



PERMIAN BASIN
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2019 Top Hand



The PBPA Top Hand is the highest award bestowed by the members of the PBPA, and one of the highest honors given to an energy professional in the Permian Basin. Being a Top Hand means that you exemplify all of the best qualities of professional and community service.

PBPA is proud to bring you the the 2019 Top Hand Award Banquet honoring C. R. "Dick" Saulsbury. We look forward to honoring Mr. Saulsbury at the Permian Basin 2019 Top Hand Award Banquet on January 16, 2020 at the Petroleum Club of Midland.

For registration information, please [click here](#), or contact Jamie Ramirez at jamie@pbpa.info. We've already received an outstanding response. If you're interested in reserving your seat, reach out now before it's too late!





On Tuesday, December 10, 2019, 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM, the Texas Tribune will host a free to the public conversation on how the oil and gas industry impacts Texas. The event will be held in the Saulsbury Campus Center at Odessa College. PBPA will not only be onhand, but will be participating in the panel discussion moderated by Ross Ramsey, executive editor of the Texas Tribune, as PBPA President Ben Shepperd joins State Representative Brooks Landgraf and CEO of the Permian Strategic Partnership Tracee Bentley to discuss the state of play in Texas' oil and gas sector. The conversation and a livestream of the same will begin at noon.

To register for the vent, you can [click here](#).



PBPA in Action

Joint Committee Meeting

PBPA has a collection of outstanding committees which focus on a number of different issues impacting your operations in the Permian Basin. PBPA is currently planning a joint meeting between the members of our three of our committees, our Health, Safety & Environment, Water, and Regulatory Practices Committees, for January 2020.

At the joint meeting, we'll hear from Investigator Tim Telck of the Midland County Environmental Enforcement Department about his department's roll regarding environmental law compliance in Midland County, and how that department does and could interact with oil and gas companies. The Environmental Enforcement Department in Midland County, and similar departments in other counties in the Permian Basin, is one that we all need to know more about.

If you aren't a member of one of these committees, but are interested in attending the meeting, please let us know.

Air Quality Working Group

On December 7, 2019, we held the second meeting of the PBPA Air Quality Working Group here in Midland, graciously hosted by Pioneer Natural Resources. The group discussed many of the technical innovations being used in the field to

reduce emissions as well as the many monitoring efforts being conducted in the Permian Basin by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), and the Environmental Defense Fund (EDF).

We held a morning session where we took a deep dive into design practices. Air experts and facility engineers discussed plumbing controls, pipe sizing, blowers, VRUs, VRTs, and more, all in attempts to improve efficiencies and operations. We know our facilities and designs better than anyone, and innovation has and will continue to start with us in working towards better operations tomorrow. PBPA sees opportunities to collaborate, like those conducted by the Air Quality Working Group, as vital to the continual improvement of our industry.

In the afternoon, we heard from representatives from TCEQ on their efforts in the Permian Basin and discussed efforts by EDF to do emissions monitoring by aerial and on-ground surveillance. EDF has begun and will continue to conduct what they are calling their Permian Basin Methane Campaign and all operators need to be aware.

The next PBPA Air Quality Working Group meeting will be in Q1 of 2020. If you're interested in joining the group or have any questions, please let us know.

Electrical Coalition

On November 21, 2019, the PBPA Electrical Coalition hosted Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) Senior Director of System Planning, Warren Vasher, to discuss the power challenges in the Permian Basin. We heard updates on the Permian Basin Improvement Plan ideas, being developed by ERCOT in collaboration with PBPA and other stakeholders, as well as specific updates on ERCOT's Delaware Study.

PBPA knows that reliable power is vital to the continued growth of operations in the Permian Basin and the Electrical Coalition has been a leader in working to improve such reliability throughout our region.

Regulatory Practices Committee

On December 9, 2019, PBPA submitted official comments to the Railroad Commission of Texas regarding proposed changes to State Wide Rule 40. This rule involves the assignment of acreage of pooled development and proration units. The proposed changes would allow for the better development of natural resources in fields throughout the Permian Basin and other areas of Texas. These comments have been developed by the PBPA Regulatory Practices Committee and have been a focal point of this committee's work for the better portion of the last two years. Thank you to all those committee members who have been involved in these efforts and for everything you do on behalf of your companies, the PBPA, and the industry as a whole.

For any questions on the above PBPA Committee activities, or any other PBPA Committees, please reach out to Stephen Robertson, stephen@pbpa.info.



On Wednesday, December 11, 2019, 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM, TxDOT will be participating in a meeting with the Permian Road Safety Coalition Sand Task Force to discuss upcoming projects specifically on SH 302.

TxDOT is starting major construction on the entire SH 302 corridor beginning Spring 2020. The purpose of this meeting is to provide an overview of upcoming construction on SH 302. Sand mine operators and trucking companies are being invited to review roadway improvement plans for safety and route planning. The meeting will be held at the TxDOT Odessa District Area office at 3901 East US Highway 80, Odessa, Texas 79761.

