

2025 Technical Conference on Environmental Permitting & Compliance

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Engage, Connect, Listen, and Serve: Join us for an insightful keynote fireside chat where Mr. Garza, with moderator Suzanne Ogle, will discuss creating a resilient and reliable energy system for today and the future. They will explore the importance of equity in ensuring energy costs do not become a burden, emphasizing the critical role of stakeholder engagement in building trust. This discussion will also address environmental justice, highlighting the need for fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all communities in the energy sector.

General Sessions

- Washington, D.C. Update – FERC Updates – The Who's Who and So What of It All – Current Climate Trends
- Focus session on LNG – National and Global Natural Gas Market Trends. Discussion on supply and demand and infrastructure needs.
- FERC Update
- Regulatory Update – Status of recently revised or pending revisions to regulatory statutes and implications to the industry.

Track 1: Environmental Permitting

- Identifying and evaluating cumulative impacts
- Provide an overview of CO2 pipelining, including benefits and issues associated with CO2 pipelining and CO2 underground injection. The presentation will examine the differences between CO2 pipelining and natural gas (FERC) pipelining, including routing, pipe mechanics and permitting.
- Threatened and Endangered Species Update: Bumble Bee Conservation Benefit Agreement (CBA) – A summary of the status of the CBA and when applications may be accepted.
- Environmental Justice Review Tools
- "So I Have This Project" Part 2 – Continuation of last year's presentation. A brief recap of 2024 session and more discussion on how to cost/plan for projects with incomplete information
- Gas Storage 101 – What is it and how do you permit it? Case Study: Permitting the LAS Hackberry Gas Storage Facility
- Wrapped Up in Compliance: FERC Blanket Regulations – This presentation is designed to provide a high-level overview of FERC's blanket regulations under 18 CFR and highlight key considerations for working on these types of projects. Whether new to FERC blanket regulations or seeking to deepen your understanding, this session will equip you with valuable tools and knowledge to ensure your projects align with federal requirements and proceed smoothly.

Track 2: Construction

- Hazardous Waste Generation and Disposal for Pipelines 101 – Discussion on haz waste rules (which don't fit pipelines very well) and how to manage when surprised with hazardous samples of construction waste. Could cover: general overview of rules, potential haz waste sources, labeling and storage requirements, testing parameters, NORM, and best practices for planning ahead.
- Groundwater Remediation Technologies – Discuss the different types of treatment systems available for managing groundwater remediation during construction (charcoal filtering, resins, air stripping, etc). Discuss the applicability of each technology, workspace requirements, and when one is better than another.
- Restoration in general
- Noise overview from A to Z – Roundtable on industry trends, construction success of mitigation and FERC Data Requests. Noise Surveys – Compressor Stations, HDDs, and Park & Rides
- Linear projects not constructed in linear manner (complications)
- Endangered species update, specifically the formal listing of the tri-colored bat – Does this change anything with respect to our bat mitigation, or is it more of the same with just another name on the list? Or, compare and contrast all the geographies, seasons, and construction techniques affected by all the different species of bat listed. Regulatory Updates, Guidance, and Mitigation for Protected Bat Species
- Pre-construction techniques – Prevention of Listed Species Entering Proposed Workspace. Considerations for working in southwestern deserts - Environmental challenges and strategies for addressing the types of resources encountered in the Mojave and Sonoran deserts.

Track 3: Air Quality

- Air Credits
- PM2.5 – How do we permit?
- Scoping Air – 1,2,3 & 4 Scopes
- PHMSA/EPA Alignments and Concerns
- Air Permitting Challenges and Updates include OOOOb/c, BLM Air Permitting
- Methane Pathways – The overlapping and intertwined nature of the WEC, Subpart W and NSPS OOOOb
- Data management strategies for compliance