



NGA CONTRACTOR WORKSHOP

April 10, 2019

Saratoga Hilton

534 Broadway

Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

A workshop designed specifically for our contractor community.

12:30 pm - 1:00 pm	REGISTRATION
1:00 pm - 1:15 pm	Welcome and Opening Remarks Tom Kiley, President and CEO, <u>Northeast Gas Association</u>
1:15 pm - 2:30 pm	Regional Approach to Implementation of a Pipeline Safety Management System Bob Wilson, NGA and Mark Hereth, Blacksmith Group NGA's collaborative initiative to develop a PSMS practice for its members will be discussed. The practice will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A bottom up / top down approach to engagement• An implementation roadmap for each participating company• Relative risk assessment• An implementation roadmap based on risk based gap analysis
2:30 pm - 3:15 pm	Updates on NGA's OQ Performance Evaluation Strategy and the Development of a Recommended Practice for Company Specific Contractor Training Paul Armstrong and Bob Wilson, Northeast Gas Association The approach to determine when skills evaluations should be incorporated into qualifications testing, and the development of a recommended practice for company specific contractor training will be discussed.
3:15 pm - 3:30 pm	BREAK
3:30 pm - 4:15 pm	Key Issues/Concerns Faced by Contractors in 2019 Contractor representatives will discuss what challenges their companies are facing such as meeting the increased workload and hiring demands, as well as dealing with increased regulatory scrutiny.
4:15 pm - 5:00 pm	Open Discussion—Other Issues from LDCs and Contractors What items/issues would you like to see discussed at the workshop? Come prepared to write them on a white board prior to the start of the meeting.
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm	NETWORKING RECEPTION Sponsored By:



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Please register via NGA's website, below is the link to NGA's member log in:

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- NGA Utility Member Rate: Free
- NGA Basic Member Rate: \$295
- NGA Plus Member Rate: Free
- NGA Non-Member Rate: \$550

Registration Deadline April 8, 2019

Accommodations Overnight accommodations are the responsibility of each individual. NGA has secured a block of rooms with a rate of \$159.00 per night. To make your reservation, call the hotel at 888-866-3596 or on-line: <https://aws.passkey.com/go/NortheastGasAssn2018>

Questions Eileen Sitte, (781) 455-6800 ext. 117, esitte@northeastgas.org

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.

Updated Information For updated information, please visit NGA's website: <http://www.northeastgas.org>

Remember to sign up for NGA's 2019 Spring Operations Conference, immediately following the Contractors Workshop. For more information please visit NGA's Website, www.northeastgas.org.

NGA Spring Operations Conference
April 11-12, 2019
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