

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

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**

Mick Thomas, Director, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, Utah Department of Natural Resources, IOGCC Vice-Chair

The Honorable Patrick Morrisey, Governor of West Virginia

The Honorable Kelly Armstrong, Governor of North Dakota, IOGCC Chair-Elect

Stevan Pearce, Director, Bureau of Land Management (*Invited*)

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

John B. McCuskey, West Virginia Attorney General

2026 Chair's Stewardship Awards

Charlie Burd, President Emeritus, Gas and Oil Association of West Virginia,
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 Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission's Chair

The Honorable Mike Dunleavy, Governor of Alaska

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

Tanner Magee, Executive 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

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

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

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