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2026 Spring Gas Control Committee Meeting

Tuesday June 2nd

- 7:30 AM – 8:00 AM** **Breakfast –**
Sponsored by Progressive Pipeline Management and Ohio Lumex-ITS
- 8:00 AM – 8:30 AM** **Welcome Message – Opening Remarks – Chad Fritsch, Duke Energy**
- 8:30 AM – 8:45 AM** **Introductions with Ice Breaker**
- 8:45 AM – 9:45 AM** **Keynote Speaker - Mark Gunsalus, Vice President of RD&D at NGA/NYSEARCH**
This presentation explores the power of innovation to reduce risk and drive meaningful impact. Using vintage auto racing as an opening example, Mark will highlight how safety-focused innovation has dramatically lowered injuries and fatalities, with personal insights and multimedia elements to spark discussion. The conversation then transitions to the work of NYSEARCH, showcasing current projects that are making a positive impact across our industry. Mark will also discuss the challenges and importance of adopting new ideas and gaining stakeholder buy-in, and conclude by looking ahead to future innovation opportunities, including system monitoring advancements enabled by IoT, AI, and easier-to-install technologies.
- 9:45 AM – 10:00 AM** **Break**
- 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM** **RNG Measurement – CAS**
- 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM** **Low-power telemetry Solutions for the Modern, Insight-Driven Utility**
Steve Hoffmann, YZ Systems
This session examines how increased monitoring and connectivity enable gas operators to move from reactive problem-solving to proactive operational management, improving safety, reliability, and overall system performance.
- 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM** **Lunch**
- 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM** **Current Cybersecurity Landscape for Gas Operators**
Annie McIntyre, Chief Security Officer – Everline (via Teams)
- Current Threats
 - Regulatory Considerations and Effects of the Federal Funding Lapses
 - Security Approaches
 - Near-term Threat Mitigations and Next Steps
 - Sector-specific Considerations

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2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

**PHMSA Inspection Assistant Questions You Won't Find in §192.631–
Dan Scarberry, Everline Compliance LLC**

This session highlights commonly overlooked expectations embedded in PHMSA's Inspection Assistant questions for Gas Distribution and Transmission that extend beyond the CRM rule text and FAQs. Attendees will gain insight into why inspectors raise these issues and what operators should incorporate into CRM plans and procedures to minimize the risk of unexpected inspection findings.

3:00 PM – 3:45 PM

Roundtable – Audits – Josh Hunkele, Enbridge Gas Ohio

Enbridge Gas to discuss their recent state audit experience with Utah, Idaho and Wyoming follow up with a roundtable discussion for other's recent audit experiences and/or discuss any concerns with upcoming audits

3:45 PM – 4:00 PM

Recap/Wrap up Day 1

5:30 PM

**Evening Happy Hour Hosted by YZ Systems, AVEVA, and Enersys –
Wooden Cask Brewing Company**

Please join us for an evening of food, drinks, and great conversation at Wooden Cask Brewing Company. Come out, catch up, and enjoy a laid-back social evening. We'd love to see everyone there!

Wooden Cask Brewing Company
629 York Street
Newport, KY 41071
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Wednesday June 3rd

- 8:00 AM – 8:30 AM** **Breakfast –**
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- 8:30 AM – 8:45 AM** **Opening Remarks – Josh Hunkele, Enbridge Gas Ohio**
Welcome Message
Safety Message
- 8:45 AM – 9:30 AM** **Winter Operations Reviews – Andy Donato, Duke Energy**
Duke Energy to review their winter operations, then will open up to a roundtable discussion for everyone to give a highlight of their winter operations
- 9:30 AM – 10:15 AM** **Manual Operations – Lou Brummett, CenterPoint Energy**
Lou will be discussing CenterPoint Energy’s manual operations method, at the conclusion of the presentation Lou will lead a round table session for others to share their methods.
- 10:15 AM – 10:30 AM** **Break**
- 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM** **Driving Operational Excellence: A framework for standardizing operations across multiple control rooms– Russel Treat, President and CEO, Enersys Corp**
For pipeline operators, managing multiple control rooms is a challenge, often driven by inconsistent governance and uneven performance across geographically dispersed teams. This presentation explores how a unified governance framework can standardize control room operations while still allowing for appropriate site-level flexibility. The discussion focuses on aligning alarm management, HMI design, and Control Room Management (CRM) compliance. Attendees will learn how consistent systems, governance, and performance metrics can improve operational efficiency, accountability, and scalability—supported by real-world examples from Enbridge Gas.
- 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM** **Lunch & Respond to Emails.**
- 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM** **Roundtable – Controller Training Programs**
Discussion on the design and implementation of controller training programs. Topics include initial qualifications, recurrent training, evaluation methods, and alignment with Control Room Management (CRM) requirements. Opportunity to share best practices, challenges, and opportunities for continuous improvement.
- 2:00 PM – 2:15 PM** **Break**

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2:15 PM – 3:00 PM

Roundtable - Fatigue Training Programs

This roundtable will focus on sharing methods, experiences, and issues in controller fatigue training. How fatigue risk is managed in qualification, ongoing training, policies, scheduling, and workplace culture, as well as regulatory standards and audits. Practical ways for controllers to learn about fatigue risks and mitigation will be explored. Opportunity to share examples and challenges to help identify best practices and promote industry alignment.

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Both Groups Back together Roundtable – Open Discussion/ Recap / Wrap up Day 2 /Adjourn

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MLB Reds Game – Hosted by Duke Energy

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Guest Speakers



Annie McIntyre is the Chief Security Officer at EverLine. Ms. McIntyre was previously the President and Chief Executive Officer of Ardua Strategies, Inc., acquired by EverLine in 2021, that provided solutions for the cyber and operational security issues of energy and infrastructure. Prior to founding Ardua, Ms. McIntyre was a Principal Member of Technical Staff and Program Manager at Sandia National Laboratories. Ms. McIntyre has worked extensively on federal defense, energy, and homeland security projects. She previously worked in information warfare and survivability, serving as IO Laboratory Chief and Information Warfare Lead for Future Combat Systems Assessments at the U.S.

Army Research Laboratory.

She served as an author for the American Petroleum Institute's SCADA Security Standard (1164v2), serves on the Advisory Council at the North American Energy Standards Board, and has served as a Senior Fellow at the University of Minnesota's Technology Leadership Institute. She is a Member of the Board at the Mission Critical Global Alliance and a Licensed Private Investigator in the State of Texas. She holds a B.S. from New Mexico Tech, an M.S. from Troy State, and was accepted into the Ph.D. National Security Program at Liberty University.



Mark Gunsalus lives in Dudley, MA with his wife Pam, son Greg and twin daughters Lizzy and Tina. He is currently Vice President of RD&D at NGA/NYSEARCH. Mark was Previously General Manager of Gas Operations at Eversource Gas and worked at Mulcare Pipeline Solutions beginning in January of 2014 in the role of Director, AMI Business Development and Sales Manager in New England. Prior to that, he worked at Eversource Energy, for 28 years.

He held various operating positions within Gas Operations and LNG. He was Director of System Operations until December of 2013 which included service, pressure management, instrumentation, dispatch and meter operations.

Mark spent many years working on gas odorization programs and projects and presented at the IGT Odorization Symposium on several occasions. He enjoys challenging projects and in 2012 was responsible for installing a 1-megawatt micro-turbine at the Hopkinton LNG facility that burns waste flare gas. In addition, he led the operations recovery effort for Eversource after the Merrimack Valley Incident. He is an avid cyclist and enjoys time tending to his 1966 Shelby Mustang Race Car.

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Steve Hoffmann is the Managing Director of Aircom IIoT Solutions for YZ Systems. YZ Systems acquired the Aircom product line in September 2022, at which time Steve transitioned into his current role, leading the expansion of Aircom’s connected industrial solutions for the natural gas industry.

Prior to joining YZ Systems, Steve served as Vice President of Engineering and Operations at Flyover Innovations, a Midwest-based startup focused on consumer electronic devices. He brings this background in consumer electronics—emphasizing usability, scalability, and low-power design—into the connected industrial products segment, helping bridge modern IoT principles with the operational realities of gas utilities.

Steve holds a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Kansas State University and has spent the past 19 years developing and commercializing both industrial and consumer products.



Dan Scarberry is the Control Room Management Principal at Everline Compliance, LLC, where he develops CRM plans for clients, conducts CRM Plan gap analyses and performs mock PHMSA audits for gas and liquids operators. Dan has 53 years in the energy industry, with 40 years in control room operations and 8 years consulting on CRM compliance. He previously served 18 years as Manager of Gas Supply and Control Room Operations at Dominion Energy Ohio (now Enbridge) and earlier as Chief Gas Controller at Columbia Gas Transmission.

After retiring from Dominion in 2018, he consulted for major gas utilities and producers before joining Everline in 2022. Dan has presented on CRM compliance at the 2025 API Operations Conference and several times for the AGA. He has been a member of the AGA Gas Control Committee since 2006, serving previously as a committee chairman and currently as the committee ex-officio. Dan is a recipient of AGA’s silver merit award. He and his wife live in Winchester, Virginia.

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Hotels

- **Homewood Suites by Hilton Newport Cincinnati**
 - 201 West 4th Street Newport, Kentucky 41071
- **ALOFT – Marriot**
 - 201 East 3rd Street
Newport, Kentucky 41071
- **Hampton Inn & Suites Newport/Cincinnati**
 - 275 Columbia Street Newport, Kentucky 41071

Meeting Locations

Duke/Piedmont

Duke Energy's office building in downtown Cincinnati at 4th and Main St.
139 E 4th St, Cincinnati, OH 45202

The Newport, KY hotels that were recommended for meeting attendees are a short 15–20-minute walk across the Ohio River.

NOTICE CHANGE OF LOCATION!!

We are now meeting at Duke's downtown office location.

You can get your morning steps in and walk from the hotel or if you choose the drive there are public parking locations near the office. You can also always use a ride share.