

**New England Pipeline Safety Representatives
Virtual Pipeline Safety Seminar
April 27 – 29, 2021**

AGENDA

Tuesday, April 27, 2021 – General Topics

- 9:00 – 9:10 AM: Welcome and Introduction of State Program Managers and Inspection Staff Members
- 9:10 – 10:30 AM: Major Changes Coming to Operator Qualification – Presenter(s): Karl Baker, CT Public Utilities Regulatory Authority and Paul Armstrong, Northeast Gas Association
- 10:30 – 10:40 AM: Break
- 10:40 – 11:25 AM: State Gas Safety Programs, Enforcement and Other Pertinent Issues – VT, RI, & NH
- 11:25 – 11:30 AM: Break
- 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM: State Gas Safety Programs, Enforcement and Other Pertinent Issues – CT, ME, & MA
- 12:30 PM – 1:15 PM: Questions and Answers

Wednesday, April 28, 2021 – Natural Gas and General Topics

- 9:00 – 9:50 AM: QA/QC Programs and their Role in Effective Pipeline Safety Management Systems – Presenters: Jamie Garland, Maine Natural Gas and Bob Wilson, Northeast Gas Association
- 9:50 – 10:00 AM: Break
- 10:00 AM – 10:50 AM: Update of Federal Regulations and Other Pertinent Issues at PHMSA – Presenter: Chris McLaren, PHMSA State Programs Division
- 10:50 AM – 11:00 AM: Break
- 11:00 AM – 11:50 AM: A Review of Recent Significant Incidents – Presenter: Sara Lyons, Pipeline Investigator, Office of Railroad, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Investigations, NTSB
- 11:50 AM – 12:10 PM: State Gas Safety Programs, Enforcement and Other Pertinent Issues – MA
- 12:10 PM – 12:40 PM: Questions, Answers, and Closing Remarks for Natural Gas Operators

Thursday, April 29, 2021 – Propane Topics

- 9:00 – 9:50 AM: Pressure Regulation, Overpressure Protection, and Establishing the MAOP - Presenter: Jason Rosen, AccuMet Corp Measurement & Control
- 9:50 – 10:00 AM: Break
- 10:00 AM – 10:50 AM: An Overview of Regulations and Record Keeping Expectations - Presenters: Bruce Benson, CT DEEP; Nathan Dore, ME PUC; and Bill Jordan, VT DPS
- 10:50 AM – 11:00 AM: Break
- 11:00 AM – 11:50 AM: Common Findings During Facility Inspections - Presenters: Kevin Dowling, CT DEEP; Nathan Dore, ME PUC; and Matt Hecklinger, VT DPS
- 11:50 AM – 12:20 PM: Questions, Answers, and Closing Remarks

