

# Pipeline Safety Conference October 8-10, 2019



## Conference Host

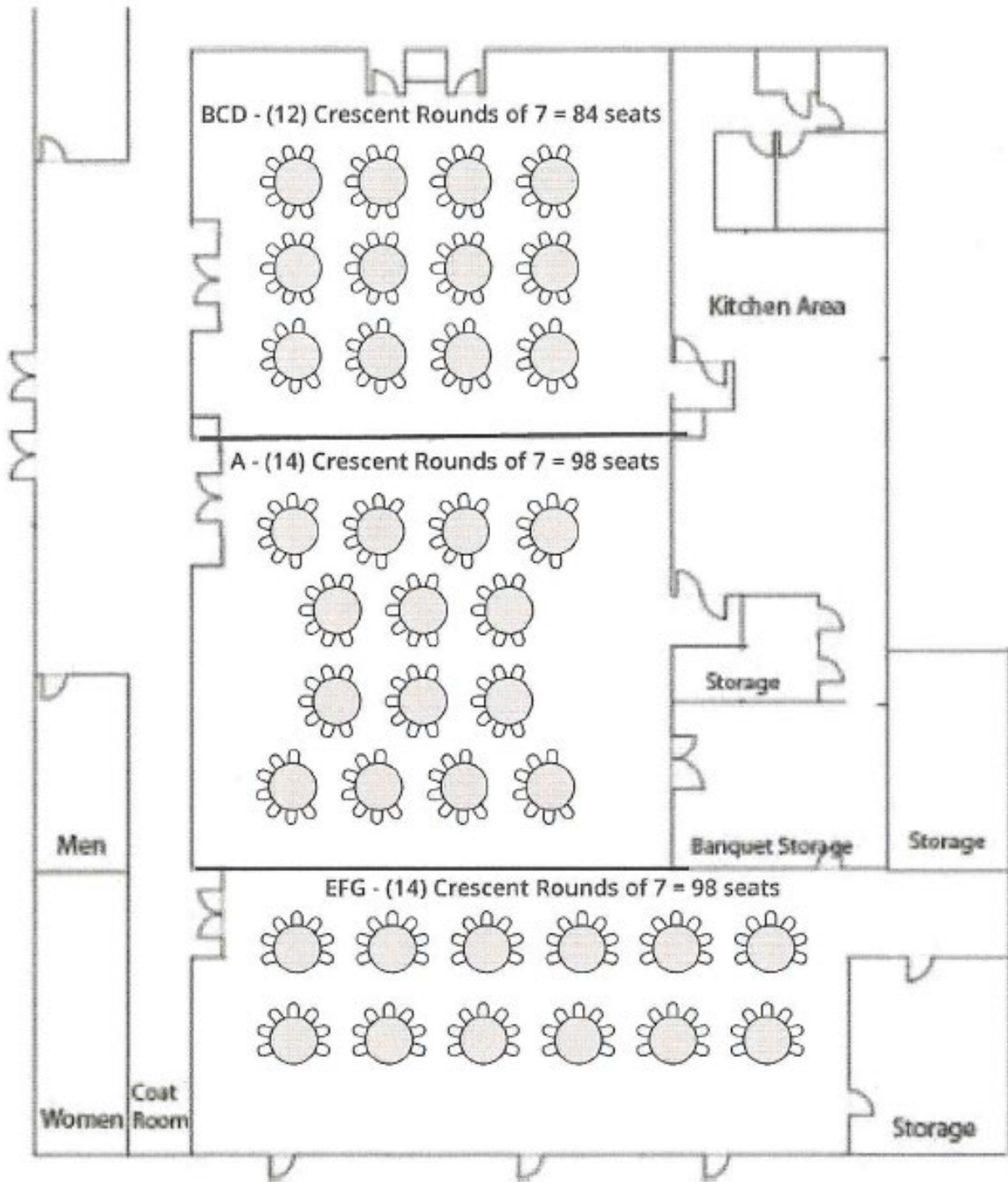


**Michigan Public Service Commission**

### Location:

Comfort Inn & Suites, Hotel and Conference Center  
2424 South Mission Street, Mount Pleasant, Michigan 48858

# Conference Center Floor Plan





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## Conference Schedule

### Tuesday, October 8 – One General Session

Time	Event		Location
1:00 p.m. – 1:20 p.m.	Welcome	David Chislea MPSC	ABCDEFG Combined
	Introduction, conference logistics, and safety messages.		
1:20 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.	Database and Inspection Forms	Cindy Creisher Eleanor Mundorf MPSC	ABCDEFG Combined
	This presentation will give an overview of the MPSC's new pipeline safety database application that was developed to replace the legacy system for inspection activity documentation. Discussion will also include changes that have been made to the development of inspection forms and questions, as well as impacts to communications to and from the system.		
1:50 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.	Risk-Based Inspections	Nathan Miller MPSC	ABCDEFG Combined
	This presentation will focus on the work that the MPSC has completed to date regarding implementing a process for conducting risk-based inspections and future developments to this process.		
2:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	AGA Update	Mary Palkovich Consumers Energy	ABCDEFG Combined
	Highlights of the pipeline safety reauthorization happening in Washington DC and recent events in the natural gas industry, including a market snapshot of natural gas as an energy source.		
3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Break		
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Root Cause Analysis	Sherri Wright Conger Elsea	ABCDEFG Combined
	A presentation of how to perform a thorough, detailed root cause analysis following an incident using the MORT method.		



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**Wednesday, October 9, AM Session – Pick ONE of the following:**

Transmission Track			
Time	Event		Location
8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.	Saginaw Trail Pipeline	Jim Sunday Consumers Energy	A
	This presentation will cover the construction of Consumers Energy's Saginaw Trail Pipeline, an approximately 95 mile, 24-inch pipeline that started in 2017 and will conclude in 2020.		
8:45 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Remote Control Valves	Tim Lajiness DTE Gas	A
	An overview of the methodology employed by DTE Gas to install remote-control valves and the benefits that have been realized through those installation, such as during the 2016 Melvindale incident.		
9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Control Room Management Update	Tim Wolf MPSC	A
	A brief presentation covering generalized findings from Control Room inspections over the last two cycles and best practices observed. A summary and review of rule changes since the original implementation of the CRM rule.		
9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Break		
10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Notable Transmission Incidents	Heather David MPSC	A
	Transmission incidents that have occurred since the previous 2016 conference covering the facts, non-compliances, recommendations, and notices of amendments that were issued by Staff.		
11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Transmission Integrity Management Update	Kyle Friske MPSC	A
	An overview of the regulations and inspections of these rules. There will be a focus on what is required to be in the plan and what records must be available for inspection.		



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Distribution Track			
Time	Event		Location
8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Distribution Valve Spacing	Jason Pionk Consumers Energy	BCD
	Consumers Energy response and action plan to address distribution valve installation requirements.		
8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Distribution Valve Spacing	Cory Giannola DTE Gas	BCD
	Distribution valve spacing considerations and design process for DTE's Main Renewal Program.		
9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Distribution Integrity Management Update	Kyle Friske MPSC	BCD
	An overview of the regulations and inspections of these rules. There will be a focus on what is required to be in the plan and what records must be available for inspection.		
9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Break		
10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	SHRIMP Update	John Erickson APGA	BCD
	Lessons learned from feedback given by state agencies and from users of the Simple Handy Risk-based Integrity Management Plan (SHRIMP) regarding the Distribution Integrity Management Programs.		
10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Plastic Pipe Rulemaking	Jeff Figiel DTE Gas	BCD
	This presentation will address recent changes in the plastic pipe regulations and proposed rulemakings that may affect operators using plastic pipe.		
11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Notable Distribution Incidents	Heather David MPSC	BCD
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### Safety and Damage Prevention Track

Time	Event		Location
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Construction Safety Practices	Brian McCaffrey Jack Cooley DTE Gas	EFG
	This presentation will discuss a comprehensive approach to safety during the construction of gas facilities. There will be a focus on life critical activities and personnel safety during facility in-service applications.		
9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Utility Coordination	Nick Lefke Joe Rios MDOT	EFG
	Utilities of all types and sizes occupy state highway right-of-way for a variety of reasons. Utilities within the right-of-way can have a significant impact to highway improvement projects. This session will be an interactive session regarding permitting and project utility coordination within highway right-of-way.		
9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Break		
10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Damage Prevention Update	Jeff Quirante Kristen Lawless MPSC	EFG
	This presentation will review Michigan's damage data trends as well as current Commission Staff damage prevention activities and future plans.		
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Risk-Based Ticket Inspections	Scot Runke DTE Gas	EFG
	Operators have limited resources to dispatch in the field to monitor excavation activity around their facilities. This presentation will cover a methodology employed by DTE Gas on how to prioritize high-risk excavations that are most likely to damage operator facilities.		



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**Wednesday, October 9, PM Session – Pick ONE of the following:**

General Session			
Time	Event		Location
1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	Operator Qualifications	Phil Lenn SEMCO	A
	This presentation will provide an overview of the Operator Qualification (OQ) integrity coalition, a group of subject matter experts from the contractor, operator, regulatory, and OQ provider sectors. The OQ integrity coalition developed the OQ Integrity Process (OQIP) that allows for a standardized, credible, and valid process of ensuring integrity in OQ that will increase OQ compliance and transferability.		
1:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Horizontal Directional Drilling Best Practices	Jeff Puckett J.D.Hair & Associates	A
	Overview of the HDD construction process, a discussion of the problems that were encountered during the HDD installations on the Rover Pipeline Project and how those problems were mitigated, and recommended practices that will reduce the potential for serious problems on future HDD installations.		
3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Break		
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Regulations Update	Leticia Santos Jill Nelson PHMSA	A
	Representatives from PHMSA will be reviewing the most recent rulemaking changes that have been implemented since 2016.		





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Damage Prevention			
Time	Event		Location
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	MISS DIG Certification	Linda Portelli Bill Fisher MISS DIG	BCD
	The MISS DIG 811 Certification workshop covers PA 174, Positive Response, Overhead Assistance, Damage Reporting Tool, Tools and Resources, Web and Design Programs, Pipeline Safety, Ingredients of a Quality Ticket, No Marks Ticket, and Locator Services. You can also earn Continuing Education Credits for Drinking Water, Wastewater, Professional Engineer or Surveyor, Residential Builder or Builder prelicensure, and Landscape Architect. The workshop has also been Gold Shovel Standard Approved.		
3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Break		
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	MISS DIG Certification (cont.)		BCD

**OR**

Welding			
Time	Event		Location
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	API 1104 and Welding	Gery Bauman PHMSA	EFG
	This presentation will cover all areas of compliance with API 1104, frequently asked questions on welding practices and procedures, and anticipated changes in future API 1104 rulemaking.		
3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Break		





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### Thursday, October 10, AM Session – One General Session

Time	Event		Location
8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.	APGA – Expert Witness Testimonial	John Erickson APGA	ABCDEFG Combined
	The speaker will discuss lessons learned from his experience assisting in over 50 natural gas pipeline accident lawsuits. He will discuss some of the common areas where operators have been held liable for damages and what operators can do to reduce their potential liability.		
8:45 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	WinDOT	David Bull ViaData	ABCDEFG Combined
	A demonstration of the capabilities of the WinDOT software for guidance, interpretations, and history of the regulations.		
9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Break		
10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	2019 Ray Compressor Station Incident	Greg Salisbury Consumers Energy	ABCDEFG Combined
	This presentation will cover the incident that occurred at the Ray Compressor Station of Consumers Energy in January/February 2019 during the polar vortex.		
11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Round Table / Q&A / Adjourn	All	ABCDEFG Combined
	Round table of several industry experts to field any questions from the audience.		



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8:00		DTE - Construction Safety	CE - Saginaw Trail Pipeline	CE - Distribution Valve Spacing	APGA - Incident Expert Witness	8:00	
8:15				DTE - Remote Control Valves		DTE - Distribution Valve Spacing	8:15
8:30			MDOT - Utility Coordination		MPSC - Control Room Management Update	MPSC - DIMP Update	8:30
8:45		8:45					
9:00		ViaData - WinDOT		9:00			
9:15						9:15	
9:30						9:30	
9:45						9:45	
10:00			Break			Break	10:00
10:15			MPSC - Damage Prevention	MPSC - Transmission Incidents	APGA - SHRIMP Update	CE - Ray Incident	10:15
10:30					DTE - New Plastic Rule		10:30
10:45			DTE - Risk-Based Ticket Inspection	MPSC - TIMP Update	MPSC - Distribution Incidents	Round Table / Q&A	10:45
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11:45						11:45	
12:00		Lunch				12:00	
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12:45						12:45	
1:00	MPSC - Welcome	MISS DIG Certification	SEMCO - OQ	PHMSA - API 1104 Welding Updates		1:00	
1:15			J.D.Hair & Associates - HDD Experts				1:15
1:30	MPSC - Inspection Database and Question Format						1:30
1:45	MPSC - Risk-Based Inspections						1:45
2:00	CE - AGA Update					2:00	
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3:00	Break	Break				3:00	
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4:15	Conger Elsea - Root Cause Analysis	MISS DIG Certification	PHMSA/MPSC - Regulation Update			4:15	
4:30						4:30	
4:45						4:45	
5:00						5:00	



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## Presenter Biographies

**Gery Bauman      PHMSA      Engineer**

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Gery Bauman is an engineer with the Accident Investigation Division of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA). Gery is a PHMSA subject matter expert in the areas of welding, metallurgy, and accident investigations.

**David Bull      ViaData LP      Owner**

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Mr. Bull is well known throughout the gas industry for outstanding training programs, expertise in regulatory compliance, development of the odorization audit and evaluating manuals and damage prevention programs. David is a member of the Gas Piping Technology Committee and is chair of the Damage Prevention and Emergency Response Task Group, helping write compliance guidance for the DOT Regulations. Working with the Kuwait Oil Company he developed Pipeline Safety Regulations based on the US DOT format. In addition to training on pipeline safety regulations he manages ViaData's Manuals On-Line service, helping pipeline operators to update manuals and publish them to the internet for ease of access by company employees. His background includes risk assessments and compliance reviews for over 75 gas utilities for AEGIS Insurance Services, membership on the Damage Prevention Quality Action Team (Dig Safely) and former staff member for the Pipeline Safety Office of Inspector Training and Qualifications. He recently served on the AGA Odorization Manual Review Group committee. David was Contributing Editor to Pipeline and Gas Technology magazine authoring the monthly column Pipeline Safety Arena. He has over 44 years' experience helping pipeline operators to assess regulatory compliance programs and manage their risk and liability exposures. Mr. Bull is a principal in ViaData LP, publishers of WinDOT, The Pipeline Safety Encyclopedia. WinDOT contains all federal and state regulations, over 1000 interpretations, the Gas Piping Technology Committee Guide and all historical documents relating to the DOT regulations.

**David Chislea      Michigan Public Service Commission      Gas Operations Manager**

David graduated from Michigan Technological University in 1993 with a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering. He began working for the MPSC in 1994 as an engineer, auditing natural gas utilities and pipeline companies for compliance with the Michigan Gas Safety Standards. His responsibilities included ensuring compliance with construction, design, operation and maintenance, and risk-based integrity management program requirements.

David was appointed to Manager of the Gas Operations section at the Commission in 2011. The Gas Operations section has responsibilities for enforcement of the Michigan Gas Safety Standards, underground utility damage prevention, pipeline siting cases, natural gas production, gas distribution franchises, Technical Standards for Gas Service, natural gas storage, and related issues in natural gas utility rate cases.

David is a member of the National Association of Pipeline Safety Representatives (NAPSR) and a member of the Staff Subcommittee on Pipeline Safety with the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC).



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**Cindy Creisher    Michigan Public Service Commission    Public Utilities Specialist**

Cindy Creisher graduated from Kettering University, formerly GMI Engineering and Management Institute, with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering with a specialty in plastic product design. She has been with the MPSC since February 2009. Cindy is responsible for review of gas utility rate cases, customer attachment programs, administration of the MPSC pipeline safety database application, and assisting with administration of the natural gas base grant for federal funding of the gas MPSC's pipeline safety program. Prior to joining the Commission, Cindy worked in the manufacturing industry as a Product Design Engineer responsible for the development of electric motors for automotive and other commercial applications.

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**Heather David    Michigan Public Service Commission    Gas Safety Engineer**

Heather David has been a Gas Safety Engineer for seven years. Heather works out of a home office in Fenton and covers south-central Michigan. In addition to standard inspections, Heather focuses on incident investigations and has recently obtained her Certified Welding inspector (CWI) to focus on steel construction. Heather's number one priority is public safety.

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**John Erickson    APGA    Advisor Emeritus**

John Erickson joined the American Public Gas Association (APGA) in August 2004 as Vice President, Operations, responsible for the APGA Operations and Safety Committee. Until July 31, 2018, he was responsible for liaison with the federal Office of Pipeline Safety, the National Transportation Safety Board, as well as state pipeline safety associations. He monitored federal regulatory activity affecting public gas engineering and operations, prepared analyses on key issues, and advocated APGA's positions with key government agencies. From 1981 to 1996 he did the same for the American Gas Association. From 1997 to present he has also been President of Safety and Compliance Evaluation which provides pipeline safety consulting. As of August 1, 2018, he became semi-retired, working part time for APGA as well as limited consulting engagements. He has a BS in Chemical Engineering from Purdue University and an MBA from The George Washington University. He is a registered professional engineer in Virginia.

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**Jeff Figiel    DTE Gas    Codes and Standards**

Jeff Figiel has worked at DTE Gas for 43 years and is an industry-recognized subject matter expert on plastic materials. He currently works in the Codes and Standards department and participates on the AGA Piping Materials Committee and ASTM Plastic Materials Committee.



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**Kyle Friske      Michigan Public Service Commission      Integrity Management Specialist**

Kyle has worked as a gas safety engineer since 2013 and transitioned to a focus on Integrity Management in 2015. He graduated from the University of Michigan with a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering and is a licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Michigan. Prior to joining the Commission, he worked in infrastructure design and construction. At the MPSC, Kyle is responsible for performing inspections on various gas operators in southeast Michigan and for performing integrity management inspections statewide. He lives and works out of the Brighton area, where he resides with his wife and four children.

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**Cory Giannola      DTE Gas      Mgr. of Distribution Engineering**

Cory Giannola is the Manager of Distribution Engineering at DTE Gas and is responsible for engineering design, engineering support for system operations and construction, and overall system reliability for DTE's gas distribution system statewide. Cory has developed a passion for pipeline safety through 12 years of experience in Distribution Engineering and Integrity Management and has used that experience to lead the development of new design and prioritization processes for DTE's expanded Main Renewal Program. Cory holds a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Michigan.

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**Tim Lajiness      DTE Gas      Mgr. of Transmission Engineering**

Tim Lajiness has nearly 30 years of experience in the transmission of natural gas with experience in all aspects of the industry ranging from operating companies (DTE Gas, ANR Pipeline) to designing major transmission pipeline equipment (Rolls-Royce/Cooper centrifugal compressors) to engineering firms (TRC and SSOE). He has been in his current position since March 2016, joining DTE Gas in May of 2011 as Supervisor of the Compression Engineering Group. Tim holds a BS in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Toledo and has completed graduate level courses in compressible fluid flow from the University of Dayton.

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**Kristen Lawless      Michigan Public Service Commission      Gas Safety Engineer**

Kristen Lawless graduated from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering. She has been with the MPSC since June of 2017. At the MPSC, Kristen is responsible for performing inspections on various gas operators in the Mid-Michigan area, with an emphasis in damage prevention. She lives and works out of the Lansing area.





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**Nick Lefke                      MDOT    Utility Coordination Specialist**

Nick has served as the Michigan Department of Transportation's Utility Coordination Specialist for the past 22 years and has over 30 years' experience at MDOT. Nick has statewide responsibilities overseeing the department's entire utility coordination program. He acts as a primary liaison between the many MDOT offices and divisions as well as the many utility companies operating in Michigan.

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**Phil Lenn                      SEMCO Energy Gas Company                      Director of Technical Services**

Phil Lenn is the Director of Technical Services at SEMCO Energy Gas Company where he is responsible for safety, training, code compliance, and cathodic protection. Phil has worked for SEMCO Energy for over 25 years with most of his career in Gas Operations, working in Drafting, Design, Construction, and Maintenance. Phil works and resides in the Port Huron area with his wife and two sons.

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**Brian McCaffrey                      DTE Energy (retired)    Technical Consultant**

Brian McCaffrey is retired from DTE Energy Gas Company. While employed at Michigan Consolidated Gas Company and subsequently DTE, he held various managerial and executive positions in gas operations and transmission facility construction. Currently Brian serves DTE Energy Gas Company and the gas transmission industry as a technical consultant.

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**Nathan Miller                      Michigan Public Service Commission                      Gas Safety Supervisor**

Nathan Miller graduated with BS in Civil Engineering from Michigan Technological University and is a registered professional engineer within the State of Michigan. Nathan's responsibilities include administering compliance actions, incident reports, and other official correspondence to company officials, developing the risk-based inspection program for the MPSC, handling customer complaints, participating in rate cases and other formal proceedings, developing inspection plans, responding to FOIAs, and other duties as assigned.

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**Eleanor Mundorf                      Michigan Public Service Commission                      Gas Safety Engineer**

Eleanor Mundorf graduated with a BS in Industrial Engineering and a MS in Technology Management from South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, and a JD from the University of Toledo. She has been with the MPSC since September 2014. Eleanor is responsible for performing inspections of gas operators in the State of Michigan, specializing in Operator Qualifications and the development of inspection forms.



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**Mary Palkovich      Consumers Energy      Vice President of Gas Advocacy**

Mary Palkovich is currently Vice President of Gas Advocacy at Consumers Energy. Prior to this role, Mary was VP Gas Engineering and Supply and VP Energy Delivery at Consumers Energy, which included Electric Engineering and System Control. Before joining Consumers Energy, she worked for CenterPoint Energy and Panhandle Eastern Pipeline Company in various engineering and operations leadership roles. Palkovich represents the natural gas distribution industry on the Federal government's Gas Pipeline Advisory Committee (GPAC). In addition, Mary chairs the American Gas Association's (AGA) Operation Safety and Regulatory Action Committee (OSRAC) and she is vice chair of AGA's Operations Managing Committee.

Palkovich holds a bachelor's degree in computer science and mathematics from the University of Missouri-Kansas City. She also earned a degree in civil engineering technology from Michigan Technological University. Mary and her husband Jeff have four adult children. They enjoy traveling, sailing, skiing and golf.

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**Jason Pionk      Consumers Energy      Gas Code Compliance Lead**

Jason Pionk is the Gas Code Compliance Lead at Consumers Energy. Jason is responsible for the statewide gas utility Regulatory Program where he has accountability for State and Federal Inspections, Corrective Actions, Government Reporting, Incident Reporting, and other regulatory duties. Jason has worked at Consumers Energy for over 14 years in several different key areas of the Gas Utility including Gas Engineering, Gas Planning and Scheduling, Transmission Gas Operations, Pipeline Integrity, and Distribution Gas Operations prior to his current role. Jason is an active Member in the Gas Piping Technological Committee (GPTC) and holds a B.S. in Engineering from Saginaw Valley State University. Jason is a father of two kids and a husband of 8 years; as a family, they enjoy camping and sports activities.

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**Jeff Quirante      Michigan Public Service Commission      Damage Prevention Engineer**

Jeff Quirante graduated from Cebu Institute of Technology - University in the Philippines with a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering. He has been with the MPSC since November of 2008. Prior to joining the Commission as Damage Prevention Liaison, he worked seven years with the Commission in the Regulated Energy Division. Prior to joining the MPSC, Jeff worked three years with the Bureau of Construction Codes as a Mechanical Plan Reviewer/Inspector conducting various plan review and inspection of mechanical projects. His past career experience also includes working in the design, project management and installation of HVAC and Fire Protection projects for 15 years. At the MPSC, Jeff is responsible for facilitating the State Damage Prevention program. He lives and works out of the Lansing area, where he resides with his wife and family.





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**Joe Rios****MDOT****Utility Permit Coordinator**

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Joe has served as the Michigan Department of Transportation's Right of Way Construction and Utility Permit Coordinator for the past 17 years and has over 30 years' experience at MDOT. Joe is responsible for coordinating and administering the MDOT Right of Way for the None MDOT work activities which include utilities work, driveways, Small Cell Wireless Facilities (SCWF), land uses, roadside operation and maintenance, and local agency projects and encroachments within the MDOT right of way. Joe's goal is to communicate, educate, and be transparent to all groups and individuals wanting to use the MDOT ROW. His hobbies include fishing and coaching different sports.

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**Scot Runke****DTE Gas****Damage Prevention Manager**

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Scot Runke is currently employed by DTE Gas as the Damage Prevention Manager. Scot has an undergraduate degree in accounting and an MBA. Prior to working at DTE, Scot spent 10 years in the automotive and public accounting industries. Scot has been with DTE for 12 years in various roles including finance, Gas Control, and Damage Prevention.

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**Greg Salisbury****Consumers Energy****VP of Gas Engineering & Supply**

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Gregory M. Salisbury is vice president of gas engineering for Consumers Energy. He was named to this position in 2018. Salisbury is responsible for engineering and planning of the company's natural gas transmission and distribution systems, and for natural gas supply. He leads development and execution of plans to maintain, upgrade and expand the natural gas delivery systems that provide safe, reliable, affordable and sustainable natural gas service to customers. He also oversees natural gas pipeline integrity, natural gas metering and regulation, natural gas transmission, compression and storage, and natural gas control.

With nearly 30 years of operations and quality assurance experience, Salisbury joined Consumers Energy as vice president of operations performance, and was responsible for implementing The Consumers Energy Way, lean principles, metrics analysis and reporting, in-process standard verification and work management improvement.

Salisbury earned a bachelor's degree in manufacturing systems engineering from GMI Engineering and Management Institute, and a master's degree in business administration (MBA) from the Ross School of Business at the University of Michigan as a GM Fellow. Salisbury also is recognized by the American Society for Quality as a certified quality engineer.



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**Leticia Santos      PHMSA      Pipeline Safety Instructor**

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Leticia Santos joined PHMSA's Inspector Training and Qualifications Division as a Pipeline Safety Specialist (Instructor) in December 2013. Her career began as a pipeline safety inspector in the Puerto Rico Public Service Commission (PSC) in 1996. After 5 years as an inspector, Leticia served as Interim Program Director in her last year. During her service in the PSC, she identified all the propane jurisdictional systems in the Island, making it possible for the Commission to bring those operators up to compliance with the applicable regulations by offering training and PHMSA seminars. She also assisted in the implementation of the One-call System, which is currently operated by the PR Department of Transportation & Public Works.

From 2002 to 2005, Leticia worked for a hazardous materials transportation company in Puerto Rico as Safety and Compliance Manager. In 2007, she joined Total Petroleum Puerto Rico as Safety and Compliance Manager; in 2009, she moved to Florida as the new Safety/Training Coordinator for Gainesville Regional Utilities where she also served as Compliance Advisor.

Leticia served as a member of the American Gas Association and Southern Gas Association's Safety Committees, the Learning & Development Committee and the Training Technology ADHOC Committee for the Southern Gas Association.

Today Leticia is part of PHMSA's Operator Qualification and Operations & Maintenance Teams. In these teams she serves as a subject matter expert collaborating with other team members to review and revise the current enforcement guidance and inspection forms used by Federal and State inspectors. She is also leading the Safety Management Systems efforts at TQ to implement an internal SMS Program and as Course Manager for the upcoming SMS inspector course.

Leticia is mother to three boys and grandmother of 2. Her oldest son is a US Marine Veteran. She enjoys weightlifting, CrossFit, the ocean and deep-sea fishing.

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**Jim Sunday      Consumers Energy      Dir. of Gas Project Management**

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Jim graduated from Michigan Technological University, BSME in 1977 and has over 40 years of experience in the natural gas business. He has worked across Michigan including Citizens Gas, Michigan Trenching Service, Valves Consultants, and Consumers Energy. Jim's experience includes Gas Distribution, Transmission, Contracting, and Consulting Engineering, giving him a background truly from wellhead to the customer. Jim currently works at Consumers Energy and is the Director of Gas Project Management which includes all major gas transmission and distribution projects throughout the state.



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**Tim Wolf      Michigan Public Service Commission      Gas Safety Supervisor**

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Tim Wolf graduated from Michigan Technological University in 2005 with bachelor's degrees in Civil Engineering and Land Surveying and is a licensed surveyor in the State of Michigan. He has been with the MPSC since June of 2011. Prior to joining the Commission, he worked 6 years for Mansfield & Associates in Traverse City as a surveyor and performing construction inspections and materials testing for various projects including Water & Sewer Construction and Environmental Clean-up. At the MPSC, Tim supervises Gas Safety Staff covering the Northern regions of the state and statewide enforcement of the Damage Prevention law. Tim also performs inspections on the gas operators in Northern Lower Michigan and specializes in Control Room Management Inspections and Inspections of Gathering Operators. He lives and works out of the Traverse City area, where he resides with his wife and family.



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