

November 2-3, 2011
Stamford, CT

NORTHEAST GAS ASSOCIATION

2011 Damage Prevention Workshop & Exhibit

Day One—November 2, 2011

9:00 – 10:00 / Registration and Continental Breakfast

10:00 -10:15

Welcome and Opening Remarks

**Diane Benedetto, National Grid
Chair, Damage Prevention Committee**

10:15 – 11:15

Federal Legislation and Regulation Update on Pipeline Safety

The status and impact of recently proposed legislation and changes to regulations related to pipeline safety will be reviewed.

11:15 – 12:00

Panel on Member Experiences with Public Awareness Audits

**Spencer Robinson, Iroquois Gas
Mark Baldwin, Consolidated Edison**

Members will discuss their experience in responding to the increased expectations of federal and state regulators that have manifested in new inspection approaches and an increased frequency of regulatory audits.

12:00 – 1:30 / Lunch with the Exhibitors

1:30 – 2:30

Forum on Emergency Responder and Public Official Training

**Maria Diaz, New Jersey Natural Gas; Kevin Powers, PSE&G;
Spencer Robinson, Iroquois Gas**

A panel of members will share their approaches toward collaborating with public officials and emergency responders on dealing with pipeline related emergencies, as well as limiting the risk of pipeline incidents and damages.

2:30 – 3:30

Strategy Breakout Sessions

- Developing an Effective Damage Prevention Communication Strategy
Moderated by Maria Diaz, New Jersey Natural Gas
- Developing a Collaborative Approach with Public Officials and Regulators
Moderated by Diane Benedetto, National Grid

3:30 – 3:45 / Break

3:45 – 4:30

Exhibitor Presentations

Product and service providers will each provide a brief presentation about their product/service, and its relevance to our industry.

Day Two—November 3, 2011

7:00 – 8:30 / Registration and Continental Breakfast

Visit the Exhibitors

8:30 – 9:15

Strategy Breakout Sessions

The following breakout sessions will include both presentations and participatory discussions with the objective to capture and share best practices in these areas.

- Mark-out Best Practices
Craig Taylor, Unimark
Dan McGarry, Eastern Locating Service
- Implications to Damage Prevention Programs with the Implementation of DIMP
Bret Factora, Yankee Gas

9:15 – 10:00

811 Call Center Best Practices Panel

Bob Finelli, Dig Safe; Stephen Wright, Dig Safely NY; Joe Gallo, CT Public Utilities Regulatory Authority

A panel of call center managers devoted to reducing the risk of damage to underground facilities will discuss strategies they have employed to encourage timely communication and follow-up with both excavators and facility operators.

10:00 – 10:15 / Break

10:15 – 11:00

Cross Bore Injury and Damage Prevention

Art Shapiro, National Grid

The potential danger associated with trenchless drilling and the installation of services and mains that may impact other underground assets, such as sewer laterals, as well as steps that member companies have taken to limit injury and damage will be discussed.

11:00 – 12:00

Damage Prevention Strategy Output Review

Diane Benedetto, National Grid, Committee Chair

Output from Strategy sessions will be reviewed and prioritized. Follow-up items for committee members will be discussed.

12:00 / Workshop Adjourns

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General Information

About the Workshop Program

The NGA Damage Prevention Workshop was developed to provide utilities, regulators, contractors and excavators a forum to address issues related to providing safe excavations around underground facilities. The topics presented will relate to new technologies in locating and mapping, first responders training and assessing damage, record keeping, and general knowledge of excavation and digging safely rules and regulations.

EXHIBITOR OPPORTUNITY

The Exhibit

Companies that offer damage prevention technologies, products and services to the natural gas industry are welcome to participate as an exhibitor at this Damage Prevention Workshop. Space is limited so displays will be offered on a first come, first served basis. On-Site selection of table location is first come, first choice.

The exhibitor registration fee includes a 6-foot covered table, electricity, if specified, food and networking opportunities throughout the Workshop.

Company Exhibit Registration Fees

NGA Member—\$235.00
Non-NGA Member—\$350.00

Additional Exhibitor Rep (NGA Member)— \$85.00
Additional Exhibitor Rep (Non-NGA Member)—\$135.00

Set-up Hours:

November 2— Night before workshop
November 3— 7:00 am—9:00 am

Display Hours:

November 2—9:00 am—4:00 pm
November 3—7:00 am—12:00 noon



Registration Information

The Process

It's a "paper lite" workshop. This means it will be an online registration process only. Electric program material will be accessible pre and post via NGA's website www.northeastgas.org.

The Workshop Fees

NGA Member—\$85.00
Non-NGA Member—\$135.00

Cancellation Policy: No refunds issued to registrants who cancel after 12 noon on October 28, 2011. Substitutions are allowed. No refunds for "no shows".

The Hotel



Sheraton Stamford Downtown

700 E. Main Street, Stamford, CT 06901
Hotel front desk—1-203-358-8400

The Sheraton is accessible by Amtrak, the Metro and car. The hotel offers complimentary shuttle service to and from the train stations. If you require the shuttle service, please contact the hotel to make arrangements.

Overnight accommodations are the responsibility of each individual.

To make a reservation, contact the Sheraton

Stamford Downtown Hotel at 203-358-8400. Group rate is \$115.00. To receive this rate, the name of the group is Northeast Gas Association Conference.

Travel Directions

To Personalize your Travel, please follow the link below

<http://www.starwoodhotels.com/sheraton/property/area/directions.html?propertyID=3616>

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