



NGA
NORTHEAST GAS ASSOCIATION

2024 Spring Operations Conference

April 4-5, 2024

Saratoga Hilton

Saratoga Springs

Track Format:

Infrastructure Transition

Gas Operations: Innovation & Leading Practices

Regulatory Environment

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Program at-a-Glance

Day 1: April 4, 2024

General Session: 10:00 – 11:00 in City Center Meeting Room 2B

- Welcome, José Costa, NGA President and CEO
- Exhibitor Presentations
- **Keynote: A Fireside Chat with Kathy Boden, Senior Vice President of Gas Operations at Con Edison**

Breakout Sessions

Tracks	Infrastructure Transition Saratoga Ballroom 1	Gas Operations: Innovation & Leading Practices Saratoga Ballroom 2	Regulatory Environment Saratoga Ballroom 3
Session 1 11:05 - 11:15	Track Chair Welcome	Track Chair Welcome	Track Chair Welcome
Session 2 11:15 - 12:15	Geothermal Project Implementation	Advanced Leak Detection	Regional Future of Gas Proceedings

Lunch: 12:15 – 1:30 – City Center Meeting Room 1

Session 3 1:30 – 2:15	Greening the Pipeline: Emerging Fuels & Technology at New Jersey Natural Gas	Improving Gas Operations Training through Mixed Reality Technology	Opportunities & Challenges: Implementing Non-Pipes Alternatives
Session 4 2:15 – 3:00	Managing the Gas Systems during an Electric Outage	Use of AI & Predictive Analytics in Gas Operations	The Energy Needed to Meet the Clean Energy Evolution

Break: 3:15 – 3:30

Session 5 3:30 – 4:30	Challenges of Meeting Peak Demand	Navigating Change: GIS and Digital Transformation at Vermont Gas Systems	LDC Perspectives on Federal Regulatory Proposals Regarding LDAR & Distribution Rule NPRM's
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Please Join us for our Evening Reception

Location: Hotel Exhibit Hall 4:30-6:30PM

Thank you to our reception sponsors: Bascom Turner, Border States & Precision Pipeline Solutions

Day 2: April 5, 2024

General Session: 8:30 – 9:30 in City Center Meeting Room 2B

Keynote Panel: Pipeline Safety Focus in an Evolving Regulatory Environment

Panel: *Kevin Speicher, NYS Department of Public Service; Karl Baker, CT Public Utility Regulatory Authority, PHMSA Invited*
Moderator: *Mark Hereth, Blacksmith Group*

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Session 1 9:40 – 10:30	RNG Project Deployment at Liberty Utilities	Utility Take on Managing the Qualification Process	Panel: Members discuss current state regulatory proceedings

Break: 10:30 – 10:45

Session 2 10:45 – 11:40	Role of fleets in Emission Reductions & Tracking	Understanding the Leak Extent Method for Assessing Environmentally Significant Leaks	OQ Update
Session 3 11:40 – 12:00	Session Wrap-up	Session Wrap-up	Session Wrap-up

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General Information

April 4-5, 2024

Who Should Attend?

NGA's 2024 Spring Operations Conference is open to natural gas distribution and transmission company operations personnel with interests in customer service, methane emissions reduction, or damage prevention.

Conference Contacts:

If you have questions regarding the conference, including exhibits, please contact NGAevents@northeastgas.org.

Registration:

Online registration is available on NGA's website. (www.northeastgas.org)

Member Rate: \$495

Non-Member Rate: \$795

Registration Deadline: Monday, March 25, 2024

Cancellation Policy:

Due to contractual obligations, cancellations received 15 business days prior to the program will receive a full refund. Cancellations received 6 to 14 business days prior to the event will receive a refund, less a \$100 administrative fee. No shows and last minute cancellations, 5 business days prior to the event or less, will be responsible for the full registration fee. Substitutions from your organization for the same event are always welcome.

How to Register via NGA's Website:

Online registration is available on NGA's website: www.northeastgas.org, then click "Member Login" in the top left corner.

Online Registration (for those already entered in NGA's on-line system)

If you already have a username and password for the NGA site, you can register online right now. To log in go to NGA's website, www.northeastgas.org. After you login, click on the top tab for "Events." Once on the events page, look for the "2024 Spring Operations Conference." Click on the "2024 Spring Operations Conference" and continue registering from there.

Online Registration (for those not entered in NGA's on-line system)

If you are not yet registered with NGA for online access and would like to do so, you can complete the "Individual Database Profile Form" found on NGA's member log in screen. NGA will contact you once you are entered into our database with a username and password for future access.

Hotel Accommodations at The Saratoga Hilton

534 Broadway, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Overnight accommodation is the responsibility of each individual. NGA has secured a block of rooms with a rate of **\$145.00** per night. To make your reservation, call the hotel at **518-584-4000** or use the following link: [Saratoga Hilton](#)

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