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Members,

As you should have seen in previous emails, PBPA Leadership has decided that for the health and safety of our membership, this year's Annual Meeting, likely to be hosted on portions of September 29-October 1, is going to be held virtually. This presents PBPA with an amazing opportunity to bring the Annual Meeting to our members, wherever you may be!

Thank you to those who have completed a survey on what you'd like to see at this year's virtual Annual Meeting. We're excited about the opportunities and will be sending you more information on the 58th Annual Meeting soon!

Also, here is what you'll find in this issue of the Standard:

- **PBPA/OTA Webinar with TCEQ Commissioner Emily Lindley**
- **Upcoming PBPA Committee Meetings**
- **New Mexico Methane Rules Update**
- **RRC: Comment Period Open on SWR 32 Data Sheet**
- **RRC: Pipeline Safety Rules Webinar, August 5**
- **RRC: Notice to Pipeline Operators**
- **EMNRD: Fire Restrictions lifted in New Mexico**

As always do not hesitate to reach out if we may be of service.

Regards,

Ben Shepperd





OILFIELD STRONG 2020 INFORMING, EDUCATING FOR TODAY'S REALITY

OILFIELD WEBINAR SERIES EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 10:30

NEXT ONE IS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5!

These are challenging times for the energy industry to say the least. Uncertain conditions, uncertain future – all make planning and running a business difficult. PBPA, OTA Compression and OTA Environmental are working together to help the industry become more informed about what these unique times require of us.

Each Webinar Forum will be on **Wednesday at 10:30 am** and will be a concise thirty minutes to keep your day moving (unless otherwise noted).

Air emissions and ESG continue to be a significant driver in the oil industry's operations and public perception. Join us this Wednesday, August 5 at 10:30 as TCEQ Administrator Emily Lindley discusses these and other very pertinent topics for the oil industry.

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_IBWlEpztTp2G8_WuxpIwXg

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Upcoming Webinar

**August 12 - U.S. Congressman K. Michael Conaway
August 19 - EPA District 6 Administrator Ken McQueen**

Previous presentations, can be accessed on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCicrHdPcAZKslvKcofPqSow>



PBPA Committee Activity

PBPA is continuously working on internal Committee activity. If you would like to participate in a committee, please contact Stephen@PBPA.info for more information.

At this time Committee Meetings are tentatively planned for:

SHOC (ESA Committee), August 4

Electrical Coalition, August 10

Regulatory Practices Committee, August 18

Please keep your eyes out for emails with official dates and information for these and all other PBPA Committees.



Regulatory Updates



On August 6th, the New Mexico Departments of Environment (NMED) and Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources (EMNRD) will hold a public meeting to present on the recently released draft rules regulating waste, volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and oxides of nitrogen (NOx). PBPA is working on comments to these draft rules and if you're interested in helping, please contact Stephen Robertson (stephen@pbpa.info).

The agenda for the NMED and EMNRD meeting on August 6, 2020 is as follows (All times are Mountain Time):

- 4 – 4:45 p.m.: Introductions, overview of proposed rules from NMED and EMNRD
- 4:45 – 6 p.m.: Opportunity for the public to ask questions and make statements. Statements must be kept to two minutes

Participants must [register here](#) to attend online. Participants can also participate via call-in only: +1-408-418-9388 access code: 146 984 0772.

Please note the link to attend the listening session sent out last week is no longer operational. To sign up to make a statement during the meeting, please email your name and affiliation, if applicable, to susan.torres@state.nm.us.

The meeting will also be recorded and posted online for those unable to access the livestream. If any member of the public requires language interpretation services, please contact the NMED or EMNRD public information officers listed at the top of this press release to make arrangements.

NMED and EMNRD are both currently accepting public input on the draft rules. To submit feedback on

the [NMED draft rule](#), email nm.methanestrategy@state.nm.us or mail to Liz Bisbey-Kuehn, NMED Air Quality Bureau, 525 Camino de los Marquez, Santa Fe, NM 87505 by 5 p.m. Aug. 20, 2020. To submit feedback on the [EMNRD draft rule](#), email EMNRD.WasteRule@state.nm.us by 5 p.m. Aug. 17, 2020.



Accepting Comments on Revisions to Statewide Rule 32 Exception Data Sheet

The Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC) is accepting public comment on proposed revisions to Statewide Rule 32 Exception Data Sheet, *Application for Exception to Statewide Rule 32*. The Statewide Rule 32 Exception Data Sheet is filed when an operator requests authority to flare or vent gas.

The proposed amendment to the Statewide Rule 32 Exception Data Sheet will improve the effectiveness of the RRC's Rule 32 exception program by:

- requiring operators to more thoroughly document the circumstances surrounding the need to flare gas;
- providing the RRC accurate information to assess compliance with the flare/vent authority; and
- encouraging transparency in understanding the broader needs and reasons for flaring and/or venting during oil and gas production operations in Texas.

Public comments will be accepted through Friday, September 4, 2020. To view the proposed revisions and submit a comment, visit the RRC website at <https://rrc.texas.gov/about-us/resource-center/forms/proposed-form-changes/>.

Comments through PBPA will be discussed in the PBPA Regulatory Practices Committee. If you are not in the committee and are interested in helping with comments, please email Stephen (Stephen@pbpa.info).

RRC to Host Pipeline Safety Rules Webinar on August 5

The RRC will host a free pipeline safety rules webinar to inform and train energy industry representatives on new and amended rules 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §3.70, *relating to Pipeline Permits Required*, and 16 TAC Chapter 8, *relating to Pipeline Safety Regulations*. The workshop will be held from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 5, 2020.

The webinar will cover a variety of topics, including:

- Amended 16 TAC §3.70 regarding production and flow lines, permit renewals, permit transfers, gathering pipelines, and certain fees;
- Subchapter A to 16 TAC §8.1 and §8.5, relating to General Applicability and Standards, and Definitions;
- Subchapter B to 16 TAC §§8.101, 8.115, 8.125 and 8.135, relating to Pipeline Integrity Assessment and Management Plans for Natural Gas and Hazardous Liquids Pipelines, New Construction Commencement Report, Waiver Procedure, and Penalty Guidelines for Pipeline Safety Violations;
- Subchapter C to 16 TAC §§8.201, 8.205, 8.206, 8.209, 8.210, 8.225, 8.230, 8.235, and 8.240, relating to Pipeline Safety and Regulatory Program Fees, Written Procedure for Handling Natural Gas Leak Complaints, Risk-Based Leak Survey Program, Distribution Facilities Replacements, Reports, Plastic Pipe Requirements, School Piping Testing, Natural Gas Pipelines Public Education and Liaison, and Discontinuance of Service, including one change in the title of Subchapter C;
- Subchapter D to 16 TAC §8.301 and §8.315 relating to Required Records and Reporting, and Hazardous

Liquids and Carbon Dioxide Pipelines or Pipeline Facilities Located Within 1,000 Feet of a Public School Building or Facility;

- New rule 16 TAC §8.110, relating to Gathering Pipelines, in Subchapter B; and
- *A Guide to Shapefile Submissions*, which outlines Texas Pipeline Mapping System (TPMS) attribute definitions, valid codes and digital projection requirements.

For more information and to register, visit the RRC website at <https://rrc.texas.gov/pipeline-safety/pipeline-safety-rules-webinar/>.

Notice to Pipeline Operators: Updated TPMS Attribute Definitions, Valid Codes and Required Digital Projection Requirements Available Online

The Texas Pipeline Mapping System (TPMS) Attribute Definitions, Valid Codes and Digital Projection Requirements has a new name and updated layout. *A Guide to Shapefile Submissions* is available on the RRC website at <https://rrc.texas.gov/pipeline-safety/mapping/digital-submissions/>.

The TPMS is a Geographic Information System database that requires pipeline attributes to be represented by certain codes. *A Guide to Shapefile Submissions* includes the required fields that pipeline operators must follow when submitting shapefiles to pass validations. The requirement document defines the required attribute fields within the database; and explains which codes are valid representations of those attributes.

The revisions to the requirements, effective September 1, 2020, are in response to amendments to 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §3.70, which states the new T-4 Amend Code “TM” (Transfer Merge) will be used for a Full permit transfer plus Merge permit to acquire a full permit(s) from a different operator, then merge that permit(s) into an existing permit, same operator.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact the RRC’s Pipeline Permitting Section at tpms@rrc.texas.gov or 512-463-7058.

To view the notice online, visit the RRC website at <https://rrc.texas.gov/pipeline-safety/notices-to-operators/>.



It was announced last week by the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Division that the New Mexico Forester has lifted fire restrictions in the state which were previously put in place on May 13, 2020:

<http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/SFD/documents/StateForesterLiftsFireRestrictions.fnl.pdf>

