



## 2023 RRC Regulatory Conference Session Descriptions

### **An Introduction to Carbon Sequestration in Texas**

*Leslie Savage, Stephanie Weidman*

We will provide an overview of the Texas' statutory and regulatory framework for geologic storage of carbon dioxide and status of Texas' efforts towards gaining authority to administer the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Class VI underground injection control program. In addition, we will discuss the progress of the efforts to regulate carbon dioxide pipelines by the federal Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA).

### **Carbon Sequestration and the Class VI UIC Permitting Process in Texas**

*Bryce McKee*

Discover how Class VI wells and Class II Acid Gas Injection wells are differentiated. Gain an understanding of the Class VI permit application process and requirements, including where to find the most current Class VI Underground Injection Control (UIC) regulations in the Texas Administrative Code. Plus hear an update on Texas regulatory primacy for Class VI UIC carbon sequestration.

### **Coast Guard Investigation and Inspection Process**

*Kyle Metcalf*

What impact does the Coast Guard have on pipeline safety? Join this session to learn more about how the Coast Guard conducts pipeline safety investigations and inspections to help operators prepare for future interactions.

### **Completions and Form P-16: Do You Know How and When to File?**

*Miriam Borrego, Trisha Fleming*

Learn how to properly file a completion report, Form W-2 (*Oil Well Potential Test, Completion or Recompletion Report, and Log*)/Form G-1 (*Gas Well Back Pressure Test, Completion or Recompletion Report, and Log*), the Form P-16 (Acreage Designation) along with any other required forms using the RRC Online System. Understand some of the common mistakes that are encountered when filing Form P-16. Understand some of the common problems that are seen by RRC's Well Compliance section and oil and gas district offices.

### **Critical Infrastructure Division – Executive Session**

*Jared Ware*

Receive an executive-level critical infrastructure presentation based on legislation passed by the 88<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature (regular session). Learn about current and pending changes that will affect administrative, operational, and regulatory activities for the Critical Infrastructure Division.

*Note: The expected audience for this session will be executive leaders and senior regulatory staff for operators that have critical infrastructure on the Texas electrical supply chain.*

## **Critical Infrastructure Inspections and Audits**

*Jim Collins, Mysti Doshier, Jarrod Eberly, Gilbert Herrera, Andrea Meyer*

Hear from RRC's Critical Infrastructure Division Regional Directors as they provide an overview of what to expect during an inspection and outline the audit process.

## **Critical Infrastructure Division Leadership Panel Discussion and Q&A**

*Jared Ware*

Receive an update on the division's objectives, goals, and performance metrics for fiscal year 2023. The panel will consist of division directors available to answer questions with respect to CID's administrative and operational programs and processes.

## **Critical Infrastructure 2.0 – What's Changed and Changing in Year Two**

*Jared Ware*

Hear the latest updates in the RRC's Critical Infrastructure Division and what the future holds for critical infrastructure regulation activities. Find out more information on updates in the division's organization, programs, and processes, as they demonstrate some of the improvements in digital automation and applications.

## **Distribution Replacement Program - TAC §8.209**

*Derek Garcia*

What is a distribution replacement program? Learn what is required of distribution operators as outlined in 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §8.209. Find out information regarding when the required information is needed and where you need to send that information.

## **Electronic Data Interchange for Injection Well Reports – Form H-10**

*Margot Buyens, Lauryn McFarland*

Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) is a system that allows you to file multiple reports at the same time, instead of typing them up one at a time. If you'd like to upload your injection well data directly instead of filing it on the H-10 report, join this session for an overview and demonstration of the EDI system for Form H-10. This is a data-focused session, and basic familiarity with filing Form H-10, *Annual Disposal/Injection Well Monitoring Report*, is recommended.

## **Environmental Permits and Subsequent Inspections**

*Christine Peters*

What is the information that is most often needed to process your permit? What can you, as an operator, anticipate during inspections for Environmental Permitting & Support Unit permits by the RRC? Learn important information RRC staff need to process your application.

## **Filing the Form CI-D**

*Mysti Doshier, Nicolas Stasulli*

Learn the steps to file the Form CI-D, *Acknowledgement of Critical Customer/Critical Gas Supplier Designation*, using the Critical Infrastructure Designation (CID) application in the RRC Online System. Learn more about updates to the RRC Online system and recent Legislative mandates.

## **Filing the Form CI-X**

*Raquel Foti, Nicole Moore*

Learn the steps to file the Form CI-X, *Exception of Critical Customer/Critical Gas Supplier Designation*, using the RRC Online System. Learn more about updates to the RRC Online System and recent Legislative mandates.

## **GAU Groundwater Determinations and Forms GW-1 & GW-2**

*Valerie Atkins, James Harcourt*

Who is the RRC's Geologic Advisory Unit? Learn how to order and interpret a GW-2 or Groundwater Letter (aka Water Board Letter). A valid GW-2 is required in Texas for nearly all oil and gas activities involving drilling, completion, re-completion, and mechanical integrity testing. Instructions on completing the online Form GW-1 (*Groundwater Protection Determination Request Form*) will also be included.

## **H-15 Older Inactive Well Test Reports**

*Alex Borrell, Lourdes Lazcano*

This presentation will cover everything with regards to H-15 inactive well testing requirements. Audience will learn what a Form H-15 (*Test on an Inactive Well More than 25 Years Old*) is, how to know when a Form H-15 is due and how to file.

## **How to Prepare for an RRC Pipeline Safety Inspection**

*Ron Perez*

Are you a pipeline operator new to RRC jurisdiction? Do you know how to prepare for and what to expect in an inspection? Learn what you need to know to be prepared in both the office and the field and what the inspector can do to assist you before and during an inspection. The focus will be on the standard comprehensive inspection with some mention of specialized ones.

## **How to Submit a POC using RRC PIPES**

*Nicolas Owojori*

What is the necessary information needed in a Plan of Correction (POC)? How can you submit a POC using the RRC's Pipeline Inspection, Permitting & Evaluation System (RRC PIPES)? This hands-on, interactive workshop will include a live demonstration of logging into RRC PIPES and submitting a mock POC.

## **Legislative Updates**

*Krista Duke*

The 88<sup>th</sup> Session of the Texas Legislature is now complete. Hear a report of the activity that took place during session that will impact the oil and gas industry, and you.

## **Natural Gas Infrastructure and the Texas Electrical Supply Chain: The Big Picture of How It All Works**

*Jared Ware*

Gain an understanding of how the RRC provides updates to the Texas Electrical Supply Chain Map. We will also outline how 16 TAC §3.65, 16 TAC §3.66 and mapping requirements translate to the critical infrastructure inspection universe and subsequent regulatory requirements.

## **Operator Qualifications and CRM Changes Related to RMV Rules**

*Wallace McGaughey*

With the implementation of the new rupture mitigation valves (RMV) rules, changes to other requirements on pipelines also changed. Learn more about Operator Qualification changes for certain covered tasks and the new requirements for Control Room Management (CRM) to meet the code requirements of monitoring the new RMVs.

## **P-5 Forms and Financial Assurance**

*Kaitlyn Cunningham*

This interactive workshop will discuss the filing of new, renewal and record-only Form P-5 (*Organization Report*), Form P-5O (*Officer Listing*), and Form P-5A (*Organization Report Non-Employee Agent Listing*). Plus, the filing of related financial assurance including the Form P-5LC (*Irrevocable Letter of Credit*), Form P-5PB (*Performance Bond*), and cash deposits.

## **Part 192 Overpressure Protection and Regulator Rules**

*Steven Kirkland*

Join the discussion over the nuances of overpressure protection in relation to 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 192. Topics will include correct setpoints, accidental overpressuring, capacity requirements, methods of overpressure protection, and design requirements.

## **PHMSA AID Investigation Techniques**

*Chris Ruhl*

United States Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration's (PHMSA) Accident Investigation Division (AID) will provide attendees with insight into what type of information their investigators are searching for on an incident or accident. National Data from the last year will also reveal the type of issues operators are experiencing and items to consider on their own pipeline systems.

## **PHMSA Future Rulemaking**

*Bill Lowry*

Want to know what lies ahead? Join Bill Lowry, PHMSA Community Liaison, as he discusses the outlook and status of future PHMSA rulemakings.

## **PHMSA Gas Gathering Rule**

*Chris McLaren*

Understand the changes to the federal code surrounding gas gathering pipelines as you learn about new types of gathering lines added in the rule change. You will also learn about new requirements for gathering pipelines to include reporting, record keeping, and operational requirements.

## **PHMSA Headquarters Update**

*Linda Daugherty*

Linda Daugherty, Deputy Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety, will share information about changes to PHMSA that will affect how PHMSA conducts inspections and what the attendees should expect during a PHMSA inspection.

## **PHMSA Introduction to Part 192**

*Steven Kirkland*

Pipeline safety operators will be able to gain a basic understanding of 49 CFR Part 192 including the subparts, history, and important facts to know. Learn more about recent amendments and how they may affect your organization.

## **PHMSA Introduction to Part 195**

*Steven Kirkland*

Pipeline safety operators will be able to gain a basic understanding of 49 CFR Part 195 including the subparts, history, and important facts to know. Learn more about recent amendments and how they may affect your organization.

## **PHMSA Rulemaking**

*John Gale*

This session will cover the latest PHMSA rulemaking efforts.

## **PIPES – Submitting a New Construction Report, PS-48**

*Michael Nuernberg*

What is the information that is required for a *New Construction Report*, Form PS-48? How do you submit a Form PS-48 using RRC PIPES? What are some common mistakes and errors to avoid? In this interactive session you will have the opportunity to walk through the process.

## **Potential Impact of the Gas Pipeline Leak Detection and Repair NPRM**

*Dewitt Burdeaux*

Gain a better understanding of the Gas Pipeline Leak Detection and Repair Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM). This NPRM addresses congressional mandates in the Protecting Our Infrastructure of Pipelines and Enhancing Safety Act of 2020 to reduce methane emissions from new and existing gas transmission pipelines, distribution pipelines, regulated (Types A, B, C and offshore) gas gathering pipelines, underground natural gas storage facilities, and liquefied natural gas facilities.

## **Produced Water and Seismic Monitoring**

*Dan Yates*

Prior to 2012, water management for unconventional oil and gas plays was an increasing concern as it was trying to keep up with operations. Questions about the scale of the unconventional projects, water-sourcing limitations, economics of water reuse, infrastructure needs, and sustainability were being considered. Industry volatility, seismicity, and regulatory challenges were growing concerns during this period. Today, many of the initial challenges have been resolved but others persist. Regional water management variations continue to challenge the industry. Through interactions with state consortiums, state and federal agencies, industry groups, and NGO's the Ground Water Protection Council has helped states address the technical, policy, regulatory, and environmental challenges of produced water management and induced seismicity. This session will cover GWPC's history as well as an overview of the resources GWPC has created and maintains relative to the challenges of produced water management, induced seismicity, and public awareness. We will highlight several tools developed by the GWPC to assist states, industry, and the public.

## **Production Reporting – Form PR**

*Erin Hehnly*

In this interactive workshop, you will hear detailed instructions on completing and filing the Form PR (*Monthly Production Report*) also mentioning the new flaring disposition codes, Form P-17 [*Application for Permit Exception to Statewide Rules 26 and/or 27 (Commingling)*]; and Form P-17A [*Application for Commingle Permit Pursuant to Statewide Rules 26 and/or 27 (Commingling)*]. This session will also discuss when fees are required for certain Form P-17 filings.

## **Public GIS Viewer Tool**

*Mark Maddox*

Learn how to get the most out of the RRC's Public GIS Viewer and available digital map data. This entry-level session will include a description of the origins of the Public GIS Viewer, core functionality, associated tools and layers that can be used by RRC staff and the public. Plus, learn to successfully navigate the website and understand how to view, download, and display data.

## **Q&A with RRC Pipeline Safety Regional Managers**

*RRC Pipeline Safety Regional Managers*

Join the RRC's Pipeline Safety Regional Managers in this panel discussion and Q&A as they provide insight selected from attendee provided questions/topics.

## **Risk Factors Associated with Conversion of Service**

*John Jacobi*

What are some of the factors that affect pipelines undergoing conversion of service? Learn how to account for, track, and mitigate possible safety concerns to ensure the physical integrity and continued long term operation of the pipeline.

## **RMV Rule Change**

*Wallace McGaughey*

Understand the changes to federal code involving rupture mitigation valves or RMVs. RMV will need to be installed on new/or repaired pipelines in certain areas to mitigate release volumes and increase safety.

## **RRC Pipeline Inspection Field Violations**

*RRC Pipeline Safety Managers*

Meet the RRC's Pipeline Safety Regional Managers and participate in a discussion of the various findings found in the field during RRC pipeline inspections.

## **RRC Pipeline Safety Updates**

*Stephanie Weidman*

This presentation will provide attendees with an overview of changes to the federal and state Pipeline Safety Laws and operational changes to the RRC's Oversight and Safety Division since the last conference.

## **RRC Pipeline Specialized Inspections Panel and Q&A**

### *Pipeline Safety Specialized Team Leads*

The RRC's Pipeline Safety Specialized Team Leads conduct and review all specialized inspections conducted throughout the state as required by PHMSA and serve as subject matter experts for their specific field of review. Join this panel discussion and Q&A session about these specialized inspections.

## **Seeking an Exception to Double Assign Surface Acreage Under Statewide Rule 40(e)(2)**

### *David King*

Filers will gain an understanding of the optional Statewide Rule 40 section on the W-1, if choosing to claim a horizontal division of ownership. The discussion will also include a focus on data entry for the P-16, requirements of the Statewide Rule 40 notice, and when double assignment of acreage occurs versus when it does not.

## **Severance Tax Reduction for Tight Gas**

### *Valerie Atkins, James Harcourt*

Hear an overview of the application process for severance tax reduction for tight gas. This informative session will include an explanation of the Area Designation application and Form ST-1 (*Application for Texas Severance Tax Incentive Certification*), as well as a brief explanation of Statewide Rule 103.

## **Statewide Rule 15 and Inactive Well Compliance**

### *Jennifer Gilmore*

Join this interactive workshop to discuss Statewide Rule 15 requirements pertaining to inactive well compliance and how they affect your Form P-5 renewal. Learn more about filing the Form W-3C, pertaining to surface equipment removal requirements, as well as Form W-3X, the application for extensions of deadline for plugging an inactive well. We will also discuss the enforcement process pertaining to non-compliance of Statewide Rule 15.

## **Statewide Rule 32: Exception to Flaring/Venting of Produced Gas**

### *Atia Rahman*

Hear an overview of the requirements of Statewide Rule 32 regarding the venting/flaring of produced gas. Discussion topics will include authorized flaring/venting and exemptions to the rule, as well as exceptions to the rule. The new online filing system will also be discussed.

## **Statewide Spacing Rule and Well Densities Exception**

### *Lorenzo Garza, David King*

Understand what triggers a Statewide Rule 37/38 exception and what resolutions can be used to gain the exception. Learn the methods that can be used to keep the exception from being triggered.

## **T-1: Transportation and Storage Report**

### *Erin Hehnly*

In this interactive workshop, you will be able to research all aspects of the T-1 report using the RRC website. Walk-through completion of a T-1 report with assistance from RRC staff who will identify areas of common errors and demonstrate how to complete the report to avoid those possible errors.

## **Texas811 and Pipeline Task Force New Initiatives**

*Ed Landgraf*

Join Mr. Landgraf as he highlights new best practices and updated resources from the Corpus 5 fatality accident. Review the new Abandoned Line Program and how it works and be introduced to the new MarineSafe811 program.

## **TexNet Reporting for Disposal Wells**

*Jim Moore*

A February 2023 Notice to Operators introduced new requirements for new disposal well permits. This session will provide a tutorial on how users can create their online TexNet Reporting tool account and upload daily injection data requested by their permit.

## **Tips and Troubleshooting for Filing Form H-5 Online**

*Mariah Henley-Christopher, Lauryn McFarland*

Requirements and best practices have changed due to the online process for Form H-5, *Disposal/Injection Well Pressure Test Report*. Join this session for a description of the changes, a demonstration of ways to find related research materials, and a walk through of solutions to common issues.

## **UIC Completions**

*Lauryn McFarland*

UIC wells have different requirements for completion reporting. If you are familiar with completion reports or have gotten a request for a report from the RRC, learn about the differences and requirements in this session.

## **Underground Injection Control – Technical Permitting**

*Rob Castillo*

In this overview of the application process for Statewide Rules 9 and 46, we will discuss navigating the UIC online manual followed by a detailed look at the administrative and technical review done on injection/disposal well applications. We will also discuss our seismic review process for disposal wells. Through these reviews, attendees will have a better understanding of what is needed to complete the application process.

## **Underground Natural Gas Storage: An Industry and Regulatory Perspective**

*Mark Lay, Karl Leger*

Hear both the industry viewpoint and the regulatory perspective regarding compliance inspections of underground natural gas storage facilities. Participate in a panel style Q&A session to gain a better understanding of each area represented.

## **W-1 and P-16 Online Filing: Eliminating Mistakes**

*David King*

This discussion will provide information on how to properly fill out Form W-1 (*Application for Permit to Drill, Recomplete, or Re-Enter*) using the RRC Online System. Focuses will be on form and rule requirements, common problems encountered, and a summary of system updates from the past three years. We will also be discussing the use of Form P-16 (Acreage Designation) for various types of Form W-1 submissions, and how to accurately enter data on the form.



## **Want to Know More About Compliance Issues and the Proration Schedule?**

*Trisha Fleming*

Participate in an overview of the RRC's website focusing on regulatory compliance that demonstrates the tools available to users. In addition, a review of the RRC's Online Research Queries will be offered to show data available on the RRC website. Topics to be discussed include oil and gas well supplements, proration schedules, and online research queries associated with the RRC's Well Compliance section.

## **What's New in EPS?**

*Christine Peters*

Introduce the new Compliance & Monitoring Team within the RRC's Environmental Permitting & Support Unit, discuss upcoming changes to Waste Hauler applications, and answer questions.

## **Written Pipeline Safety Programs and Actual Safety Performance**

*Mike LaMont*

New regulatory requirements, growing climate, and social pressures along with financial, human, and technological barriers and limitations all converge, creating a storm of challenges for both pipeline safety regulators and pipeline operators. How much do the required Federal and State pipeline safety programs impact actual safety performance? Are some programs more impactful than others? Explore and acknowledge the realities of today's challenging environment and provide actionable considerations for driving improved pipeline safety.

## **Zero Incidents: Public Perspective on Pipeline Safety**

*Bill Caram*

What are some of the current public concerns about Pipeline Safety? Join Mr. Caram as he provides a brief history of the Pipeline Safety Trust and discusses their work and current priorities. Mr. Caram will also look at safety data and assess trends from the public perspective.