

PRELIMINARY AGENDA
IOGCC ANNUAL CONFERENCE
The Greenbrier
White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia
October 26-28, 2026

Monday, October 26th

11:00am-05:00pm **Registration—Upper Level Alcove**

01:00pm-03:00pm **Council of Regulatory Officials—Chesapeake Room**

Opening Remarks

Adam Wygant, Chair

Idle and Orphan Oil and Gas Wells (2026)

Casey An, IOGCC Technical Projects Officer

*Update from the Orphaned Wells Program Office (OWPO), U.S.
Department of the Interior*

Jennifer Goldblatt, Acting Director, OWPO

Chad Carbone, Division Chief, State Orphaned Wells Program, OWPO

Roundtable Reports

03:00pm-03:30pm **Break**

03:30pm-04:30pm **Public, Coastal, and Tribal Lands Council—Chesapeake Room**

Opening Remarks

Tom Kropatsch, Co-Chair

Greg Wilson, Co-Chair

*Roundtable Discussion with Special Guest **Bill Groffy**, Principal Deputy
Director, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior*

04:30pm-05:30pm **Council of Oil and Gas Attorneys—Chesapeake Room**

Opening Remarks

Dave Flannery, Chair

Roundtable Discussion

05:30pm-06:30pm **Opening Reception—Cameo Ballroom**

Tuesday, October 27th

07:30am-05:00pm Registration—Upper Level Alcove

07:30am-08:30am Breakfast—Crystal Room

09:00am-11:30am General Session—Chesapeake Room

Jessie Chmielowski, Commissioner, Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, IOGCC Second Vice-Chair

The Honorable Patrick Morrisey, Governor of West Virginia

The Honorable Kelly Armstrong, Governor of North Dakota,
IOGCC Chair-Elect (Video Address)

The Honorable John B. McCuskey, West Virginia Attorney General

Bill Groffy, Principal Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management,
U.S. Department of the Interior

Scott Mason, Regional Administrator, Region 6, U.S. Environmental
Protection Agency

2026 Chair's Stewardship Awards

Charlie Burd, Chair, IOGCC Public Outreach Committee

10:10am-10:30am Break

11:30am-01:30pm Lunch (*On Your Own*)

01:00pm-02:00pm Resolutions Committee—Chesapeake Bay

01:30pm-02:45pm Public Outreach Committee—Chesapeake Room

Opening Remarks

Charlie Burd, Chair

Frank Thorwald, Vice-Chair

Fireside Chat on Issues of the Day—National and Regional Perspectives

David Holt, President, Consumer Energy Alliance

Rebecca McPhail, President, Gas and Oil Association of West Virginia

Remarks from IOGCC's Chair

The Honorable Mike Dunleavy, Governor of Alaska (Attending
Virtually)

*Plugging End-of-Life Wells Using Cutting-Edge Technology: Example of a
Successful State-NETL Partnership*

Markus Drouven, Senior Engineer, DOE NETL
H. Jason Harmon, Chief, Office of Oil and Gas, West Virginia
Department of Environmental Protection

02:45pm-03:00pm **Break**

03:00pm-04:15pm **Energy Resources, Research and Technology—Chesapeake Room**

Opening Remarks

Mark Bohrer, Chair

James Armbruster, Vice-Chair

American Resources for a Secure Future, an NPC Study

Berry H. (Nick) Tew, Director, Geological Survey of Alabama and Oil
and Gas Supervisor, State Oil and Gas Board

Scott Anderson, Senior Director, Energy Policy Special Projects, OXY

*NASEM Orphaned and Abandoned Wells Report and NPC Produced Water
Study*

Tom Kropatsch, Wyoming Oil and Gas Supervisor

Trust, But Verify: AI Fluency for Oil and Gas Regulators

Yogashri Pradhan, Founder, IronLady Energy Advisors

08:30pm-10:30pm **After Dinner Reception**

Wednesday, October 28th

07:30am-11:00am **Registration—Upper Level Alcove**

07:30am-08:30am **Breakfast—Crystal Room**

08:30am-09:45am **Legal and Regulatory Affairs Committee—Chesapeake Room**

Opening Remarks

Monique Edwards, Chair

Alan York, Vice-Chair

Communication Across State Lines-Bad Actors

John Day, Deputy Director, Louisiana Natural Resources Trust
Authority

The Injustice of One Size Fits All

Jeff Jennings, Attorney, Pacific Legal Foundation

09:45am-10:00am **Break**

10:00am-11:15am **Environment and Safety Committee—[Chesapeake Room](#)**

Opening Remarks

Thomas Hill, Chair

Randall Maxey, Vice-Chair

Well Control and Its Importance When Addressing Orphan Wells

Ryan Hays, Director of Business Development, Well Control School

Bhavesh Ranka, VP Engineering, Senior Well Control Engineer, Cudd
Well Control

OOOOB/c Update

Troy Lyons, Senior Director of Federal Affairs, Holland and Hart

11:15am-11:30am **Break**

11:30am-12:30pm **Business Session—[Chesapeake Room](#)**