



2026 AFPM **SUMMIT**

Operational Excellence in
Refining, Midstream and
Petrochemical industries

Advance Program

August 31 –
September 3, 2026
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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 PM	29th Annual Heroes Honors Dinner Gaylord Texan Dinner Details and Registration
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Monday, August 31

7:00 AM	29th Annual Heroes Charity Golf Tournament Tournament Details and Registration
12:00 – 5:00 PM	Registration
2:00 – 4:00 PM	Emerging Leaders Workshop: Leadership Q&A <i>(Invite Only – EL Program Participants)</i> Facilitators: <i>Kristen Becht, Becht</i> <i>Rachel Crouch, Ketjen Corporation</i> Leadership Panelists: <i>Russell Klinegardner, President & CEO, Health and Safety Council</i> <i>Shannon Potts, Director, Downstream Operational Excellence, Cenovus U.S. Corporation</i> <i>Bobby Thomas, VP, Midstream Commercial & Business Development, Phillips 66</i>
4:00 – 5:00 PM	Emerging Leaders Networking Event <i>(Invite Only – EL Program Participants)</i>
5:00 – 7:00 PM	Welcome Reception Glass Cactus <i>(Sponsored by Crystaphase)</i>

Tuesday, September 1

7:00 – 8:30 AM	Breakfast in the HUB
7:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Registration
8:30 – 9:15 AM	Welcome  Chet Thompson, <i>President and CEO,</i> <i>AFPM</i> Lifetime Service Awards Recognition  Kelly Keim, <i>AFPM Consultant</i>  Mike Mitzner, <i>Axens (in memoriam)</i> Presentation of Safety Spotlight by U. S. Chemical Safety Board  Steve Owens, <i>Chairperson</i>  Sylvia Johnson, <i>Board Member</i>

Tuesday, September 1 cont.

9:15 – 9:30 AM	AFPM / Heroes Charity Presentation  Paul Tyree, Co-Founder, Heroes Charity Foundation				
9:30 – 10:30 AM	Beyond the Horizon: 21st Century Global Security and Risk  Admiral James Stavridis, 16th Supreme Allied Commander, NATO; New York Times Bestselling Author; Senior Military Analyst, CNN				
10:30 – 10:45 AM	Break in the HUB				
	Sustainability / World Refining Outlook	101 series / FCC	101 series / Hydroprocessing	Process Automation	Reliability & Maintenance
10:45 – 11:30 AM	World Refining Outlook Moderator: Susan Grissom, AFPM Presenter: John Auers, RBN Energy	Separation Anxiety Moderator: Michael Allegro, BASF Corporation Presenters: Hunter Lee, HF Sinclair Corporation Javier Rios, Honeywell UOP Lucy Spero, CHS Inc.	Safety During Catalyst Changes Moderators: Matt Correnti, Chevron U.S.A. Inc. Presenters: Tim Evans, Chevron Energy Technology Company Danny Kurtz, Cat Spec LTD Tim McConomy, Cat Spec LTD Dean Roberts, Ergon Refining, Inc.	Dynamic Digital Twins Moderator: Bruce Taylor, FurtherTec Presenters: Anthony Anh-Tuan Pham, BASF Corporation Ujjal Basu, Schneider Electric	AI in Reliability & Maintenance — Successes, Stumbles, and the Path Forward Moderator: Jimmy Jernigan, LyondellBasell Industries Presenter: Jon Fuehrer, Flint Hills Resources, LLC Patrick Robinson, PBF Energy, Inc. Rhett Williamson, Flint Hills Resources, LLC
11:30 – 11:45 AM	Break in the HUB				
	Diamond Sponsor	Lessons Learned / Crude-Coking	Lessons Learned / FCC	Artificial Intelligence	Reliability & Maintenance / Emerging Technology
11:45 AM – 12:30 PM	Content sponsored by Axens North America 	“The Flubber Among Us” - Lessons in Chemical Injection Application Moderator: Tim Oubre, Sterling Multi-Chem Graylon Williams, Nalco Energy Services Presenters: Sylvain Fontaine, Veolia Tim Oubre, Sterling Multi-Chem Graylon Williams, Nalco Energy Services	C4 Play: Catalyst / Additive and Revamp Case Studies Moderator: Nik Larsen, Marathon Petroleum Corporation Presenters: Mike Armstrong, Worley Group Inc Robert Cockburn, ExxonMobil Product Solutions Company Ben Davidson, ExxonMobil Product Solutions Company Hongbo Ma, Honeywell Technologies Pranav Thakar, Phillips 66	Agentic AI in Refining & Petrochemicals: What Works, What Doesn't and How to Get Started Moderator: Tom Chonat, Gulf Coast Energy Advisors Presenters: Lauritz Lont, Cognite AS Patrick Robinson, PBF Energy	CatSpider: Smart Robotics for Smarter Reactor Maintenance Moderator: Dean Roberts, Ergon Refining, Inc. Presenter: Richard Hanson, Stronghold Ltd. Dull, Dirty, & Dangerous: What Humanoid Robots Can and Can't Do Moderator: Gerard Celestine, Motiva Enterprises LLC Presenters: Kim Gilbreath, Motiva Enterprises LLC Joe Gilbreath, Motiva Enterprises LLC Robert Stokes, Stokes Robotics
12:30 – 2:00 PM	Lunch / Exhibit (in the Hub): Join the Emerging Technology extended Q&A, with demonstrations!				

Tuesday, September 1 *cont.*

	Gold Sponsor	101 Series / Alkylation	CSB Lessons Learned	FCC	101 series / Crude-Coking
2:00 – 2:45 PM	Content sponsored by Baker Hughes Baker Hughes 	Beyond the Basics: The Pros, Cons, and Constraints of Hydrofluoric vs. Sulfuric Alkylation Host: Wade Hollman, Phillips 66	CSB Lessons Learned: Fatal 2024 Explosion at Givaudan Facility in Louisville, Kentucky Moderator: Cody Fikes, Cheniere Energy	Bubbling Basics – Fluidization Moderator: Joe Famolaro, ExxonMobil Research and Engineering Company Presenters: David Banks, BASF Corporation Isabella Gallegos, Phillips 66 Reddy Karri, Particulate Solid Research, Inc.	Venezuela Returning - Processing Venezuelan Crude Again While Avoiding Past Problems Moderators: Greg Cantley, Marathon Petroleum Corporation Hector Gamboa-Arizpe, CITGO Petroleum Corporation Presenters: Andrew Soley, DGI Technology & Training
HUB Lounge Session	HUB 1	HUB 2	HUB 3	HUB 4	HUB 5
2:45 – 3:00 PM	Break in the HUB				
	Diamond Sponsor	Legal and AI	Operational Tools: Walk the Job / Maintenance	FCC	Reliability / Process Safety / Environmental
3:00 – 3:45 PM	Content sponsored by Refined Technologies Inc. 	Navigating AI Risk: Legal Governance, Human Judgment, and Incident Response Moderator: Samir Bhavsar, Baker Botts LLP Panelists: Brent Railey, Seeq Corporation Patrick Robinson, PBF Energy Inc.	The Power of the Walk Down: Getting Alignment in the Field Moderators: Bill Clark, Phillips 66 Ben Way, Phillips 66	The Cat's out of the Bag – Catalyst Handling Moderator: Andrew Mezera, Valero Energy Corporation Presenters: Luis Bougrat, W.R. Grace & Co. John Polmone, Honeywell	Flint Hills Resources Stewardship Initiative: Leveraging Technology for Rapid Anomaly Detection Moderators: Mary Claire Petit, Valero Energy Corporation Andrew Jakubowski, Flint Hills Resources, LLC Presenters: Isis Gain, Flint Hills Resources, LLC Brad Genzer, Flint Hills Resources, LLC Mike Haeger, Flint Hills Resources, LLC Kristin Rucker-Suire, Flint Hills Resources, LLC
HUB Lounges	HUB 1	HUB 2	HUB 3	HUB 4	HUB 5
3:45 – 4:00 PM	Break in the HUB				



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	Gold Sponsor	101 Series / Sustainability	Operational Tools: Walk the Line	Strategic Communication Risk / Communications	Lessons Learned / HF Alkylation
4:00 – 4:45 PM		Renewables 101 Moderators: <i>Doug Beshara, MERRICK & Company</i> <i>Nadjmeh Doostdar, Baker Hughes</i> Presenters: <i>Michael Brodeur-Campbell, Honeywell UOP</i> <i>Mike Dobeck, Darling Ingredients</i>	The Integrated Walk: Aligning Equipment, People, and Work in Real Time Moderator: <i>TBD</i> Presenters: <i>TBD</i>	Risk Communication: Strategies for Engagement and Building Stakeholder Trust Panelists: <i>Mike Karlovich, PBF Energy Inc.</i> <i>Ericka Perryman, AFPM</i>	HF Alkylation Lessons Learned: A Site Case Study Moderator: <i>Liana Siegel, Marathon Petroleum Corporation</i> Presenters: <i>TBD</i>
HUB Lounges	HUB 1	HUB 2	HUB 3	HUB 4	HUB 5
4:45 – 6:15 PM	Happy Hour / Exhibit / Sponsored Rooms in the HUB				

Wednesday, September 2

7:00 – 8:00 AM	Breakfast in the HUB						
7:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Registration						
	Sustainability	Crude-Coking	Reliability & Maintenance Bootcamp	FCC	HF Alkylation	Gasoline Processes / Sulfuric Acid	Automation & Operations Technology
8:00 – 8:45 AM	The Next Energy Market Disruptor Is Coming—Are We Ready? Lessons from the Last Five Years Key Projects Moderator: <i>Brian Boeger, Axens North America</i> Presenters: <i>Meaghan McCaffrey, Burns & McDonnell</i> <i>Daniel Orr, Worley Consulting</i>	Townhall – Venezuelan Crudes Are Back – Hello Again Coker! Moderator: <i>Greg Cantley, Marathon Petroleum Corporation</i> Topic: Venezuelan Crude and its Impact on refining and Coking	Winterization 101: Heat Trace & Winterization: Protecting Assets in Extreme Cold Weather Moderator: <i>Dean Roberts, Ergon Refining, Inc.</i> Presenter: <i>John Harvard, BrandSafway</i>	NOx, NOx, Who's There? Moderator: <i>Rob Montgomery, Chevron Products Company</i> Presenters: <i>Brian Killeen, BASF Corporation</i> <i>Tiffany Yang, Chevron U.S.A. Inc.</i>	Emerging Tech: The Use of Machine Learning Models to Analyze Corrosion Probe Data Moderator: <i>Liana Siegel, Marathon Petroleum Corporation</i> Presenters: <i>Mark Fronek, Becht</i> <i>Liana Siegel, Marathon Petroleum Corporation</i>	Does your Alky have an Acid Problem: Optimizing Sulfuric Acid Usage in Alkylation Units Moderator: <i>Liza Pacheco, Marathon Petroleum Corporation</i> Presenters: <i>Luke McCollough, Marathon Petroleum Corporation</i> <i>Liza Pacheco, Marathon Petroleum Corporation</i> <i>Randy Peterson, Ellessent Clean Technologies</i>	
HUB Rooms	HUB 1	HUB 2					
8:45 – 9:00 AM	Break in the HUB						

Wednesday, September 2 cont.

	Sustainability	Crude-Coking	Reliability & Maintenance	Hydroprocessing / Lesson Learned	Alkylation	Gasoline Processes	Advanced Automation
9:00 – 9:45 AM	Enabling Energy Optimization with Fuel Gas Management Moderator: Karen Green, Marathon Petroleum Corporation Presenters: James Gerache, Chevron U.S.A. Inc. Ashton Needham, Chevron U.S.A. Inc.	Crude-Coking: Q&A Moderators: Raúl Romero, Nalco Water Graylon Williams, Nalco Energy Services Panelists: Tariq Malik, CITGO Petroleum Corporation Paul Meline, Cenovus U.S. Corporation Sim Romero, Becht	Practical Use of Process Safety and Reliability Fundamentals Moderator: Dawna Fretwell, ABS Consulting Presenters: Marcus Garvin, Marathon Petroleum Corporation Jimmy Jernigan, LyondellBasell Industries Stuart Maxwell, Smith & Burgess, LLC Jenniffer Villalobos, ABS Consulting Andy Woods, Chevron Phillips Chemical Company LP	Avoid the Corrosive Mist: Lessons on the Reactor Effluent Side Moderators: Katy Harris, HF Sinclair Corporation Wendy Wildenberg, Flint Hills Resources, LLC Presenters: Jacob Lundmark, Flint Hills Resources, LLC Montri Vichailak, Marathon Petroleum Corporation	Feed Contaminants from FCC, Coker, makeup iC4: Concerns for HF and H₂SO₄ Moderator: Sheila Bottjen, Valero Energy Corporation Presenter: Jason Whittaker, ExxonMobil Product Solutions Company	PBF Energy's Data-Driven Path to Longer Naphtha Hydrotreater Runs Moderator: Andrew Chen, PBF Energy Inc. Presenters: Cassidy Cole, Crystaphase Libby Dominique, PBF Energy Inc.	APC Procedural Automation – A Key Enabler for Autonomous Plant Operation Moderator: Vidyashankar Kuppuraj, Marathon Petroleum Corporation Presenter: Rajeev Limaye, Linde
HUB Rooms	HUB 1	HUB 2					
9:45 – 10:00 AM	Break in the HUB						
	Sustainability	Crude-Coking	Reliability & Maintenance Bootcamp	Hydroprocessing / Lessons Learned	Alkylation / Gasoline Processes	Gasoline Processes	Digital Twin
10:00 – 10:45 AM	Water Conservation and Sustainability Gains using Advanced Continuous Deposition Monitoring on Cooling Towers Moderator: Dan Harbs, Veolia Presenters: Mike Oates, Veolia Matt Timmers, Flint Hills Resources	Crude Contaminants Principles and Practices - Life Cycle of Various Crude Contaminants Moderator: Sam Lordo, Becht	Rotating QA / QC: Motiva Journey Moderator: Gerard Celestine, Motiva Enterprises LLC Presenter: Joshua Blanchard, Motiva Enterprises LLC	Hydro/R&M - Avoid the corrosion incident: Solutions on the Reactor Effluent Side Moderator: Paul Zimmerman, Honeywell UOP Presenters: Sebastian Chialvo, Becht Chuck Munro, Spraying Systems Co	Acid Runaway: HF and H₂SO₄ Moderator: Wade Hollman, Phillips 66 Presenters: Liza Pacheco, Marathon Petroleum Corporation Mark Rasmussen, Chevron U.S.A. Inc. Ed Rios, Par Pacific Holdings, Inc. Jesse Trammell, CITGO Petroleum	Unit Monitoring. Gamified! Hosts: Matt Hutchinson, Axens North America Kate DeSalvo, Axens North America	Digital Twin: Accelerating the Open Digital Ecosystem Moderator: Bruce Taylor, FurtherTec Presenters: Mark Luciw, ARC Advisory Group, Inc. Manoj Dharwadkar, ARC Advisory Group, Inc.
HUB Rooms	HUB 1	HUB 2					
10:45 – 11:00 AM	Break in the HUB						



Wednesday, September 2 cont.

	Sustainability	Crude-Coking	FCC / Reliability & Maintenance	Hydroprocessing	Alkylation	Gasoline Processes	Lessons Learned / Sustainability & Hydroprocessing
11:00 – 11:45 AM	Advanced Recycling & Pyrolysis Oils Revisited: Market Conditions, Lessons Learned, and Forward Pathways Moderator: Matt Goodman, Marathon Petroleum Corporation Presenters: Danielle Jones, TRC Consulting Clint Thompson, Nexus Circular	“Cleanup on Aisle HEX” – Heat Exchanger Cleaning Technologies Moderators: Mark Cox, Marathon Petroleum Corporation Katie Marshall, Refined Technologies, Inc. Presenter: Russell Philion, Orange CleanTech Inc.	Mind the Gap – FCC Expansion Joints Moderators: Mike DeHart, Valero Energy Corporation Ziad Jawad, Phillips 66 Presenters: Conor O'Brien, Phillips 66 Michel Sandacz, Honeywell UOP Iberê Souza, Teadit NA Inc.	Trim Dewaxing Unlocks Value at Valero using ExxonMobil's MIDW™ Technology Moderator: Thad Sauvain, Becht Presenters: Oscar Brown, Valero Energy Corporation Mitch Loescher, ExxonMobil Product Solutions Company	Emerging Pathways in Alkylation Technology Moderator: Sheila Bottjen, Valero Energy Corporation Presenters: Warren Chung, Well Resources Inc. Bhavdip (Bob) Kalaria, KBR Dominic Weber, Honeywell UOP	Keeping It Online: Reliability Strategies for Semi-Regenerative Reformers Moderator: Alex Sabitov, Phillips 66 Presenter: Brad Palmer, Becht	Shutdown, Dialed In: Strategy for a Safe, Predictable and Efficient Renewable Diesel Unit Shutdown Moderators: Clifton Avery, Ketjen Corporation Breanna Busker, Refined Technologies, Inc. Presenters: Bryson LeRibeus, Diamond Green Diesel Ryan Roth, Refined Technologies, Inc.
11:45 AM – 1:15 PM	Lunch / Exhibit in the HUB						
	Sustainability	Crude-Coking	HF Alky / Reliability & Maintenance	Hydroprocessing	FCC	Water & Power Scarcity	Operational Tools: Training
1:15 – 2:00 PM	The New Renewables Imperative: Efficiency, Reliability, & Profit; Part 1 Moderator: Eric Legare, Chevron U.S.A. Inc. Presenters: Michael Brodeur-Campbell, Honeywell UOP Mike Dobeck, Darling Ingredients Trevor Fisher, Chevron U.S.A. Inc. Delbert Grotewold, Veolia Kamyar Keyvanloo, Phillips 66 Colton Scharberg, Calumet Specialty Priyesh Thakker, Topsoe, Inc. Sponsored by Topsoe TOPSOE	Asphaltene Stability Impacts to Crude Handling & Processing: Current Industry Standard Methods and Emerging Tools including Online Spectroscopic Methods Presenters: Sai Pinappu, Baker Hughes Incorporated Ron Pitman, Motiva Enterprises LLC	From Hot Zone to Safe Zone: Neutralizing HF Risks for Maintenance & Transport Moderator: Mike DeHart, Valero Energy Corporation Presenters: Sheila Bottjen, Valero Energy Corporation Mike DeHart, Valero Energy Corporation	Improving Deep-Bed Temperature Uniformity: Case Study From Marathon Canton Moderator: Montri Vichailak, Marathon Petroleum Corporation Presenters: Abby Hallock, Marathon Petroleum Corporation Tanvi Rao, Crystaphase	FCC Extreme Make Over Moderator: Tiffany Clark, Marathon Petroleum Corporation Presenters: Bhavdip (Bob) Kalaria, KBR Bryan Richter, Phillips 66	Bridging Water and Power Challenges in an Era of Industrial Growth: Collaborative Solutions for a Sustainable Future Moderator: Greg Savage, Veolia Presenters: Olivia Barragree, Veolia Karen Green, Marathon Petroleum Corporation Brayden Holloway, PBF Energy Eric Ye, Becht	Immersive Learning Committee Moderator: TBD Presenter: Tim Chappell, ExxonMobil Corporation
HUB Rooms	HUB 1	HUB 2					
2:00 – 2:15 PM	Break in the HUB						

Wednesday, September 2 cont.

	Sustainability	Automation / Reliability & Maintenance	Alkylation	Lessons Learned / Hydroprocessing	FCC	Automation / Crude- Coking	Emerging Leaders
2:15 – 3:00 PM	The New Renewables Imperative: Efficiency, Reliability, & Profit; Part 2 Moderator: Eric Legare, Chevron U.S.A. Inc. Presenters: Michael Brodeur-Campbell, Honeywell UOP Mike Dobeck, Darling Ingredients Trevor Fisher, Chevron U.S.A. Inc. Delbert Grotewold, Veolia Kamyar Keyvanloo, Phillips 66 Colton Scharberg, Calumet Specialty Priyesh Thakker, Topsoe Inc. Sponsored by Topsoe TOPSOE	Automated Process and Equipment Monitoring and Anomaly Resolution Moderator: Mark Sannes, Flint Hills Resources, LLC Presenters: Brian Johnson, Flint Hills Resources, LLC Alex Carlson, HF Sinclair Corporation Tobenna Emecheta, Motiva Enterprises LLC	API RP 751 Update: An Overview of “Shoulds” to “Shalls” Moderator: Sheila Bottjen, Valero Energy Corporation Presenter: Wade Hollman, Phillips 66	Sulfiding Smackdown – Jeopardy Moderators: Patty Weeden, W. R. Grace & Co. Presenters: Randy Alexander, Reactor Resources LLC Joice Boll, Dorf Ketal Chemicals, LLC Tim Evans, Chevron Energy Technology Company Sidra Roman, Axens North America	FCC Urban Legends Moderator: Ann Benoit, W.R. Grace & Co. Presenters: Kent Turner, W. R. Grace & Co. Alaina Szilak, Cenovus U.S. Corporation	Coking 102 – The Beauty of Automating Delayed Coking Cycles Moderator: Rob Confair, Marathon Petroleum Corporation Presenters: Vidyashankar Kuppuraj, Marathon Petroleum Corporation Sriram Ramaganesan, Phillips 66 Jared Ridge, Marathon Petroleum Corporation	Part 1 – Career Lesson THE LONG GAME Moderators: Liz Manning, Cheniere Energy Dan McGraw, Marathon Petroleum Corporation Presenters: Kristen Becht, Becht Tyler Denman, CITGO Petroleum Corporation Jake Hassell, Burns & McDonnell
HUB Rooms	HUB 1	HUB 2					
3:00 – 3:15 PM	Break in the HUB						
	Crude-Coking / Sustainability	Automation / Hydroprocessing	FCC / Reliability & Maintenance	Environmental / Sustainability	Operational Tools: HOP	Gasoline Processes	Emerging Leaders
3:15 – 4:00 PM	Be Smarter with “Replacement In Kind” Equipment – How to transform the performance of a Crude Unit with no “Capital” Budget or Projects Moderators: Doug Beshara, MERRICK & Company Nadjmeh Doostdar, Baker Hughes Presenter: Royce Roemisch, Delek US	Is AI Coming for your Catalyst Tech Service? Perspectives on Online Catalyst Monitoring Tools Moderator: Andy Moreland, Valero Energy Corporation Presenters: Tim Sandford, Marathon Petroleum Corporation Zach Townley-Smith, Honeywell UOP Lan Truong, Axens North America	The Role of FCCU Reactor Isolation Valves in Turnaround Execution Moderators: Andrew Jakubowski, Flint Hills Resources, LLC CJ Farley, G. W. Aru, LLC Presenters: Bryan Dinkel, Marathon Petroleum Corporation Dustin Niebuhr, Flint Hills Resources, LLC Gonzalo Petrillo, ANCAP Marcel Sabag, ANCAP	Legacy Flaws, Modern Laws: Design Strategies for BWON and NSPS QQQ No-Detectable Emissions Compliance Moderator: Alex Bruns, Nalco Presenters: Michael Hallgarth, HF Sinclair Corporation Dawn Neal, Tricord Consulting, LLC Rodney Roth, RFS Compliance Solutions, LLC	Integration of Human Performance into our Work: New Quick Reference Guides	Lessons Learned in Reforming and Isom: Safety and Reliability from the Field Moderator: Rhett Finch, Marathon Petroleum Corporation Presenters: Rhett Finch, Marathon Petroleum Corporation Matt Hutchinson, Axens North America Alex Kniuksta, Honeywell UOP Alex Sabitov, Phillips 66 Russ Wiltse, Valero Energy Corporation	Part 2 – Work Life Balance BUILD TO LAST Moderators: Liz Manning, Cheniere Energy Dan McGraw, Marathon Petroleum Corporation Presenters: Kristen Becht, Becht Tyler Denman, CITGO Petroleum Corporation Jake Hassell, Burns & McDonnell
HUB Rooms	HUB 1	HUB 2					
4:00 – 4:15 PM	Break in the HUB						

Wednesday, September 2 cont.

4:30 – 6:00 PM	Leadership Workshop Brought to you by Women In Industry and Emerging Leaders <i>(Sponsored by Ketjen and Solenis LLC)</i>
	 Julie Brown, Networking Coach and Business Development Strategist

Thursday, September 3

8:00 – 11:00 AM	Registration					
8:00 – 9:00 AM	Breakfast in the HUB (Emerging Leader Breakfast)					
9:00 – 9:30 AM	Break in the HUB					
	Crude-Coking	Gasoline Processes	Hydroprocessing	FCC	Safety Instrumented Systems	Turnaround Roundtable
9:00 – 9:45 AM	Game – “Are you Crude Still?” Save your Overhead Host: Lance Broussard, Refined Technologies, Inc Moderators: Diana Cheek, Chevron U.S.A. Inc. Sai Pinappu, Baker Hughes Incorporated Ron Pitman, Motiva Enterprises LLC	Picking the Right Metal for the Meanest Service: Sulfuric Acid Alkylation Valve Lessons Learned Moderator: Mark Rasmussen, Chevron U.S.A. Inc. Presenters: Mark Rasmussen, Chevron U.S.A. Inc. Molly Wardlow, Chevron U.S.A. Inc.	Hydroprocessing Road Show Preview Moderator: Montri Vichailak, Marathon Petroleum Corporation Presenters: Jim Stump, Braya Renewable Fuels Wendy Wildenberg, Flint Hills Resources LLC	Clean up on Tray 5: Chloride Management in the FCC Main Column Overhead Moderator: Steve Shimoda, Technip Energies Presenters: Greg Cantley, Marathon Petroleum Corporation Matt Goodwin, BASF Corporation Katelyn Novak, Phillips 66	SISter Act: Who Owns What in the Lifecycle? Moderator: Patrick Robinson, PBF Energy Presenters: Daren Burns, Marathon Petroleum Company Steve Gill, HF Sinclair Corporation Greg Kramer, Emerson Automation Solutions Alyssa Parks, Cenovus U.S. Corporation	Transforming Turnaround Material Management Moderator: Gerard Celestine, Motiva Enterprises LLC Andrew Jakubowski, Flint Hills Resources, LLC Presenters: Tieraney Celestine, Motiva Enterprises LLC Andrew Martindale, Motiva Enterprises LLC
9:45 – 10:00 AM	Break in the HUB					
			Hydroprocessing	FCC	Advanced Process Controls	Turnaround Roundtable
10:00 – 10:45 AM			Hydro Q/A Part 1 Moderators: Sravan Pappu, Crystaphase Ashley Sandlin, Topsoe, Inc. Panelists: Katy Harris, HF Sinclair Corporation Joe Houghton, Phillips 66 David McNamara, Exxon Mobil Patty Weeden, W. R. Grace & Co.	Safety Roadshow Jeopardy (Common Threads) Moderators: Richard Grove, AFPM Joe Famolaro, ExxonMobil Research and Engineering Company	Process Controls 102 Moderator: Sriram Ramaganesan, Phillips 66 Presenters: Joe Boyce, Marathon Petroleum Corporation Scott Flanagan, Marathon Petroleum Corporation Tim Olsen, Emerson Automation Solutions	Turnaround AI Use Cases Moderator: Andrew Jakubowski, Flint Hills Resources, LLC Presenters: Jose Cardona, Flint Hills Resources, LLC Stephanie King, Flint Hills Resources, LLC
10:45 – 11:00 AM	Break in the HUB					

Thursday, September 3 *cont.*

			Hydroprocessing	FCC	Automation	Reliability & Maintenance Roundtable
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM			Hydro Q/A Part 2 Moderators: <i>Sravan Pappu, Crystaphase</i> <i>Ashley Sandlin, Topsoe, Inc.</i> Panelists: <i>Katy Harris, HF Sinclair Corporation</i> <i>Joe Houghton, Phillips 66</i> <i>David McNamara, ExxonMobil</i> <i>Patty Weeden, W. R. Grace & Co.</i>	Ask SME Anything Moderator: <i>Chuck Novak, Ketjen Corporation</i> Panelists: <i>Michael Allergro, BASF Corporation</i> <i>Tiffany Clark, Marathon Petroleum Corporation</i> <i>Joe Famolaro, ExxonMobil Research and Engineering Company</i> <i>Rich Johnson, Honeywell UOP</i> <i>Michael Teders, Becht</i>		



Spotlights:



Emerging Leaders

Meet, learn and network with other emerging leaders, like-minded peers and industry leaders. Exclusive events that you won't want to miss.

Monday, August 31

- Emerging Leaders Workshop: Leadership Q&A
- Emerging Leaders Networking Event

Wednesday, September 2

- The Long Game
- Build to Last
- Leadership Workshop

For more information regarding Emerging Leaders, contact Robina Ahmed at RAhmed@afpm.org.

Presentation of the Lifetime Service Award

Learn from and recognize two leaders for the outstanding contributions they've made to AFPM and the industries they represent.

Tuesday, September 1

Women in Industry

Join us for WINI!

Take advantage of opportunities to Engage, Learn, Connect.

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

Founded in 1997 with the goal of helping children, veterans and the families who support them, the Heroes Charity Foundation transforms caring community members into HEROES. All proceeds benefit:

- Sky High for Kids – providing direct support to families facing pediatric cancer
- Combat Marine Outdoors – supporting veterans through outdoor programs focused on connection, transition, and well-being

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Hours

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7:00 AM - 7:00 PM CDT
Tuesday, September 1
7:00 AM - 6:15 PM CDT
Wednesday, September 2
7:00 AM - 6:00 PM CDT
Thursday, September 3
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM CDT

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