



# 2026 AFPM **SUMMIT**

Operational Excellence in  
Refining, Midstream and  
Petrochemical industries

Advance Program

August 31 -  
September 3, 2026  
Gaylord Texan  
Grapevine, TX

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## The 2026 AFPM Summit: Operational Excellence in Refining, Midstream and Petrochemical industries is right around the corner!

This year's Summit delivers topical keynote speeches that will have you leaning in, with over 85 industry-leading technical sessions focused on improving facility-wide performance in the refining, midstream and petrochemical industries. Get engaged in interactive sessions dedicated to the key strategies, latest innovations, and emerging technologies that will position today's refining and petrochemical facilities for operating excellence. Network and connect with top industry experts, showcase your own expertise, discover ready-to-deploy technical solutions, and elevate your facilities to new heights. Gain the knowledge you need to succeed and reach the Summit with us!



## Who Should Attend?

- Technical managers
- Process engineers
- Reliability leaders
- Operations managers
- Emerging leaders
- Maintenance leaders
- Maintenance contractors
- AI Strategists
- Digital transformation change agents
- Technical licensors
- Turnaround planning managers
- Optimization managers
- Process Safety and Safety managers
- Facility technical, safety and environmental staff
- Process control leads

## Why Should You Attend?

- Connect with top innovators and thought leaders
- Dive into cutting-edge solutions for today's toughest technical challenges
- Explore how to operationalize emerging technologies and put actionable ideas to work
- Celebrate the breakthroughs shaping the future of our industries
- Strengthen relationships with your customers
- Collaborate with peers who are driving progress
- Level up your technical expertise and skill set.



## Excellence in Plant Performance

Join over 1,400 of our industries' brightest technical minds. Explore cutting-edge technical sessions and unlock invaluable networking opportunities. Sign up today!

August 2nd is the cutoff date for the official Summit hotel and early registration. Stay close to the connections, conversations and energy of the AFPM Summit and secure your spot today!

## Register Today!

# Look Who's Attending!



# Technical Expertise. Actionable Solutions.

\*Please note: Session topics, speakers, and scheduling are subject to change.




## Sunday, August 30

7:00 AM	<p><b>Helping Heroes Honors Dinner Gaylord Texan</b></p> <p><a href="#">Dinner Details and Registration</a></p>
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## Monday, August 31

7:00 AM	<p><b>Heroes Charity Golf Tournament</b></p> <p><a href="#">Tournament Details and Registration</a></p>
12:00 – 5:00 PM	<b>Registration</b>
2:00 – 4:00 PM	<p><b>Emerging Leaders Workshop: Leadership Q&amp;A</b> <i>(Invite Only – EL Program Participants)</i></p> <p><b>Facilitators:</b>  <i>Kristen Becht, Becht</i>  <i>Rachel Crouch, Ketjen Corporation</i></p> <p><b>Leadership Panelists:</b>  <i>Russell Klinegardner, President &amp; CEO, Health and Safety Council</i>  <i>Shannon Potts, Director, Downstream Operational Excellence, Cenovus U.S. Corporation</i>  <i>Bobby Thomas, Vice President, Rodeo Renewable Energy Complex, Phillips 66</i></p>
4:00 – 5:00 PM	<b>Emerging Leaders Networking Event</b> <i>(Invite Only – EL Program Participants)</i>
5:00 – 7:00 PM	<b>Welcome Reception</b>

## Tuesday, September 1

7:00 – 8:00 AM	<b>Breakfast in the HUB</b>
7:00 AM – 5:00 PM	<b>Registration</b>
8:00 – 10:30 AM	<p><b>Welcome</b></p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <p><i>Chet Thompson, President and CEO, AFPM</i></p> </div> <p><b>Lifetime Service Awards recognition</b></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <p><i>Kelly Keim, AFPM Consultant</i></p> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <p><i>Mike Mitzner, Axens (in memoriam)</i></p> </div> </div> <p><b>Presentation of Safety Spotlight by CSB</b></p>
8:30 – 9:30 AM	<b>AFPM / Heroes Charity presentation</b>
9:30 – 10:30 AM	<b>Keynote speech</b>
10:30 – 10:45 AM	<b>Break in the HUB</b>

## Tuesday, September 1 cont.

	Sustainability / World Refining Outlook	101 series / FCC	Lessons Learned / Crude - Coking	Process Automation	Reliability & Maintenance
10:45 - 11:30 AM	<p><b>World Refining Outlook</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Susan Grissom, AFPM</p> <p><b>Presenter:</b> John Auers, RBN Energy</p>	<p><b>Separation Anxiety</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Michael Allegro, BASF Corporation</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> Hunter Lee, HF Sinclair Corporation Javier Rios, Honeywell UOP Lucy Spero, CHS Inc.</p>	<p><b>“The Flubber Among Us” Filmer Lessons Learned – Vulcanization Events and LOC Events / Quill Design Considerations</b></p> <p><b>Moderators:</b> Tim Oubre, Halliburton Multi-Chem Graylon Williams, Nalco Energy Services</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> Sylvain Fontaine, Veolia Tim Oubre, Halliburton Multi-Chem Graylon Williams, Nalco Energy Services</p>	<p><b>Maximizing Sustained Value with Dynamic Process Simulation</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Bruce Taylor, FurtherTec</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> Anthony Anh-Tuan Pham, BASF Corporation Ujjal Basu, Schneider Electric</p>	<p><b>AI in Reliability &amp; Maintenance — Successes, Stumbles, and the Path Forward</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Jimmy Jernigan, LyondellBasell Industries</p> <p><b>Presenter:</b> Jon Fuehrer, Flint Hills Resources, LLC Patrick Robinson, PBF Energy, Inc. Rhett Williamson, Flint Hills Resources, LLC</p>
11:30 - 11:45 AM	<b>Break in the HUB</b>				
	Diamond Sponsor	101 Series/ Hydroprocessing	Lessons Learned / FCC	Artificial Intelligence	Reliability & Maintenance
11:45 AM - 12:30 PM		<p><b>Safety During catalyst Changes</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Matt Correnti, Chevron U.S.A Inc.</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> Tim Evans, Chevron U.S.A Inc. Danny Kurtz, Cat Spec LTD Tim McConomy, Cat Spec LTD Dean Roberts, Ergon Refining, Inc.</p>	<p><b>C4 Play: Catalyst / Additive and Revamp Case Studies</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Nik Larsen, Marathon Petroleum Corporation</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> Mike Armstrong, Worley Group Inc Robert Cockburn, ExxonMobil Product Solutions Company Ben Davidson, ExxonMobil Product Solutions Company Hongbo Ma, Johnson Matthey Pranav Thakar, Phillips 66</p>	<p><b>Agentic AI in Refining &amp; Petrochemicals What Works What Doesn't and How to Get Started</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Tom Chonat, Gulf Coast Energy Advisors</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> Lauritz Lont, Cognite AS Patrick Robinson, PBF Energy</p>	<p><b>Emerging Technology</b></p> <p><b>Catspider</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Dean Roberts, Ergon Refining, Inc.</p> <p><b>Presenter:</b> Richard Hanson, Stronghold Ltd.</p> <p><b>Robotics</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Gerard Celestine, Motiva Enterprises LLC</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> Joe Gilbreath, Motiva Enterprises LLC Kim Gilbreath, Motiva Enterprises LLC Robert Stokes, Stokes Robotics</p>
12:30 - 2:00 PM	<b>Lunch / Exhibit in the HUB</b>				

## Tuesday, September 1 cont.

	Gold Sponsor	101 Series / Alkylation	CSB Lessons Learned	FCC	Reliability & Maintenance
2:00 – 2:45 PM		<b>Beyond the Basics: The Pros, Cons, and Constraints of Hydrofluoric vs. Sulfuric Alkylation</b>  <b>Moderator/Host:</b> Wade Hollman, Phillips 66		<b>Bubbling Basics – Fluidization</b>  <b>Moderator:</b> Joe Famolaro, Exxon Mobil Research and Engineering Company  <b>Presenters:</b> David Banks, BASF Corporation Isabella Gallegos, Phillips 66 Reddy Karri, Particulate Solid Research, Inc.	
HUB Lounge Session	<b>HUB 1</b>	<b>HUB 2</b>	<b>HUB 3</b>	<b>HUB 4</b>	<b>HUB 5</b>
2:45 – 3:00 PM	<b>Break in the HUB</b>				
	Gold Sponsor	101 series / Crude-Coking	Operational Tools: Walk the Job	FCC	Lessons Learned / Alkylation
3:00 – 3:45 PM	Xxx	<b>Design Features for Heavy Crudes</b>  <b>Moderators:</b> Greg Cantley, Marathon Petroleum Corporation Hector Gamboa-Arizpe, CITGO Petroleum Corporation  <b>Presenter:</b> Andrew Sloley, Consultant	<b>Walk the Job</b>  <b>Moderators:</b> Bill Clark, Phillips 66 Ben Way, Phillips 66	<b>The Cats out the Bag – Catalyst Handling</b>  <b>Moderator:</b> Andrew Mezera, Valero Energy Corporation  <b>Presenters:</b> Luis Bougrat, W.R.Grace & Co. Joe Colmone, Honeywell UOP Braydon Lantz, United Refining Company	<b>HF Alkylation Lessons Learned: A Site Case Study</b>  <b>Moderator:</b> Liana Siegel, Marathon Petroleum Corporation  <b>Presenters:</b> TBD
HUB Lounges	<b>HUB 1</b>	<b>HUB 2</b>	<b>HUB 3</b>	<b>HUB 4</b>	<b>HUB 5</b>
3:45 – 4:00 PM	<b>Break in the HUB</b>				



## Tuesday, September 1 cont.

	Gold Sponsor	101 Series/Sustainability	Legal	Strategic Communication Risk / Communications	Reliability & Maintenance / Environmental
4:00 - 4:45 PM		<b>Renewables 101</b> <b>Moderators:</b> <i>Doug Beshara, MERRICK &amp; Company</i> <i>Nadjmeh Doostdar, Baker Hughes</i> <b>Presenters:</b> <i>Michael Brodeur-Campbell, Honeywell UOP</i> <i>Mike Dobeck, Darling Ingredients</i>	<b>Legal / AI - The Intersection With Operations: Risks to Consider</b> <b>Moderator:</b> <i>Michaelangelo Furnari, AFPM</i> <i>Rich Moskowitz, AFPM</i> <b>Panelists:</b> <i>TBD</i>	<b>Risk Communication: Strategies for Engagement and Building Stakeholder Trust</b> <b>Moderator:</b> <i>TBD</i> <b>Panelists:</b> <i>Mike Karlovich, PBF Energy Inc.</i> <i>Ericka Perryman, AFPM</i>	<b>Flint Hills Resources Stewardship Initiative: Leveraging Technology for Rapid Anomaly Detection</b> <b>Moderator:</b> <i>Mary Claire Petit, Valero Energy Corporation</i> <b>Presenters:</b> <i>Isis Gain, Flint Hills Resources, LLC</i> <i>Brad Genzer, Flint Hills Resources, LLC</i> <i>Mike Haege, Flint Hills Resources, LLC</i> <i>Kristin Rucker-Suire, Flint Hills Resources, LLC</i>
HUB Lounges	<b>HUB 1</b>	<b>HUB 2</b>	<b>HUB 3</b>	<b>HUB 4</b>	<b>HUB 5</b>
4:45 - 6:15 PM	<b>Happy Hour / Exhibit / Sponsored Rooms in the HUB</b>				

## Wednesday, September 2

7:00 - 8:00 AM	<b>Breakfast in the HUB</b>						
7:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Registration						
	Sustainability	Crude-Coking	Reliability & Maintenance Bootcamp	FCC	Alkylation	Gasoline Processes	Automation & Operations Technology
8:00 - 8:45 AM	<b>The Next Energy Market Disruptor Is Coming— Are We Ready? Lessons from the Last Five Years Key Projects</b> <b>Facilitators:</b> <i>Brian Boeger, Axens North America</i> <b>Presenters:</b> <i>Meaghan McCaffrey, 1898 &amp; Co.</i> <i>Daniel Orr, Worley Consulting</i>	<b>Townhall - Venezuelan Crudes Are Back - Hello Again Coker!</b> <b>Moderator:</b> <i>Greg Cantley, Marathon Petroleum Corporation</i> <b>Topic: Venezuelan Crude and its Impact on refining and Coking</b>	<b>Winterization 101</b> <b>Moderator:</b> <i>Dean Roberts, Ergon Refining, Inc.</i> <b>Presenter:</b> <i>Ignacio Sanchez, BrandSafway</i>	<b>NOx, NOx, Who's There?</b> <b>Moderator:</b> <i>Rob Montgomery, Chevron Products Company</i> <b>Presenters:</b> <i>Brian Killeen, BASF Corporation</i> <i>Tiffany Yang, Chevron U.S.A. Inc.</i>	<b>Emerging Tech: Corrosion Probe Data and AI</b> <b>Moderator:</b> <i>Liana Siegel, Marathon Petroleum Corporation</i> <b>Presenters:</b> <i>Liana Siegel, Marathon Petroleum Corporation</i> <i>Frank Sapienza, Becht</i>	<b>Does your Alky have an Acid Problem: Optimizing Sulfuric Acid Usage in Alkylation Units</b> <b>Moderator:</b> <i>Liza Pacheco, Marathon Petroleum Corporation</i> <b>Presenter:</b> <i>Liza Pacheco, Marathon Petroleum Corporation</i>	<b>AFPM Automation &amp; Operations Technology Committee Open House</b> <b>Moderator:</b> <i>Adi Punuru, ExxonMobil Technology and Engineering Company (Chair)</i> <i>Scott Flanagan, Marathon Petroleum Corporation, (Vice Chair)</i> <i>Tim Olsen, Emerson Automation Solutions (Associate Member Vice Chair)</i> <i>Bruce Taylor, FurtherTec</i> <i>Patrick Robinson, PBF Energy, Inc. (Strategic Lead/ Emerging Leader Advocate)</i>

## Wednesday, September 2 cont.

HUB Rooms	<b>HUB 1</b>	<b>HUB 2</b>					
8:45 - 9:00 AM	<b>Break in the HUB</b>						
	<b>Sustainability</b>	<b>Crude-Coking</b>	<b>Reliability &amp; Maintenance</b>	<b>Hydroprocessing / Lesson Learned</b>	<b>Alkylation</b>	<b>Gasoline Processes</b>	<b>Advanced Automation</b>
9:00 - 9:45 AM	<p><b>Enabling Energy Optimization with Fuel Gas Management</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Karen Green, Marathon Petroleum Corporation</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> Johnny Dorminey, Chevron U.S.A. Inc. Ashton Needham, Chevron U.S.A. Inc.</p>	<p><b>Crude-Coking: Q&amp;A</b></p> <p><b>Moderators:</b> Raúl Romero, Nalco Water Graylon Williams, Nalco Energy Services</p>	<p><b>Practical Use of Process Safety and Reliability Fundamentals</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Stuart Maxwell, ABS Consulting</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> Bill Clark, Phillips 66 Marcus Garvin, Marathon Petroleum Corporation Jimmy Jernigan, LyondellBasell Industries Jenniffer Villalobos, ABS Consulting Andy Woods, Chevron Phillips Chemical Company LP</p>	<p><b>Avoid the Corrosive Mist: Lessons on the Reactor Effluent Side</b></p> <p><b>Moderators:</b> Katy Harris, HF Sinclair Corporation Wendy Wilderberg, Flint Hills Resources</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> Jacob Lundmark, Flint Hills Resources Montri Vichailak, Marathon Petroleum Corporation</p>	<p><b>Feed Contaminants from FCC, Coker, makeup Ic4: Concerns for HF and H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub></b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Sheila Bottjen, Valero Energy Corporation</p> <p><b>Presenter:</b> Jason Whittaker, ExxonMobil Product Solutions Company</p>	<p><b>PBF Energy's Data-Driven Path to Longer NHT Runs</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Andrew Chen, PBF Energy</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> Cassidy Cole, Crystaphase Libby Dominique, PBF Energy Inc.</p>	<p><b>Autonomous Plant Operation / APC Procedural Automation - A Key Enabler for Autonomous Plant Operation</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Vidyashankar Kuppuraj, Marathon Petroleum Corporation</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> Rajeev Limaye, Linde Brent Railey, Chevron Phillips Chemical Company LP</p>
HUB Rooms	<b>HUB 1</b>	<b>HUB 2</b>					
9:45 - 10:00 AM	<b>Break in the HUB</b>						
	<b>Sustainability</b>	<b>Crude-Coking</b>	<b>Reliability &amp; Maintenance Bootcamp</b>	<b>Hydroprocessing</b>	<b>Alkylation / Gasoline Processes</b>	<b>Gasoline Processes</b>	<b>Digital Twin</b>
10:00 - 10:45 AM	<p><b>Water Conservation and Sustainability Gains using Advanced Continuous Deposition Monitoring on Cooling Towers</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Dan Harbs, Veolia</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> Mike Oates, Veolia Matt Timmers, Flint Hills Resources</p>	<p><b>Crude Contaminates Principles and Practices - Life Cycle of Various Crude Contaminates</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Sam Lordo, Becht</p>	<p><b>Rotating QA / QC: Motiva Journey</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Gerard Celestine, Motiva Enterprises LLC</p> <p><b>Presenter:</b> Joshua Blanchard, Motiva Enterprises LLC</p>	<p><b>Avoid the Corrosion Incident: Design Modifications to Reduce Reactor Effluent Air Cooler Corrosion</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Paul Zimmerman, Honeywell UOP</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> Sebastian Chialvo, Becht Chuck Munro, Spraying Systems Co</p>	<p><b>Acid Runaway: HF and H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub></b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Wade Hollman, Phillips 66</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> Liza Pacheco, Marathon Petroleum Corporation Mark Rasmussen, Chevron U.S.A. Inc. Ed Rios, Par Pacific Holdings, Inc. Jesse Trammell, CITGO</p>	<p><b>Unit Monitoring Jeopardy</b></p> <p><b>Moderator / Host:</b> Matt Hutchinson, Axens North America</p>	<p><b>Digital Twin: Accelerating the Open Digital Ecosystem</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Bruce Taylor, FurtherTec</p> <p><b>Presenter:</b> Mark Luciw, ARC Advisory Group, Inc.</p>
HUB Rooms	<b>HUB 1</b>	<b>HUB 2</b>					
10:45 - 11:00 AM	<b>Break in the HUB</b>						

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	Sustainability	Crude-Coking	FCC / Reliability & Maintenance	Hydroprocessing	Alkylation	Gasoline Processes	Water & Power Scarcity
11:00 - 11:45 AM	<p><b>Advanced Recycling &amp; Pyrolysis Oils Revisited: Market Conditions, Lessons Learned, and Forward Pathways</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Matt Goodman, Marathon Petroleum Corporation</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> Danielle Jones, American Petroleum Institute Clint Thompson, Nexus Circular</p>	<p><b>“Cleanup on Aisle HEX” – Heat Exchanger Cleaning Technologies</b></p> <p><b>Moderators:</b> Mark Cox, Marathon Petroleum Corporation Katie Marshall, Refined Technologies, Inc.</p> <p><b>Presenter:</b> Russell Phillion, Orange CleanTech Inc.</p>	<p><b>Mind the Gap – FCC Expansion Joints</b></p> <p><b>Moderators:</b> Mike DeHart, Valero Energy Corporation Ziad Jawad, Phillips 66</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> Conor O'Brien, Phillips 66 Michel Sandacz, Honeywell UOP Iberê Souza, Teadit NA Inc.</p>	<p><b>Profitability – Advances in Dewaxing</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Thad Sauvain, Becht</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> Oscar Brown, Valero Energy Corporation Mitch Loescher, ExxonMobil Product Solutions Company</p>	<p><b>Emerging Pathways in Alkylation Technology</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Sheila Bottjen, Valero Energy Corporation</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> Warren Chung, Well Services Inc. Bhavdip Kalaria, KBR Jon Keuler, Honeywell UOP</p>	<p><b>Semi Regen Regeneration Troubleshooting</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Alex Sabitov, Phillips 66</p> <p><b>Presenter:</b> Breanna Busker, Refined Technologies, Inc.</p>	
11:45 AM - 1:15 PM	<b>Lunch / Exhibit in the HUB</b>						
	Sustainability	Crude-Coking	HF Alky / Reliability & Maintenance	Hydroprocessing	FCC	Operational Tools: Walk the Line	Automation/ Crude-Coking
1:15 - 2:00 PM	<p><b>The New Renewables Imperative: Efficiency, Reliability, &amp; Profit; Part 1</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Eric Legare, Chevron U.S.A. Inc.</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> Michael Brodeur-Campbell, Honeywell UOP Mike Dobeck, Darling Ingredients Delbert Grotewold, Veolia Priyesh Thakker, Topsoe, Inc.</p>	<p><b>A Comparative Analysis of Various Asphaltene Stability Measurements and the Advancement of Online Spectroscopic Methods</b></p> <p><b>Moderators:</b> Sai Pinappu, Baker Hughes Incorporated Ron Pitman, Motiva Enterprises LLC</p>	<p><b>From Hot Zone to Safe Zone: Neutralizing HF Risks for Maintenance &amp; Transport</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Bill Clark, Phillips 66</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> Sheila Bottjen, Valero Energy Corporation Mike DeHart, Valero Energy Corporation</p>	<p><b>“Improving Deep-Bed Temperature Uniformity: Case Study From Marathon Canton”</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Montri Vichailak, Marathon Petroleum Corporation</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> Abby Hallock, Marathon Petroleum Corporation Tanvi Rao, Crystaphase</p>	<p><b>FCC Extreme Make Over</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Tiffany Clark, Marathon Petroleum Corporation</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> Bob Kalaria, KBR Brian Richter, Phillips 66</p>	<p><b>Walk the Line</b></p>	<p><b>Coking 102 – The Beauty of Automating Delayed Coking Cycles</b></p> <p><b>POC:</b> Atique Malik, AIControl LLC</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Rob Confair, Marathon Petroleum Corporation</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> Vidyashankar Kuppuraj, Marathon Petroleum Corporation Sriram Ramaganesan, Phillips 66</p>
HUB Rooms	<b>HUB 1</b>	<b>HUB 2</b>					
2:00 - 2:15 PM	<b>Break in the HUB</b>						



## Wednesday, September 2 cont.

	Sustainability	Automation / Reliability & Maintenance	Alkylation	Lessons Learned / Hydroprocessing	FCC	Operational Tools: Training	Emerging Leaders
2:15 – 3:00 PM	<p><b>The New Renewables Imperative: Efficiency, Reliability, &amp; Profit; Part 2</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Eric Legare, Chevron U.S.A. Inc.</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> Michael Brodeur-Campbell, Honeywell UOP Mike Dobeck, Darling Ingredients Delbert Grotewold, Veolia Priyesh Thakker, Topsoe, Inc.</p>	<p><b>Automated Process and Equipment Monitoring and Anomaly Resolution</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mark Sannes, Flint Hills Resources, LLC</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> Brian Johnson, Flint Hills Resources, LLC Alex Carlson, HF Sinclair Corporation Tobenna Emecheta, Motiva Enterprises LLC</p>	<p><b>API RP 751 Update: An Overview of "Shoulds" to "Shalls"</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Sheila Bottjen, Valero Energy Corporation</p> <p><b>Presenter:</b> Wade Hollman, Phillips 66</p>	<p><b>Sulfiding Smackdown – Jeopardy</b></p> <p><b>Moderators:</b> Patty Weeden, W. R. Grace &amp; Co.</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> Randy Alexander, Reactor Resources LLC Joice Boll, Dorf Ketal Chemicals, LLC Tim Evans, Chevron Energy Technology Company Sidra Roman, Axens North America</p>	<p><b>FCC Urban Legends</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Richard Grove, AFPM</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> Kent Turner, W. R. Grace &amp; Co. Alaina Szilak, Cenovus U.S. Corporation</p>	<p><b>Immersive Learning Committee</b></p>	<p><b>Part 1 – Career Lesson THE LONG GAME</b></p> <p><b>Moderators:</b> Liz Manning, Cheniere Energy Dan McGraw, Marathon Petroleum Corporation</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> Kristen Becht, Becht Tyler Denman, CITGO Petroleum Corporation Jake Hassell, Burns &amp; McDonnell</p>
HUB Rooms	<b>HUB 1</b>	<b>HUB 2</b>					
3:00 – 3:15 PM	<b>Break in the HUB</b>						
	Crude-Coking / Sustainability	Automation / Hydroprocessing	FCC / Reliability & Maintenance	Environmental / Sustainability	Operational Tools: HOP	Gasoline Processes	Emerging Leaders
3:15 – 4:00 PM	<p><b>Be Smarter with "Replacement In Kind" Equipment – How to transform the performance of a Crude Unit with no "Capital" Budget or Projects</b></p> <p><b>Moderators:</b> Doug Beshara, MERRICK &amp; Company Nadjmeh Doostdar, Baker Hughes</p> <p><b>Presenter:</b> Royce Roemisch, Delek US</p>	<p><b>Is AI Coming for your Catalyst Tech Service? Perspectives on Online Catalyst Monitoring Tools</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Andy Moreland, Valero Energy Corporation</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> Tim Sandford, Marathon Petroleum Corporation Zach Townley-Smith, Honeywell UOP Lan Truong, Axens North America</p>	<p><b>The Role of FCCU Reactor Isolation Valves in Turnaround Execution</b></p> <p><b>Moderators:</b> Andrew Jakubowski, Flint Hills Resources, LLC CJ Farley, G. W. Aru, LLC</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> Bryan Dinkle, Marathon Petroleum Corporation Dustin Niebuhr, Flint Hills Resources, LLC Gonzalo Petrillo, ANCAP Marcel Sabag, ANCAP</p>	<p><b>E-Mission Impossible</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Michael Severance, Johnson Matthey</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> Michael Hallgarth, HF Sinclair Corporation Dawn Neal, Tricord Consulting, LLC Rodney Roth, RFS</p>	<p><b>Human and Organizational Performance</b></p>	<p><b>Lessons Learned in Reforming and Isom: Safety and Reliability from the Field</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Rhett Finch, Marathon Petroleum Corporation</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> Rhett Finch, Marathon Petroleum Corporation Matt Hutchinson, Axens North America Alex Kniutska, Honeywell UOP Alex Sabitov, Phillips 66 Russ Wiltse, Valero Energy Corporation</p>	<p><b>Part 2 – Work Life Balance BUILD TO LAST</b></p> <p><b>Moderators:</b> Liz Manning, Cheniere Energy Dan McGraw, Marathon Petroleum Corporation</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> Kristen Becht, Becht Tyler Denman, CITGO Petroleum Corporation Jake Hassell, Burns &amp; McDonnell</p>
HUB Rooms	<b>HUB 1</b>	<b>HUB 2</b>					
4:00 – 4:15 PM	<b>Break in the HUB</b>						
4:30 – 6:00 PM	<b>Women in Industry</b>						

# Thursday, September 3

8:00 - 11:00 AM	<b>Registration</b>					
8:00 - 9:00 AM	<b>Breakfast in the HUB (Emerging Leader Breakfast)</b>					
9:00 - 9:30 AM	<b>Break in the HUB</b>					
	<b>Crude-Coking</b>	<b>Gasoline Processes</b>	<b>Hydroprocessing</b>	<b>FCC</b>	<b>Safety Instrumented Systems</b>	<b>Turnaround Roundtable</b>
9:00 - 9:45 AM	<p><b>Game - "Are you Crude Still?" Save your Overhead</b></p> <p><b>Moderators:</b> Diana Cheek, Chevron U.S.A. Inc. Sai Pinappu, Baker Hughes Incorporated Ron Pitman, Motiva Enterprises LLC</p>	<p><b>Sulfuric Alky Valve Reliability</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mark Rasmussen, Chevron U.S.A. Inc.</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> Mark Rasmussen, Chevron U.S.A. Inc. Molly Wardlow, Materials Engr - Chevron U.S.A. Inc.</p>	<p><b>Hydro Q/A Part 1</b></p> <p><b>Moderators:</b> Sravan Pappu, Crystaphase Ashley Sandlin, Topsoe, Inc.</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b> Katy Harris, HF Sinclair Corporation Joe Houghton, Phillips 66 David McNamara, Exxon Mobil Chad Nauman, CHS Refinery Patty Weeden, W. R. Grace &amp; Co.</p>	<p><b>Clean up on Tray 5: Chloride Management in the FCC Main Column Overhead</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Steve Shimoda, Technip Energies</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> Greg Cantley, Marathon Petroleum Corporation Matt Goodwin, BASF Corporation Katelyn Novak, Phillips 66</p>	<p><b>SISter Act: Who Owns What in the Lifecycle?</b></p> <p><b>POC:</b> Tim Olsen, Emerson Automation Solutions</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Patrick Robinson, PBF Energy</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> Daren Burns, Marathon Petroleum Company Steve Gill, HF Sinclair Corporation Greg Kramer, Emerson Automation Solutions Alyssa Parks, Cenovus U.S. Corporation</p>	<p><b>Material Management Logistics</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Gerard, Motiva Enterprises LLC</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> Tieraney Celestine, Motiva Enterprises LLC Andrew Martindale, Motiva Enterprises LLC</p>
9:45 - 10:00 AM	<b>Break in the HUB</b>					
		<b>Safety &amp; Health - WTL</b>	<b>Hydroprocessing</b>	<b>FCC</b>	<b>Automation</b>	<b>Turnaround Roundtable</b>
10:00 - 10:45 AM			<p><b>Hydro Q/A Part 2</b></p> <p><b>Moderators:</b> Sravan Pappu, Crystaphase Ashley Sandlin, Topsoe, Inc.</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b> Katy Harris, HF Sinclair Corporation Joe Houghton, Phillips 66 David McNamara, Exxon Mobil Chad Nauman, CHS Refinery Patty Weeden, W. R. Grace &amp; Co.</p>	<p><b>Safety Roadshow Jeopardy (Common Threads)</b></p> <p><b>Moderators:</b> Richard Grove, AFPM Joe Famolaro, ExxonMobil Research and Engineering Company</p>	<p><b>Process Controls 102</b></p> <p><b>POC:</b> Atique Malik, AIControl LLC</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Sriram Ramaganesan, Phillips 66</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> Joe Boyce, Marathon Petroleum Corporation Scott Flanagan, Marathon Petroleum Corporation Tim Olsen, Emerson Automation Solutions</p>	<p><b>Turnaround AI Use Cases</b></p> <p><b>Moderators:</b> Jimmy Jernigan, LyondellBasell Industries Andrew Jakubowski, Flint Hills Resources, LLC Casey Long, Flint Hills Resources, LLC</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> Jose Cardona, Flint Hills Resources, LLC Stephanie King, Flint Hills Resources, LLC</p>
10:45 - 11:00 AM	<b>Break in the HUB</b>					

			Hydroprocessing / Sustainability	FCC	Automation	Reliability & Maintenance Roundtable
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM			<p><b>Shutdown, Dialed In: Strategy for a Safe, Predictable and Efficient Renewable Diesel Unit Shutdown</b></p> <p><b>Moderators:</b> Clifton Avery, <i>Ketjen Corporation</i> Breanna Busker, <i>Refined Technologies, Inc.</i></p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> Bryson LeRibeus, <i>Diamond Green Diesel</i> Ryan Roth, <i>Refined Technologies, Inc.</i></p>	<p><b>Ask SME Anything</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Chuck Novak, <i>Ketjen Corporation</i></p> <p><b>Panelists:</b> Michael Allergro, <i>BASF Corporation</i> Tiffany Clark, <i>Marathon Petroleum Corporation</i> Joe Famolaro, <i>ExxonMobil Research and Engineering Company</i> Rich Johnson, <i>Honeywell UOP</i> Michael Teders, <i>Becht</i></p>	<p><b>Pilot Project Purgatory OPCO Panel</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Scott Flanagan, <i>Marathon Petroleum Corporation</i></p>	



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**Monday, August 31**

- Emerging Leaders Workshop: Leadership Q&A
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**Wednesday, September 2**

- The Long Game
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**Wednesday, September 2**



### 29th Annual Heroes Charity Event

AFPM is proud to be the presenting sponsor for the 29th Annual Heroes Charity Event, including:

- Honors Dinner - Sunday, August 30th
- Gaylord Texan Resort - Texan Ballroom C
- 6:00 pm Cocktail Reception & Silent Auction
- 7:00 pm Dinner & Program
- Golf Tournament - Monday, August 31st
- Cowboys Golf Club
- 6:30 am Registration and Breakfast
- 7:30am Shot Gun Start

#### Tournament Details and Registration

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Thursday, September 3  
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