



# National Occupational and Process Safety Conference

Advance Program

May 5 - 7, 2026

Grand Hyatt  
San Antonio, TX

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# We Can't Wait to See You!

After another busy year, we look forward to gathering again at the premier event for occupational and process safety professionals in the refining and petrochemical industries.

Join your peers to share and leverage knowledge that can improve safety programs and performance at your site.

We think you'll agree that this is one conference experience you won't want to miss!



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## Safety Awards Event

AFPM is pleased to honor those facilities and contractors that achieved excellent safety performance during calendar year 2025. The awards given are as follows:

### Distinguished Safety Award

AFPM's most prestigious award, the Distinguished Safety Award (DSA) recognizes the top member company refineries and petrochemical plants that have attained a sustained, exemplary level of safety performance in the domestic refining and petrochemical manufacturing industries.

### Elite Platinum Safety Award

The Elite Platinum Award represents the top sites in industry that were finalist for the DSA.

### Elite Gold Safety Award

This award is traditionally presented to approximately the top one percent of member company refineries and petrochemical plants that have exhibited superior safety performance and program innovation.

### Elite Silver Safety Award

This award is traditionally presented to approximately the top five percent of member company refineries and petrochemical plants that have exhibited excellent industry safety performance and program innovation.

### Innovation Award

The Innovation Awards recognize refineries, petrochemical facilities, and their contractors that have unique and innovative programs or practices that effectively improve the site's safety performance for either industrial hygiene, occupational safety, or process safety.

Awards are presented at the Safety Awards Banquet on May 7th. This year, the DSA and Elite Platinum Award recipients will be revealed at the Safety Awards. Be sure to [secure your tickets early!](#)



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## Exhibit Hall

The AFPM Safety Conference is the place to exhibit with over **500 attendees** many of which are site and corporate safety managers from virtually every AFPM Operating Member.

The table top opportunity makes it easy and affordable to participate.

Contact [NSCE Exhibits@afpm.org](mailto:NSCE Exhibits@afpm.org) for more information.



## Sponsorship Opportunities

Join us as a conference supporter with several new sponsorship opportunities!  
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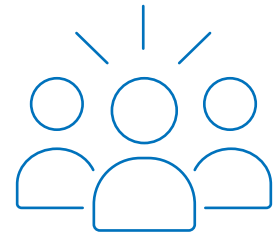


## Emerging Leaders

The Emerging and Future Leader program is offered through AFPM conferences to recognize and encourage developing talent. At the 2026 National Safety Conference, we are offering complimentary registration for one (1) Emerging Leader per member facility and one (1) Emerging Leader per contractor member company.

Suggested individuals are early career (~5-15 years' experience) and growing into roles with larger influence in corporate or site leadership. Emerging Leader sessions and networking events will be held at seven AFPM conferences in 2026.

For more information contact Robina Ahmed at [rahmed@afpm.org](mailto:rahmed@afpm.org).



## Tuesday, May 5

All Times Central

8:00 am – 12:00 pm	<p><b>Occupational Safety All Regions Network Meeting (open to Operating companies and contractor companies)</b>  <i>If interested in attending, please contact Mawusi Bridges, mbridges@afpm.org</i></p>
8:00 am – 3:00 pm	<p><b>Process Safety All Regions Network Meetings (open to Operating companies)</b>  <i>If interested in attending, please contact Mawusi Bridges, mbridges@afpm.org</i></p>
12:00 – 5:00 pm	<p><b>Registration</b></p>
1:00 – 5:00 pm	<p><b>Pre-Conference Workshop: Walk the Job</b>          This is an additional fee to attend.</p>
5:00 – 6:30 pm	<p><b>Emerging Leaders Reception</b>  <i>Invite Only</i></p>

## Wednesday, May 6

All Times Central

7:00 am – 6:00 pm	<p><b>Registration</b></p>
7:00 – 8:00 am	<p><b>Breakfast</b></p>
8:00 – 10:00 am	<p><b>General Session</b></p> <p><b>Welcome</b>  <i>Larry Webb, Health &amp; Safety Director, Flint Hills Resources, LLC</i></p> <p><b>Keynote Address</b>  <i>Moderated by: Chet Thompson, President &amp; CEO, AFPM</i>  <i>Robert Auers, RBN Energy</i></p> <p><b>Pennsylvania Steel Incident</b>  <i>Representative TBD, Chemical Safety Board</i></p>
10:00 – 11:00 am	<p><b>Practice Share Poster Session</b>  <i>Invited presenters from Innovation Award Honorable Mention recipients and Elite Gold recipients</i></p>

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# Wednesday, May 6

All Times Central

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

## Breakout Session Non-Repeating

### Leading Without the Title: How Emerging Leaders Build Influence in Complex Organizations

Josh Elliott, PBF Energy Inc.  
 Jarad Lyautey, Phillips 66  
 Daniel Hollyfield, Motiva Enterprises LLC

### I Should Be Dead

Scott, Magolin, Tyndale

### Integration of Human Performance into our Work: New Quick Reference Guides

Dawn Wurst, Koch Company Services  
 Kris Boehnke, Marathon Petroleum Corporation  
 Danny White, CITGO Petroleum Corporation

### Contractor Innovation Award Winners

**Smart-Fill Chemical Hazard & PPE Selection Tool**  
 Michael Puma and Matthew Aucoin, Turner Industries Group

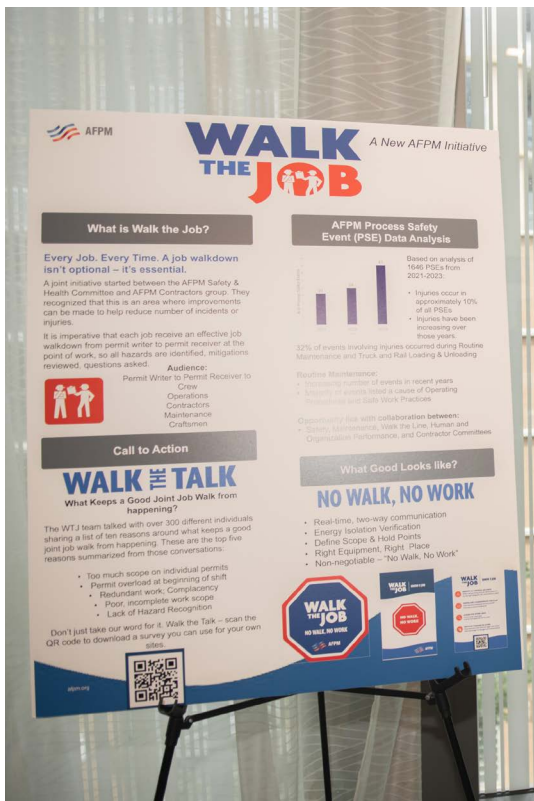
### Capturing Error Traps through Effective Investigation and Learning

Mike Baker, HF Sinclair and Ben Dellsperger, ThinkReliability Lead Facilitator

12:00 - 1:30 pm

## Lunch in Exhibit Hall

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# Wednesday, May 6

All Times Central

1:30 – 3:00 pm  
and  
3:30 – 5:00 pm

## Breakout Sessions (repeated)

### Track: Emergency Response

#### HF-Specific Emergency Response - More than General HazMat Training

*Sheila Bottjen, Valero*

#### Tank Fire Drills

*Dave Dolnick, Phillips 66*

*John Gross, Marathon Petroleum Corporation*

*Tommy Stone, Valero Energy Corporation*

### Track: Process Safety

#### PHA 2.0: A Systematic Approach to Improving Consistency and Quality in Process Hazard Analysis

*Mariana Arango, Marketing Specialist, ABS Consulting*

*Derek Bergeron, Technical Director at ABS Consulting, ABS Consulting*

*Andrew Lett, Engineer, Senior Principal, ABS Consulting*

*Danny White, Manager Process Safety and Risk, CITGO*

#### Building Process Safety Competency for Sustainable Risk Management

*Karina Romero, Chevron Phillips Chemical Company LP*

*Haley Eiland, Chevron Phillips Chemical Company LP*

### Track: Innovation Award Winners

#### Interlock Bypass Power App

*TingTing Giusto, Flint Hills Resources, LLC-Pind Bend Refinery (Process Safety)*

#### Manway Grab Bar

*Jared Heim, Valero Houston Refinery (Occupational Safety)*

#### Spray Degreaser Assessment

*Emily Brooks, Valero Three Rivers (Industrial Hygiene)*

### Track: Human and Organizational Performance (HOP)

#### Empowering Frontline Workers with HP to Prevent Tank Overfills in Chemical Manufacturing

*Tony Amador, Chevron Phillips Chemical Company LP*

#### From "Chronic Unease" to Intentional Practice - CHS Laurel's Luck Runs Out as a Practical Expression of HOP

*Lark McDonald, Mission Centered Solutions*

*Jaxson O'Brien, CHS, Inc.*

*Mark Smith, Mission Centered Solutions*

### Track: Site Safety Culture

#### Focus on the "Why" Behind Your Safety Journey

*Reshard Beverly, Phillips 66*

*Ashley Hackler, Phillips 66*

*Sydney McCormick, Phillips 66*

*Russell Thompson, Phillips 66*

#### Engaging Frontline Leadership through Field Assessments

*Kevin Jeanes, Valero Energy Corporation*

*Charles Howard, Valero Energy Corporation*

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# Wednesday, May 6

All Times Central

3:00 - 3:30 pm	Poster Session and Coffee Break
5:00 - 6:30 pm	Welcome Reception in Exhibit Hall

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# Thursday, May 7

All Times Central

7:30 am - 6:00 pm	Registration
7:00 - 8:00 am	Breakfast
8:00 - 10:00 am	<b>General Session</b>  <b>Welcome</b> <i>Cody Fikes, Director, Occupational and Process, Cheniere Energy</i>  <b>Keynote: Whole You Leadership</b> <i>Moderated by: Russell Klinegardner, Health and Safety Council</i> <i>Cody Nath, President &amp; CEO, Refined Technologies, Inc.</i>  <b>Lessons Learned</b> <i>Representative TBD</i>  <b>Regulatory Update</b> <i>Eric Conn, Conn Maciel Carey LLP</i>

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# Thursday, May 7

All Times Central

<p>10:30 am - 12:00 pm and 1:30 - 3:00 pm</p>	<p><b>Breakout Sessions (repeated)</b></p> <p><b>Track: Process Safety</b>  <b>Opportunities and Challenges in Change- A Journey to Safe Work Permitting</b>  <i>Bobby Burt, Demeris Giles, Dung Truong, Deanne Sharpe, Jared Goebel, Zachary Zmoos, Cheniere Energy</i></p> <p><b>The Process Safety Playbook: Coaching a Culture of Control</b>  <i>Wesley Reynolds, HF Sinclair Corporation</i>  <i>Rhonda Schmidt, HF Sinclair Corporation</i></p> <p><b>Track: Use of technology in Industrial Hygiene</b>  <b>Elevating IH: Drone-Based Air Monitoring and Leak Detection Innovation (Innovation Award Honorable Mention Recipient)</b>  <i>Eric Ward, ExxonMobil Product Solutions Company</i></p> <p><b>Community Air Monitoring Application and Visualization during Emergency Responses</b>  <i>Mandy Styes, Marathon Petroleum Corporation</i></p> <p><b>Connected Hydration</b>  <i>Meghan Clapham, Flint Hills Resources</i></p> <p><b>Track: Contractors</b>  <b>Panel - Occupational Health insights on drug and alcohol testing</b>  <i>Moderated by: Margaret Gilbert, Health and Safety Council</i>  <i>Dr. Thomas Hysler, Health and Safety Council</i>  <i>Dr. Gerard Guderian, LyondellBasell</i>  <i>Dr. Yogesh Reddy, Phillips 66</i></p> <p><b>Walk the Job</b>  <i>Representative TBD</i></p> <p><b>Track: Training</b>  <b>From Compliance to Competence: A World-Class Training Center for Safety Excellence (Innovation Award Winner)</b>  <i>Representative TBD, Phillips 66 Ponca City</i></p> <p><b>Next-Generation Safety: Practical Applications of VR and AI</b>  <i>John Bowen, Jason Reichert, and Brad Spancake - Monroe Energy, LLC</i></p>
<p>10:30 am - 12:00 pm</p>	<p><b>Track: DSA Finalists Panel (non-repeated)</b>  <i>ExxonMobil Product Solutions Company - Baton Rouge Polymers North</i>  <i>LyondellBasell Industries - Matagorda Complex MTO</i>  <i>Marathon Petroleum Company - St. Paul Park Refinery</i>  <i>Phillips 66 - Lake Charles Manufacturing Complex</i>  <i>Phillips 66 - Rodeo Renewable Energy</i>  <i>Valero Energy Corporation - McKee Refinery</i></p>
<p>1:30 - 3:00 pm</p>	<p><b>Track: DSA Finalists Panel (non-repeated)</b>  <i>Marathon Petroleum Corporation - Mandan Refinery</i>  <i>Marathon Petroleum Company - Michigan Refining Division</i>  <i>Phillips 66 - Ferndale Refinery</i>  <i>Phillips 66 - Ponca City Refinery</i>  <i>Valero Energy Corporation - Port Arthur Refinery</i></p>

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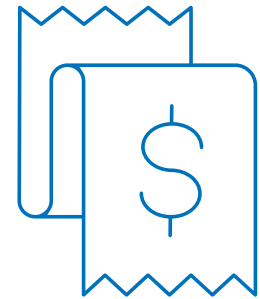
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12:00 - 1:30 pm	Lunch in Exhibit Hall
5:00 - 9:00 pm	<b>AFPM Annual Safety Awards Banquet</b> <i>Ticketed Event</i>  5:00 pm Awards Reception 6:00 pm Dinner and Awards Program



## Registration Fees

Register by April 14th to receive the early registration fee.  
Registration fees increase by \$100 on April 15th.  
Online registration closes on May 1st.



<b>Early Member Registration</b>	<b>\$ 1,400</b>
<b>Late Member Registration</b>	<b>\$ 1,500</b>
<b>Early Non-member Registration</b>	<b>\$ 1,900</b>
<b>Late Non-member Registration</b>	<b>\$ 2,000</b>
<b>Spouse Registration</b>	<b>\$ 100</b>

*Safety Award Tickets must be purchased by May 1st in order to attend.  
No tickets or same-day seating will be available on-site.*

<b>Safety Awards Event (cost per ticket)</b>	<b>\$ 250</b>
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## Housing

### Hotel Rooms

Be sure to register and reserve your hotel room by **April 14**.

You will receive a link to make a hotel reservation once your registration is complete, and you can also find the link at the top of your confirmation email. The AFPM room block rate cannot be guaranteed after April 14.

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## Exhibit

A limited number of 6-foot by 30-inch Tabletop Exhibits are available. Attendees will have access to your displays during two lunches on Wednesday, May 6th and Thursday, May 7th, as well as the Welcome Reception Wednesday, May 6th. Send an inquiry to [sponsorships@afpm.org](mailto:sponsorships@afpm.org).

<b>Tabletop Fees</b>	
<b>Members</b>	<b>\$ 1,600*</b>
<b>Non-members</b>	<b>\$ 2,100</b>

\*Note: this fee includes one complimentary registration

# Sponsorship

Show your support for the industry and get additional exposure at the conference by sponsoring the National Occupational & Process Safety Conference.

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