

Well Containment Protocol

Addressing the Obama Administration's mandate to swiftly contain out-of-control wells was the topic of the recent Technical luncheon held on August 9th. The event was co-hosted by API – Delta Chapter and the Society for Petroleum Engineers - Delta Section (SPE). The key note speaker was Mr. Roger Scheuermann, Commercial Chairman of the Helix Well Containment Group (HWCG).

“The HWCG containment system is ready to be deployed when needed” said Scheuermann as he addressed a sold out crowd at the Downtown Holiday Inn in New Orleans. Listening in via teleconferencing were additional API/SPE members in Covington.

Scheuermann gave a detailed report on the processes and procedures that have been implemented since the Macondo Well explosion in the Gulf last year.

Scheuermann explained that the HWCG is a consortium of 24 deepwater operators in the Gulf of Mexico that came together with the common goal of expanding capabilities to quickly and comprehensively respond to a subsea spill. HWCG is made up of a diverse and experienced group of deepwater operators, representing two-thirds of the deepwater operators and approximately half of all deepwater oil and natural gas production in the Gulf of Mexico.

He further said that HWCG invested in the best available technology, engineering and minds, and applied the most important lessons learned from the past, to create a comprehensive well-containment response system model- the Helix Fast Response Sys-



tem (HFRS) - made up of equipment, procedures and processes ready to be activated immediately in the event of a deepwater well control incident.

Scheuermann explained that the equipment component of the plan utilizes vessels with experienced crews operating full time in the Gulf of Mexico. Contracts are structured so that in the event of a spill, the required vessels can enter spill response mode immediately. HWCG has signed an agreement with Helix Energy Solutions Group to provide the primary components of the response system. HWCG has also worked with Trendsetter Engineering to develop the World's most advanced, dual barrier, 15,000 psig intervention capping stack. The two stacks create capping redundancies to 10,000 psi. Additionally, HWCG members have agreements in place with more than 35 service providers who will provide additional services, products and personnel, if needed.

Working with the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management Regulation and Enforcement the HWCG Deepwater Intervention Technical Committee (DITC) developed the HWCG Well Containment Plan, a comprehensive

and detailed technical plan clearly identifying response protocols for foreseeable deepwater containment scenarios.

Scheuermann explained that the process and procedures of the plan includes the 24 HWCG members signing a Mutual Aid agreement that allows any member company to draw upon the collective technical capability and available response equipment of all members to comprehensively respond to an incident. Additionally, HWCG has entered into negotiations with PetroSkills Training Center, located in Katy, Texas to provide a joint command center that would be utilized by any member responding to a deepwater incident.

“We are committed to sharing assets and resources in the event of an incident and we are committed to being prepared” said Scheuermann. HWCG members are conducting a series of crisis exercises and drills to increase coordination and preparedness, striving for continuous improvement.

HWCG has conducted a series of day-long comprehensive tabletop exercises and drills to simulate the implementation of the group's Well Containment Plan, ensuring increased coordination and preparedness. “More exercises are planned to continually improve the capability and knowledge of the well containment team” said Scheuermann.

“Through this consortium we will rebuild the confidence in the industry's abilities to respond to future incidents” he added.

Further information on HWCG can be obtained from their website: www.hwcg.org

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Roosevelt Hotel – New Orleans**

**~ Key Note Speaker ~
Scott A. Angelle**

Secretary Louisiana Department of Natural Resources



Scott Angelle of Breaux Bridge, is currently serving Louisiana as Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources, Governor Jindal's Legislative Liaison and as point person for federal oil and gas permitting issues. He led the state's efforts to obtain the nation's first deepwater drilling permit since the moratorium on deepwater drilling in the Gulf of Mexico. Recently, Angelle served as Lieutenant Governor in interim capacity from May to November 2010.

Prior to his time as Lieutenant Governor, Angelle served as DNR Secretary for six years, making him the first DNR secretary in state history to serve governors of different parties. He also served 16 years in elected local government.

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Chairman's Message

It has been a busy year as usual here at API-Delta Chapter. Through your generosity we have been able to support the many activities that are near and dear to our hearts, specifically promoting the oil & gas industry in the local area through various educational opportunities.

In February, API-Delta Chapter participated in the GNO Science & Engineering Fair @ UNO providing judges. We also hosted a Joint Society Luncheon for the various local society heads to share what was going on for the coming year in each organization and how we could help each other. Dr Juan Lorenzo from LSU was our guest speaker and gave us an update on his levee monitoring project.

In March, API-Delta Chapter participated in the Bayou Regional Robotics competition, awarded a scholarship to one of the participants, and held our annual Meritorious Service Luncheon. This year's recipients were Bob Vaughn and Josh Etkind, two well deserving individuals. Our guest speaker was BOEMRE Director Michael Bromwich and we had a huge turnout of nearly 500 people.

In April, the API-Delta Chapter held another successful Sporting Clay Tournament at Cove Rise, raising over \$28,000. Many thanks to tournament chairman Bob Bailey and his hard working committee. This money did not sit idle as we awarded over 30 scholarships to deserving college students totaling over \$20,000.

In June, API-Delta Chapter supported the NACE-ASM Materials Teachers Camp held at UNO.

In July, API-Delta Chapter co-sponsored the Denver Earth Science Project held at UNO. This program is designed to introduce local teachers to the basics of the oil and gas industry. Approximately 25 teachers participated and were given kits to bring back to the class room to share with their students and educate them about our industry. This is a great way to reach the future engineers, geologists, etc. API-Delta Chapter also participated in FETCH Energy Saturday at the Louisiana Children's Museum as volunteers and organizers of the annual event. Once again, another way to introduce the future generation to our industry.

In August, API-Delta Chapter and SPE co-hosted the annual Technical Luncheon. The key note speaker was Mr. Roger Scheuermann, Commercial Chairman of the Helix Well Containment Group. The event was well attended and a big success.

September is golf time here at the API and we just finished up our annual golf tournament. The event was held at Covington Country Club and 188 golfers participated in the two round tournament. The weather was great and we raised over \$30,000. Now it's on to the next event, the Joint Societies Luncheon in November.

It's been a busy year and it's been a great year!! I am so blessed to have such wonderful people to work with on the API board of directors. It makes my job much easier and enjoyable. Many thanks to all, especially our secretary, Barbara Edmonds, what a God send. We couldn't do it without out you Barbara!!

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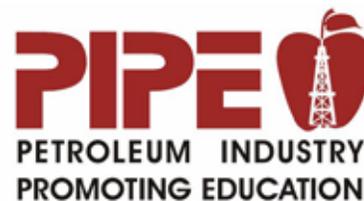
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FIRST Bayou Regional Robotics Competition

The FIRST Robotics Bayou Regional Robotics Competition was held March 17th, 18th, and 19th, 2011 at the Alario Center in Westwego. This year 38 teams from nine different states competed in the tournament.



The competition challenges teams and their mentors to solve a common problem in a six-week time frame using a standard “kit of parts” and a common set of rules. Teams build robots from the parts and enter them in a series of competitions at a high energy, varsity-style sporting event.

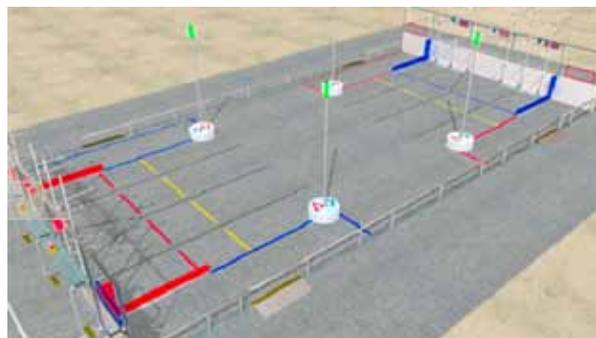
The theme for this year’s game was “Logo Motion”. Teams competed by building and maneuvering robots to hang as many inflated plastic shapes (triangles, circles and squares) on grids during a 2-minute-and-15-second match. The higher the teams hung their game pieces on their scoring grid, the more points their alliance received.



Once again, API-Delta participated in sponsoring the event and allocated a \$1500 scholarship toward a student participating in the event and pursuing a degree pertaining to the petroleum industry.

As always, the competition was extremely exciting. The quality and dedication of these high school students is truly amazing! This is a wonderful, enlightening event for all ages. For more information: www.LAFL.org and www.bayouregional.org

Questions regarding outreach in the Tulane University School of Science and Engineering may be addressed to Annette Oertling, Ph.D. at Annette.oertling@tulane.edu.



STRIKE FOR STEM

Once again, API-Delta and other oil industry societies and organizations are stepping up to the plate to promote STEM (Science Technology Engineering Math) education. The industry, as a group under the name of PIPE, will be the premiere sponsor of the first annual Strike for STEM fundraiser. This benefit will promote Core Element. Core Element emerged after Hurricane Katrina, as a partnership among the public school systems, area universities, and local businesses that depend on a workforce skilled in math and science. The purpose is to fundamentally change K-12 STEM education in this community. Core Element’s focus is to provide teachers with the tools and training to create interactive, discovery-based education for students.”

On Saturday, November 5, 2011, PIPE (Petroleum Industry Promoting Education) will present Strike for STEM, the first annual fundraiser to benefit Core Element: The Greater New Orleans STEM Initiative. The event will take place from 7 to 10 pm at Mid-City Rock ‘n Bowl. The event will highlight sponsor team bowling competition, food beverages and music will be provided by The Boogiemen.

As the presenting sponsor of Core Element’s Strike for STEM fundraiser, PIPE (underwritten by American Association of Drilling Engineers-New Orleans Chapter, American Petroleum Institute - Delta Chapter, Council of Petroleum Accountants Societies of New Orleans, National Association of Corrosion Engineers, New Orleans Geological Society, Society of Petroleum Engineers - Delta Section, Southeastern Geophysical Society, Women’s Energy Network, OCSBBS.com, and Schlumberger), now has the opportunity to champion another organization that understands the importance of STEM education.

2011 API Golf Tournament

The 2011 API Delta Chapter Golf tournament held on September 16th at the Covington Country Club was a huge success!! This year, 47 teams participate in the tournament. There were plenty of cool beverages and delicious hot food to make this a most enjoyable event. The weather was exceptionally nice and the course was in great shape. The API Golf Committee would like to thank everyone involved in helping make the 2011 API Delta Chapter Golf Tournament a success!

Through the generosity of all the corporate, team and hole sponsors we were able to raise over \$30,000 dollars. The proceeds will be used for our scholarship program, teacher mini-grants, the Louisiana Children's Museum, and the other opportunities to promote education and the Petroleum Industry in the Greater New Orleans area. We could not have achieved this without you and we truly thank you for your support!!

We hope to see you all at next years 2012 API Delta Chapter Golf Tournament.

2011 API Golf Chairman,
Steve Freeman

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2011 API Golf Tournament Results

	MORNING	AFTERNOON
1st Place Gross	Chad Quick	Jimmy Mazur
	Keith Dusang	David Hittlebaugh
	Scott Smith	Juan Valence
2nd Place Gross	Joe Kalamis	David Sauvage
	Curtis Todd	Tony Escoyne
	Ronnie Ratcliff	Robert Siffert
	Brian Daigle	Jim Marque
1st Place Net	David Raacke	Chad LeBlanc
	Bryan Ritchie	Caleb Buick
	Mike Terrebonne	Ricky Livingston
	Matt Lane	Wes Collier
2nd Place Net	Shawn Stucker	Jeff Natasi
	Frank Ditta	Ryan Loope
	Randy Bayer	Ryan Tausin
	Don Weinberg	Jason Weldon
	Josh Holiday	Bob Martt

2011 API Skill Prize Results

	MORNING	AFTERNOON
1 - Closest to hole 2nd Shot	Keith Guidry	Wes Collier
2 - Longest Drive	Therese Mauterer	Jimmy Mazur
3 - Closest to hole 2nd Shot	Bryan Ritchie	Tony Escoyne
4 - Longest Putt	John Wood	Ricky Livingston
5 - Longest Putt	James Shaw	Debbie Williams
6 - Closest to hole	Bernadette Alaniz	Bryan Blum
7 - Shortest Drive	Obin Duplantis	Geore Wave
8 - Hole in One		
9 - Straightest Drive	Ronnie Ratcliff	David Hittlebaugh
10 - Closest to hole 2nd Shot	Wade Pitre	Alex Harris
11 - Closest to hole	Scott Smith	Brad Taff
12 - Longest Drive	Wade Pitre	Glen Meche
13 - Closest to hole 2nd Shot	Jim Brooks	Matt Wandstrat
14 - Longest Putt	Ronnie Ratcliff	Rivers Fike
15 - Hole in One		
16 - Closest to the hole 2nd shot	Mike Terrebonne	Dale Thibeaux
17 - Longest Drive	Randy Bayer	David Hittlebaugh
18 - Longest Drive	Matt Lane	Tony Escoyne

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Teacher Training -- Oil and Natural Gas Exploration Education

In an effort to promote energy education, API-Delta and SPE-Delta pooled resources to host a teacher workshop in Oil and Natural Gas Education. Teachers from the Greater New Orleans area spent a week of their summer vacation attending the Denver Earth Science Project Workshop developed by the Colorado School of Mines. The workshop provided teachers the opportunity to actively participate in module activities while attending special lectures by geologists, engineers and geophysicists from the oil industry.

Teachers received the necessary scientific background to successfully teach Oil and Gas Exploration to their students. In the workshop teachers were trained about and learned how to use resource kits to teach students K-12 about oil, rock and core samples, logs, drilling, etc. Each teacher received the kit valued at \$425 which included:



- oil samples
- a core sample
- rock samples
- maps
- electric log
- seismic section
- a DVD presentation



They also received the teacher's guide, \$200 gift certificate for Science Kit and Ward's Natural Science, student manuals and a course completion certificate. In addition, the program also provided a set of Louisiana rocks and minerals put together by the Louisiana Geologic Survey.

The "Oil and Gas Exploration" module teaches a student basic concepts through the exploration of hydrocarbons. The hands-on activities use real data from industry, and follow a problem-solving approach. In addition, the module integrates science, mathematics, geography, economics, and social studies into a high interest topic. The "Gushers 'n Dusters" simulation game, also included in the kit, provides an opportunity to see the economics of the oil industry as banks, oil companies, and drilling companies negotiate and do business. For more information on the course: <http://desp.mines.edu/>

Each teacher expressed gratitude. Several admitted they had no idea of the intricacies of the industry and were pleased to learn of the lucrative job opportunities within the industry. All intend to incorporate their new knowledge into their classes this coming school year and feel they are better informed as to the importance of oil in their everyday life. Students throughout the GNO area will experience the results of this training.



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NOGS, API, BOEMRE, Oceaneering, SPE, D&D, NACE, ASM, AADE, N.O. Bar Assn. and Women’s Energy Network. Activities for the children, and some parents, ranged from Dinosaur Dig, Oil Finder Game, “ Color My World of Energy” to Boats Afloat, “Sounds through the Ground” and the ROV Simulator. Educational tables were also setup to learn more about fossils and minerals and even how petroleum products are used in everyday life. From all the smiles on the kids and parents faces, it was a fun and educational experience for all. Thanks to all volunteers to who this event would not take place, their enthusiasm is beyond compare.



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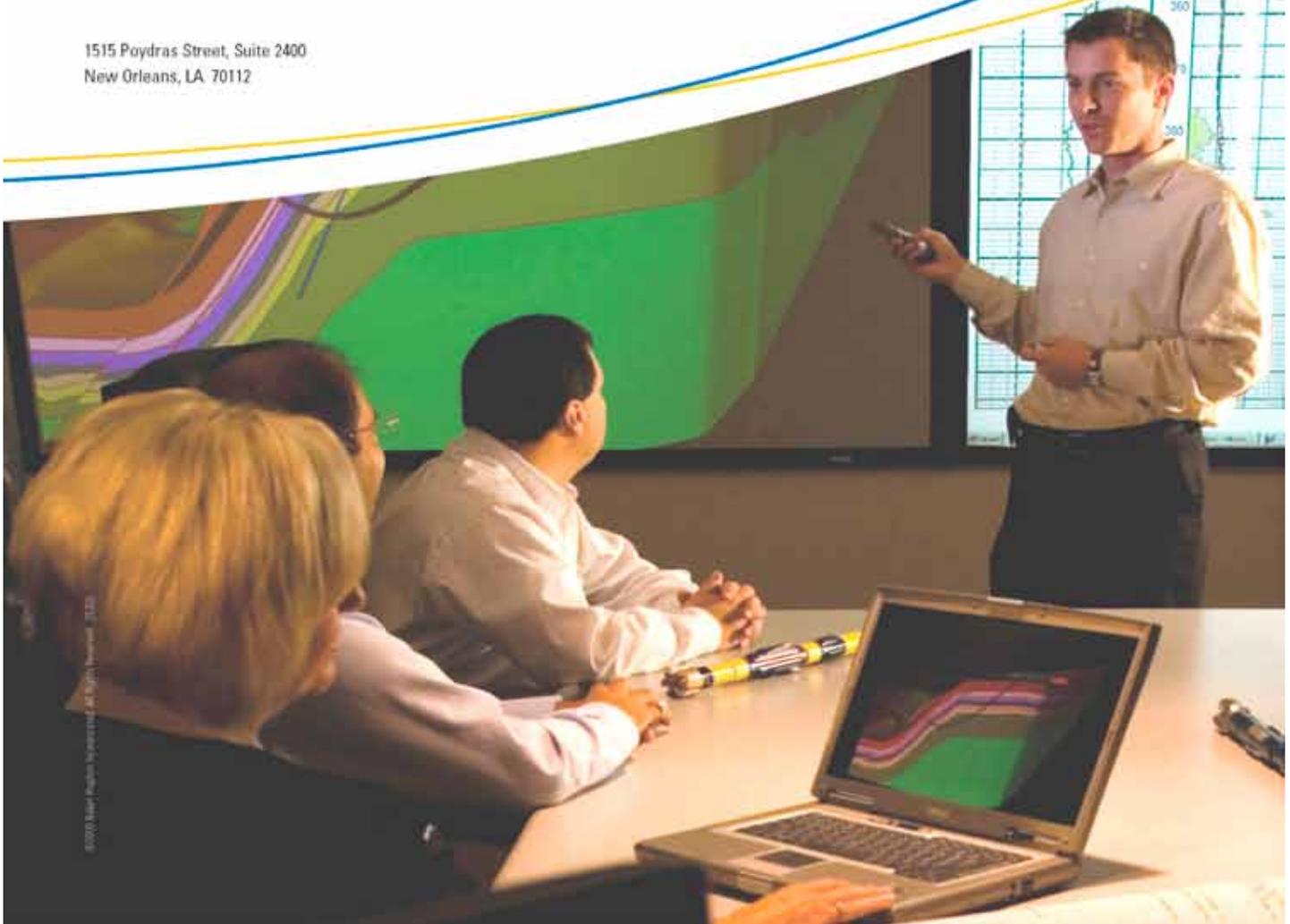
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