Monday, July 30

9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Onsite Registration/Badge Pick Up

1:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. Operating Conference Opening & Welcome

Welcome to Tampa
T.J. Szelistowski
President, Peoples Gas System

Award Presentations & Volunteer Recognition
Bill Cantrell, SGA President & CEO

Keynote Address: The Power of Influence: Getting Along and Getting Things Done
Andy Urich
Oklahoma State University

2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Break

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Work Alone Safety
Facilitated by: John Corlis, TransCanada
Presented by: Adam Sanders

Whether you're based in the field or in one of our corporate offices, your job may require you to work or travel alone in isolated areas. If an incident occurs while you're on your own, not having assistance nearby could increase the severity of an accident, injury, illness or emergency. The Work Alone Program provides guidance and procedures for evaluating working alone situations and establishing the appropriate control measures as well communication tools.

4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Reception with Exhibitors

Tuesday, July 31

7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Onsite Registration/Badge Pick Up

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Breakfast with Exhibitors
8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.  Alternative Pipeline Repair Methods  
Facilitated by:  Tom Marlow  
Presented by:  Colton Sheets

The proposed program will utilize insights gained from PRCI composite-focused projects, as well as additional studies completed to quantify issues related to load transfer. The presentation will include a review of prior testing, finite element modeling, as well as full-scale testing and will provide answers to address issues related to load transfer to assure the long-term performance of composite repair systems.

9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.  Break

9:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  New Employee Orientation (day one to three years) Onboarding Training  
Facilitated by:  Steve Nelson, TransCanada  
Presented by:  Greg Knight, TransCanada

New Employee Orientation serves as an introductory course to many aspects of the Natural Gas industry. Participants learn about topics such as Safety in the Gas industry, Gas Storage, Measurement & Regulation of Gas, The types of equipment used at various gas facilities, Valves, Gas compression, Leak detection, Corrosion, as well as History of the company, and the company’s vision and mission for the future. The class provides an opportunity for participants to engage in hands-on training experiences and earn 11 basic operator qualifications.

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  Lunch

1:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.  AC Mitigation / Remediation for Pipelines  
Facilitated by:  Jon Cherry  
Presented by:  Karen Bowman

This session will present basic principles associated with AC interference on pipelines, including the types of AC interference, safety and corrosion concerns, code requirements, and mitigation techniques. A roundtable discussion will follow to explore the obstacles encountered while designing, permitting, and installing an effective AC mitigation plan.

2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  Break

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.  Integrated Vegetation Management Program (IVM)  
Facilitated by:  Jeff Elgin  
Presented by:  Connie Oslica, Donnie Earnest

Integrated Vegetation Management (IVM) Program is more than a rights-of-way (ROW) maintenance program. The approach controls
undesired plant species on ROWs by using a selective hand application of herbicides to control the undesired vegetation while leaving the desired vegetation for pollinators, grassland birds, and all sorts of wildlife. Mowing is incorporated on a limited basis as needed.

IVM is supported by groups such as the National Wild Turkey Federation, Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission, Quail Forever, TNC (The Nature Conservancy), US Forest Service, and others. These agencies are seeking active partnerships where a focus on habitat conservation is being applied along pipeline right of ways. The intent of “Partnering for Conservation” is 3rd party validation of right of way conservation, support from NGO’s, agency partners, improved public relations and to provide match dollar opportunities.

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Reception with Exhibitors
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Dinner and Special Event
Lowry Park Zoo

Wednesday, August 1

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Breakfast with Exhibitors
8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Committee 2019 Planning Session
10:30 a.m. Conference Adjourns