

# 2025 Spring Operations Conference

Saratoga Hilton – Saratoga Springs, NY

## Program at-a-Glance

### Day 1: April 10, 2025

**Registration & Continental Breakfast: 9:00 – 10:00am**

**General Session: 10:00 – 11:00am in City Center Meeting Room 1**

- Welcome, José Costa, NGA President & CEO
- Exhibitor Presentations
- **Keynote: *A Utility Fireside Chat with Hans Bell, President of UGI Utilities***

#### Breakout Sessions

Tracks	Pipeline Safety & Compliance <i>Saratoga Ballroom 1</i>	Gas Operations: Innovation & Leading Practices <i>Saratoga Ballroom 2</i>	Workforce Management <i>Saratoga Ballroom 3</i>
<b>Session 1</b> <i>11:05 - 11:15</i>	Track Chair Welcome	Track Chair Welcome	Track Chair Welcome
<b>Session 2</b> <i>11:15 - 12:15</i>	Palmer Incident Recommendations & the Future of Natural Gas Detector Implementation	Floene's Hydrogen Pilot Project	Workforce Management Driven by Regulatory Change
<b>Lunch: 12:15 – 1:30 – City Center Meeting Room 2</b>			
<b>Session 3</b> <i>1:30 – 2:15</i>	Unitil and Picarro: Gas Transmission Advanced Leak Detection	Advancements in Robotic Repair Technology for 12-inch Gas Mains	AI Unpacked: A Practical Introduction to Artificial Intelligence for Utilities
<b>Session 4</b> <i>2:15 – 3:15</i>	The Key to GPSC: A Soup to Nuts Compliance App	Estimating Emissions from Pipeline Damage	Intent Based Leadership
<b>Break: 3:15 – 3:30 – In Exhibit Hall</b>			
<b>Session 5</b> <i>3:30 – 4:30</i>	Mobile Based & Aerial Leak Detection Solutions for Gas T&D Infrastructure	Innovations in Carbon Capture	GTI Energy: Safety Management System Training Modules

### Please Join us for our Evening Reception

**Location: Hotel Exhibit Hall 4:30-6:00PM**

*Thank you to our reception sponsors: Precision Pipeline Solution*

### Day 2: April 11, 2025

**Registration and Continental Breakfast - 7:30 – 8:30am**

**General Session: 8:30 – 9:30am in City Center Meeting Room 1**

**Keynote: *American Gas Association on Federal Energy Policy: Reviewing the Early Actions of the New Administration & What's to Come***

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<b>Session 1</b> <i>9:40 – 10:30</i>	Panel Discussion: Emerging Climate Threats to Utility Infrastructure	NYSEARCH: Development of Non-Destructive Evaluations of PE Pipe Joints Using X-Ray, Phased Array Ultrasonic & Terahertz (Electromagnetic) Testing Solutions	Reducing Workforce Injuries through Innovation: The Use of Press Fittings
<b>Break: 10:30 – 10:45</b>			
<b>Session 2</b> <i>10:45 – 11:40</i>	Panel Discussion: Critical Asset Management for LNG Facilities	Divert: RNG Project Development, Operations, & Standards	Adapting the Workforce for the Energy Evolution
<b>Session 3</b> <i>11:40 – 12:00</i>	Session Wrap-up	Session Wrap-up	Session Wrap-up