July 22	4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Panel	Navigating the Future of Logistics: Insights from Industry Leaders and Subject Matter Experts Panel	Supply Chain	This panel is ideal for supply chain leaders seeking strategic insight. Attendees will hear perspectives on logistics ownership, KPIs, regulatory impacts, and disruptions. Participants will leave with ideas to strengthen logistics resilience.
Waller Salon B	Wed.	July 22	11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Panel	Part 2: Tariff Impacts Panel	Supply Chain	Today's steel pipe procurement decisions are shaped by more than price. Trade policy, geopolitical events, and strong domestic demand are driving pricing and availability across the O&G sector. This session will examine the effects of Section 232 tariffs and emerging Section 301 measures on domestic and import supply chains, domestic DSAW and large OD ERW mill capacity constraints, and the shift toward Korean and European imports as the market tightens. It will also address geopolitical developments, including the conflict in Iran, rising ocean freight and crude prices, Korean plate demand, and key asset acquisitions. Attendees will gain market indicators, trend insights, and practical intelligence to support timely, informed decisions in a highly dynamic steel market.
405	Wed.	July 22	9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	Presentation	PHMSA Underground Storage Update	Underground Storage	Stay informed on the latest PHMSA updates specific to underground storage operations. This session will cover key topics including current reporting requirements, implementation guidance, inspections, risk management expectations, and industry best practices.
405	Thurs.	July 23	9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	Roundtable	Risk Modeling - Threat and Hazard Interactions Roundtable	Underground Storage	UNGS integrity threats are often modeled in isolation, the greatest risks occur where they intersect. This session introduces a methodology for identifying and managing compounding Threat Interactions within underground storage frameworks, followed by an interactive discussion on moving from static checklists to dynamic risk models. This session is ideal for integrity and risk professionals, underground storage engineers, and operations managers looking to elevate predictive safety and compliance
402	Wed.	July 22	11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Roundtable	RMV Impacts on Leak Detection Process and Changes in Regulations Roundtable	Control Room Management	Discussion on how Operators are working through and standardizing rupture mitigation programs within a company in light of regulation changes. Specific procedures or workflows Operators have developed for this rule, and how companies are tracking RMVs in their systems (SCADA system, GIS system, compliance repository, etc.) This roundtable is intended for control room and compliance professionals navigating rupture mitigation valve requirements. Attendees will discuss how RMVs affect leak detection processes and regulatory compliance. Participants will leave with peer-shared best practices and a clearer understanding of evolving expectations.
402	Wed.	July 22	4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Presentation	Root Cause Analysis – Effective Methodologies	Control Room Management	This session will focus on best practices for analysis of core problems, and other contributing factors to an incident. The goal is to strengthen root cause analysis in different operator environments. Attend this panel to strengthen incident investigation practices. Attendees will learn how different organizations identify core and contributing factors. Participants will leave with ideas to improve RCA consistency and effectiveness.
405	Thurs.	July 23	11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Roundtable	Storage General Roundtable	Underground Storage	The roundtable will discuss the latest regulations for pipeline owners and operators impacting Underground Storage, approaches to security & compliance, and methods for overcoming the challenges the requirements may present.
405	Thurs.	July 23	8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	Presentation	Storage Subcommittee Updates - Storage Regulatory Compliance, Well Construction & Maintenance, Well Integrity Assessment	Underground Storage	Highlighting updates from the Underground Storage Committee's three focus groups, covering Storage Regulatory Compliance, Well Construction & Maintenance, Well Integrity Assessment
Waller Salon B	Thurs.	July 23	11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Roundtable	Supply Chain General Roundtable	Supply Chain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identification of topics to address in Committee meetings for remainder of year</li> <li>• Evaluations &amp; improvements to current Modes of Operation</li> <li>• Plans for future Committee leadership</li> </ul>
Waller Salon F	Thurs.	July 23	11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Roundtable	Team Training Requirements Roundtable	Control Room Management	This session is ideal for control room leaders focused on training compliance. Attendees will discuss audit expectations and coordination needs. Participants will leave with clearer training alignment strategies.
Waller Salon B	Wed.	July 22	2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Roundtable	Technology in Supply Chain Roundtable	Supply Chain	Discussion of Artificial Intelligence (AI) usage/tools that is/are available for assistance with traditionally manual processes in requisitioning, bidding, quote analysis, etc. This session is valuable for supply chain professionals seeking efficiency gains through technology. Attendees will discuss how AI tools are being applied to traditionally manual processes such as bidding and quote analysis. Participants will leave with insight into practical applications and adoption challenges.

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405	Wed.	July 22	3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.	Presentation	UNGS Case Study - Comparing New Technology Usage Over Time
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Underground  
Storage

*Please note: this session is open only to Operators and Vendors/Consultants*

This session continues last year's comparative evaluation of high-resolution magnetic flux leakage logs and high-resolution ultrasonic corrosion logs through an expanded field dataset. Newly available results include a destructive burst pressure test of casing that had been previously logged with both technologies prior to retrieval from an operating well. This unique dataset enables direct correlation between logged casing condition and actual failure behavior. Attend this session to hear how underground storage operators evaluate new technologies over time. Attendees will gain insight into performance trends and lessons learned. Participants will leave with comparative perspectives to inform technology decisions.

405	Wed.	July 22	2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Roundtable	Well & Reservoir Integrity, Optimization & Performance Roundtable
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Underground  
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This interactive roundtable provides a deep dive into the core technical and operational challenges facing today's underground gas storage sector. Peers will collaborate on critical engineering strategies covering wellbore integrity, annulus pressure management, dynamic reservoir optimization, and flow assurance under cyclic loading. The conversation will also address the asset performance and engineering aspects of facility expansion opportunities. This session is ideally suited for underground storage engineers, reservoir engineers, and integrity and risk professionals focused on maximizing deliverability and compliance.