



Industry News

GPA Midstream and GPSA have partnered with the Energy Infrastructure Council (EIC) in a public education initiative to share insights into the important role that midstream energy infrastructure plays in our daily lives and the many contributions our member companies are making to the energy transition. Earlier this month, we released Embracing Change, the first of many short, impactful videos planned for this effort, and we encourage you to watch and share it with your network. To learn more about this initiative and to watch and share the video directly to LinkedIn, Twitter or Facebook, visit WeAreInfrastructure.org.



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Convention

2021 GPA Midstream Convention Speakers, Topics Announced

The GPA Midstream Program Committee has put together an outstanding lineup for the 2021 convention set for Sept. 26 – 29 in San Antonio, Texas. Seeing our friends face to face once again is reason enough to celebrate, but even more reason is bringing everyone together for GPA Midstream's 100th anniversary. Registration and GPA Midstream's hotel room block will open June 8. [View the schedule](#) and make plans to join us!

Convention Sponsorship Opportunities

Don't miss the opportunity for your logo to shine when registration opens and convention website activity skyrockets. Google Analytics has consistently shown an average of 65,000 page views on the convention website from the time the full schedule is posted through the end of the event. Is your company represented?

Available opportunities include:

App push notifications - \$500 and app banner ad - \$3,500

Branding opportunities, from elevator door clings to conference floor banners - \$6,500 - \$18,000

Breakfast featuring keynote speakers - \$5,000

Cheers to Years – A 100th Celebration! reception party planner - \$500 and party host - \$5,000

Coffee breaks - \$4,000 - \$7,000

Literature display stands - \$1,000

Luncheon (Monday) - \$2,000

Networking (opening night reception) - \$500

Proceedings - \$3,000

Sporting clays prizes - \$500, stations - \$1,200 and golf carts - \$4,000

For more information about opportunities listed above, take a look at the [2021 sponsorship packet](#) or contact [April Sailsbury](#): (918) 493-3874.

We greatly appreciate the [companies that have already partnered with us](#)

Government Affairs

GPA Midstream is being heard when it comes to the important rulemaking phase of new regulations for pipeline emissions monitoring. It was good to represent our segment of the industry at a recent government agency online

seminar, especially when regulators and lawmakers so often lump gathering lines in with transmission and distribution pipelines.

The PIPES Act of 2020 calls for the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) secretary to issue rules on gas pipeline leak detection and repair by Dec. 27, 2021. To that end, the DOT's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, or PHMSA, held two days of online public hearings in May for input from stakeholders.

This is our first big step into this arena when it comes to representing key issues on gathering lines and PHMSA is recognizing GPA Midstream as a well-informed voice in that segment of the pipeline industry.

The PIPES Act was enacted as part of the broader COVID-19 relief package and reauthorizes the federal pipeline safety program through the end of the 2023 federal fiscal year. Under the Biden administration, the rulemaking phase is expected to go well beyond detecting and repairing leaks of immediate danger to the public but focus on repairs that are deemed environmentally sensitive. The Biden administration is going after oil and gas from all angles to reduce methane emissions.

One of the most important aspects of the rulemaking is that the mandate is limited to regulated onshore gas gathering lines in more populated Class 2, Class 3 and Class 4 locations. Most gas gathering lines are in sparsely populated, Class 1 locations, such as areas that contain 10 or fewer buildings intended for human occupancy within a 1-mile-long, 440-yard-wide class location unit. In total, only about 10,000 miles of gathering lines will be impacted by the new mandates. On the other hand, about 1.8 million miles of distribution lines and 300,000 miles of transmission lines will fall under the rules.

We were also able to make PHMSA aware that the gathering lines sector, unlike transmission and distribution, often doesn't have the option of passing along the increased cost of regulation to its customers. We emphasized that the leak detection and repair should be risk based and cost effective.

While the deadline for the submission of the rules isn't due until the end of the year, the act requires operators to update inspection and maintenance plans by December.

Through consistent attendance at meetings, filing regular comments and member involvement on advocacy committees, GPA Midstream hit a major milestone in being recognized by a key regulator for input in determining the fate of our members.

Technical

Results of Recent Technical Ballots

Voting closed on one GPA Midstream Technical Program ballot since the April eBrief. Results of the ballot are as follows:

Workgroup Charter - Facilities Integrity Inspection Guidance (FIIG)

Update: 8 Approve, 0 Negative, 0 Abstain

We greatly appreciate everyone's participation. Documents will be published after ballot comments have been resolved, and workgroups are initiated upon approval of their charter. Contact the workgroup lead or a committee officer to get involved. For more information about GPA Midstream's technical committees and to learn how your organization can get involved, contact GPA Midstream Director of Technical Services [Martin Erne](#).

Chapters

APPALACHIAN BASIN

Appalachian Basin GPA Midstream Golf Tournament

The Appalachian Basin chapter's 9th annual golf tournament is scheduled for June 14 at Quicksilver Golf Club in Midway, Pa. The tournament has a 10:30 a.m. shotgun start, and the registration fee includes green fees, cart, lunch, dinner and drink tickets.

Fees

Individuals

\$150 - ABGPA Midstream Members

\$175 - Non-Members

Team of 4

\$600 - ABGPA Midstream Members

\$700 - Non-Members

Mulligans

5 for \$20, or maximum of 10 for \$40 for a team of 4

For more information or to register, visit the [Appalachian Basin GPA Midstream website](#).

NORTH TEXAS

North Texas GPA Midstream Scholarship Golf Tournament

The North Texas GPA (NTGPA) Midstream summer golf tournament will be held June 14 at the world-class Hackberry Creek Country Club in Irving, Texas. All proceeds from the event will support the NTGPA Midstream Foundation (501C3) Scholarship Program.

The tournament offers two flights, one at 8:30 a.m. and one at 2 p.m. The registration fee of \$200 per person includes green fees, cart, breakfast and lunch for the 8:30 a.m. flight and lunch and dinner for the 2 p.m. flight, course snacks and more.

For more information or to register, visit the [North Texas GPA Midstream website](#).

ROCKY MOUNTAIN

Rocky Mountain GPA Midstream Golf Tournament

Join Rocky Mountain GPA Midstream for its scholarship golf tournament on June 25 at Riverdale Golf Courses in Brighton, Colo. Golfer registration opens at 6:30 a.m., followed by a 7:30 a.m. shotgun start. A COVID-friendly lunch social and raffle will immediately follow the round. All event proceeds will go to the chapter's charity, training and scholarship programs.

Fees

Team of 4 - \$800

Mulligans - \$5 each, \$20 for a set of 5; maximum of 5 per team

Raffle Tickets - \$5 single, \$20 for a set of 5, \$100 for a set of 25

For more information visit the [Rocky Mountain GPA Midstream website](#).

Calendar

[Learn more about the events below here](#)

June

14 - Appalachian Basin GPA Midstream Golf Tournament

14 - North Texas GPA Midstream Golf Tournament

25 - Rocky Mountain GPA Midstream Golf Tournament

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