

Seminar Information

When: October 14-15, 2009

Where: Ohio Dept. of Agriculture
Bromfield Auditorium
8995 E. Main Street
Reynoldsburg, OH 43068
(614) 728-6201

Cost: There is no registration fee associated with this seminar.

Note: Registration will be limited to 150 people. Please register early.

Registration is free, lunch will not be provided. Many restaurants are available nearby, food and beverages are permitted in the seminar room. If you need additional information please contact the PUCO Gas Pipeline Safety Section at (614) 644-8983 or at peter.chace@puc.state.oh.us.

Please send registration by September 30 to:

E-mail

gps3@puc.state.oh.us

Fax

614-728-4319

Hotel Information

Hotel accommodations are available at the Country Inn & Suites, 2806 Taylor Road, Reynoldsburg OH 43068. Reduced room rates are available until **September 13, 2009**.

Room Rate: \$69.99 plus tax

Reservations

1-800-456-4000

Be sure to mention the **Public Utilities Commission** room block to receive this discounted group rate. The cut-off date is September 13, 2009.



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Natural Gas Operator

The semi-annual Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) Gas Pipeline Safety seminar is open to any public utility, producer, municipality, master meter operator and any other entity interested in gas pipeline safety. Our seminar is offered in coordination with the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) Office of Training and Qualifications (TQ) and will review topics of interest in both state and federal pipeline safety regulations.

This year, Wayne St Germain from PHMSA T&Q will be the instructor at our seminar, with a number of guest speakers. Wayne is an experienced instructor with PHMSA and his biography is listed below.

There have been a number of amendments or proposed amendments to the pipeline safety regulations, and this class will be a great forum to review and discuss the pipeline safety regulations (49 CFR 192) and Ohio's call before you dig program.

We look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

Peter A. Chace
Gas Pipeline Safety Program Manager
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

Alan R. Schriber, Chairman

Commissioners

*Ronda Hartman Fergus Valerie A. Lemmie
Paul A. Centolella Cheryl Roberto*

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Wayne F. St. Germain

PHMSA/Office of Training & Qualifications
Oklahoma City, OK

Wayne is a native of Louisiana. He's been involved in the pipeline business for over 30 years. His experience ranges from operations and maintenance, construction, training and pipeline safety regulations. During his time in industry he has lived from Louisiana to Houston, Texas to Wichita, Kansas -- where his daughter, her husband and his grandchildren still reside. He joined the ranks of the U.S. Department of Transportation eight years ago as a pipeline safety specialist and instructor for the Office of Training and Qualifications, formerly known as TSI. Wayne has also been a member of Toastmasters International since 1985, and holds their highest designations in speaking and service.

He has been a guest speaker for such groups as the Optimist Club, Lion's Club, Rotary, the American Gas Association, National Association of Gas Consumers and the Southern Gas Association among others.

Wednesday, October 14

- 8:00 – 9:00
Registration
- 9:00 – 9:15
Welcome and Introductions
- 9:15 – 9:45
Status of Ohio gas pipeline safety program
Pete Chace, Ohio GPS Program Manager
- 9:45 – 10:30
Call Before You Dig – current excavation laws and marking standards
Alice Miller, Ohio Utilities Protection Service
- Updates on changes in state law
 - Changes to notification and marking standards
- 10:30 – 10:45
Break
- 10:45 – 12:00
Regulations Update
Wayne St. Germain, PHMSA T&Q
- 12:00 – 1:00
Lunch
- 1:00 – 2:00
Damage Prevention and Emergency Plans
Wayne St. Germain, PHMSA T&Q
- 2:00 – 2:30
Homeland Security and Gas Pipeline Safety
David A. Winn, Ohio Dept of Public Safety
- 2:30-2:45
Break
- 2:45 – 4:00
Installation and Test Requirements for Plastic Piping – *Harold Winnie, PHMSA*
- Storage issues and marking
 - Installation and joining
 - Design characteristics of new products
 - Maintenance requirements and concerns
- 4:00 – 5:00
Test Requirements
Harold Winnie, PHMSA
- Lines over/under 100 psi
 - Service lines

Thursday, October 15

- 8:00 – 8:15
Announcements
- 8:15 – 9:30
Odorization
Wayne St. Germain, PHMSA T&Q
- 9:30 – 9:45
Break
- 9:45 – 11:00
Public Awareness
Harold Winnie, PHMSA
- 11:00 – 12:00
Smart Piggging – New Technologies
Bruce Nestleroth, Battelle Memorial Institute
- 12:00 – 1:00
Lunch
- 1:00 – 2:15
Part 192 O&M Game
Wayne St. Germain, PHMSA T&Q
- 2:15 - 2:30
Break
- 2:30 – 3:30
Operator Qualifications
Harold Winnie, PHMSA
- 3:30 – 4:30
How to Prepare for an Inspection
Wayne St. Germain, PHMSA T&Q
- Preparation
 - Understanding what the Inspector is looking for
 - Working with the Inspector
- 4:30 – 5:00
Questions & Answer
- 5:00
Adjourn Seminar

Registration Form

Company Name:

Address:

Phone:

Attendees Name and E-mail:

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