

2026 Public Service Commission of Wisconsin Pipeline Safety Seminar

**February 4-6, 2026
Chula Vista, Wisconsin Dells**

**1000 Chula Vista Parkway
Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965**



AGENDA Tuesday, February 3rd

Time	Topic	Presenter	Room
5:00-7:00	Reception & Vendor Exhibits		Chula Vista G, H, I

Wednesday, February 4th Morning

Time	Topic	Presenter	Room
7:00-1:00	Registration		Chula Vista Lobby
8:30-9:30	TRAVEL to Teel Plastics		1300 Sauk Ave Baraboo, WI 53913
9:30-11:00	Tour of Plastic Pipe Manufacturer	Teel Plastics	1300 Sauk Ave Baraboo, WI 53913
11:00-11:30	TRAVEL to Chula Vista		1000 Chula Vista Parkway Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965
11:30-1:00	LUNCH and Vendor Exhibits		Chula Vista Grand Ballroom Chula Vista G, H, I

Wednesday, February 4th Afternoon

Time	Topic	Presenter	Room
1:00-1:30	Welcome Remarks & Keynote Address	Summer Strand, PSC	Chula Vista A to F
1:30-2:30	PSC & PHMSA Overview and Updates	Alex Kirschling, PSC	Chula Vista A to F
2:30-3:00	BREAK & Vendor Exhibits		Chula Vista G, H, I
3:00-4:00	How Did We Get Here – The Journey of the Office of Pipeline Safety	John Harper, PHMSA	Chula Vista A to F
4:00-4:45	GTI Energy's Advancements in Leak Management in Distribution: Leak Detection And Repair (LDAR), Veritas, and Renewable Natural Gas (RNG)	Srijana Rai, GTI Energy	Chula Vista A to F
4:45-5:00	Vendor Introductions		Chula Vista A to F

Thursday, February 5th Morning Group Session

Time	Topic	Presenter	Room
7:00-8:30	BREAKFAST		Kilbourn City Grill
8:30-9:30	Emergency Plans	John Harper, PHMSA	A to F
9:30-10:30	Emergency Response to Extreme Weather Events	Evan Uphoff, PSC, Moderator Nick Maier, Midwest Natural Gas Steve Miller, Alliant Mike Savage, MGE Dan Szedziewski, We Energies	A to F
10:30-11:00	BREAK and Vendor Exhibits		G, H, I

Thursday, February 5th Morning Breakout Sessions

11:00AM Breakout Session

Time	Topic	Presenter	Room
11:00-12:00	Plastic Fusion: Process Overview and Potential Problems	Christian Herrild, Teel Plastics	A to F
11:00-12:00	Odorization Issues	John Harper, PHMSA	Upper Dells Ballroom
11:00-12:00	Integrity Management Near Misses – Findings & Remediation	Kyle Frayn, WEC	Sierra Vista

12:00-1:00	LUNCH and Vendor Exhibits	Grand Ballroom G, H, I
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Thursday, February 5th Afternoon Breakout Sessions

1:00PM Breakout Session

Time	Topic	Presenter	Room
1:00-1:50	Operator Qualification & Training Significant OQ Changes (State Level)	Dennis Kuhn, ASTAR Inc.	A to F
1:00-1:50	Static Electricity in Natural Gas O&M Operations – Hazards and Control	Dirk Smith, Ionix Gas Technologies	Upper Dells Ballroom
1:00-1:50	191 Reporting Requirements	John Harper, PHMSA	Sierra Vista

2:00PM Breakout Session

Time	Topic	Presenter	Room
2:00-2:45	API 1104 21 st Edition Changes	Noah Hanselman, PSC	A to F
2:00-2:45	Cross-bore Prevention and Mitigation Best Practices	Saul Lopez, Pipe View America	Upper Dells Ballroom
2:00-2:45	Weak Link Calculation	Andrew Baader, PSC	Sierra Vista

Thursday, February 5th Afternoon Group Session

Time	Topic	Presenter	Room
2:45-3:15	BREAK and Vendor Exhibits		G, H, I
3:15-4:00	PSC Construction Inspection Overview	Bryce Graveline, PSC	A to F
4:00-4:30	Review of West Reading, PA Incident and Investigation	Joe Murphy, PSC	A to F

Friday, February 6th

Time	Topic	Presenter	Room
7:00-8:30	BREAKFAST		Kilbourn City Grill
8:30-10:00	Review of Past Incidents from 1980-10s	Bryce Graveline, PSC Mason Ihrke, PSC Scott Schnieder, PSC	Upper Dells Ballroom
10:00-10:30	BREAK		
10:30-11:30	PSC Inspection Findings, Priorities for Future Inspections, Other Updates, Q&A	Alex Kirschling, PSC	Upper Dells Ballroom

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<https://psc.wi.gov/Pages/ServiceType/Energy/PipelineSafety/PipelineSafetySeminars.aspx>