



Kentucky Gas Association

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The Kentucky Gas Association's Membership Newsletter January 2014

Welcome to the Blue Gas Journal!

The KGA Board of Directors is committed to increasing our communications from the Board and Executive Director to our KGA Committees and member representatives; as a result, KGA will disseminate regularly scheduled correspondence to keep you abreast of all current issues, technologies, and KGA activities and news.

We want your help! At KGA, we know our member organizations are the gold standard and leaders of our industry; not only in the Commonwealth, but in many cases, the nation. We want to share your success stories and exciting news! Submit your information to KGA, and we will share your successes with our membership in "The Journal."

KGA Administration



Your **KGA Board of Directors** met on December 5th in Berea at **Delta Natural Gas Company**. KGA will continue to strive to provide the highest quality membership services, and the Directors will govern to assure that KGA and the gas industry will grow by successfully accomplishing the four pillars that define our service; **Enhance, Promote, Expand, & Manage.**

The Association is happy to receive recommendations for potential Directors. If you have a recommendation, please submit the name and qualifications to **Matt Tackett** at KGA. Click the following link for a full list of KGA Directors; **KGA Board of Directors**.

Upcoming Events

Pipe Joining Workshop

January 14th
Benton

NFPA Code School

February 4th, 5th, & 6th
Lexington

West KY OQ Workshop

March 4th & 5th
Benton

KGA Legislative Day & Luncheon

March 6th
Frankfort

7th Annual KGA EXPO

March 25th & 26th
Lexington

Spring OQ Workshop

April 8th & 9th
Elizabethtown

48th KGA Annual Meeting

June 4th, 5th, & 6th
Owensboro

Events To Be Announced

2014 KGA Safety Summit

Lexington

2014 KGA NGV/CNG EXPO

TBA

Fall OQ Workshop

Elizabethtown

Central KY OQ Workshop

Winchester

East KY OQ Workshop

Pikeville

For a full list of events & Registration, please see the "[List of Events](#)" on www.kygas.org.

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KGA EDUCATION

The Kentucky Gas Association is now offering hands-on, skills and ability instruction at our traditional OQ Workshops to complement the knowledge "classroom" sessions. Students at KGA Workshops will now have the opportunity to demonstrate the skills and abilities associated with each appropriate OQ Task. Please see the Association's Workshop Calendar for our educational offerings.

The Kentucky Gas Association is a leader in industry education, and the Association is committed to providing the most appropriate and highest quality educational services to our members. **In 2014, KGA will launch an Online Operator Qualification Education Program.**



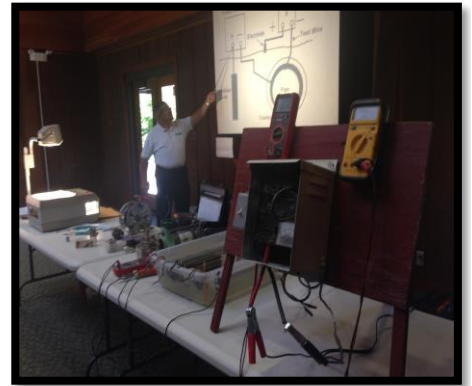
Throughout KGA history, the Association's keystone membership service has been education, and KGA will now provide Operator Qualification and Education to our members in traditional classroom facilities and also online. Keep an eye out for the official KGA Announcement for the KGA Online Education Program. For more information, please visit the KGA Operator Qualification Website.

In Memory of Rodney Rhodes

The Kentucky Gas Association and Mountaineer Gas Company lost a member of our family on November 16th, when Rodney Rhodes passed suddenly. Rodney was a valued member of KGA, holding leadership roles in the Education and Operator Qualification Committees. Rodney was a dedicated employee of Mountaineer Gas Company, with 35 years of service. He will be missed.



Rodney Rhodes instructing KGA Classroom and Hands-On OQ Workshops



We're Hiring!

The Kentucky Gas Association hosts multiple Operator Qualification Workshops throughout the Commonwealth & **we need qualified applicants for our instructor pool.** Instructors work as contractors to KGA and receive a competitive daily stipend with all expenses paid.

For more information, please contact Matt Tackett.



Steve Bittel Leading A KGA Class

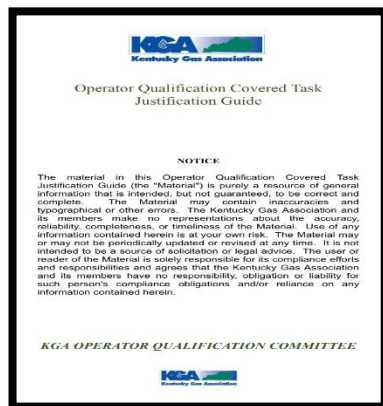
Operator Qualification

The Kentucky Gas Association has developed the Operator Qualification Covered Task Justification Guide. The Guide is designed to assist companies in identifying tasks relating to the job duties of their employees and those tasks performed by contractors and others that might be "identified covered tasks" as defined in Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 192, Subpart N.

The Guide was initiated as a project of the Kentucky Gas Association's **Education Committee** during the time that the pipeline operator qualification regulation was in the negotiated rulemaking process (neg-reg) after the U.S. Department of Transportation published its Notice of Proposed Rule and prior to the publication of the final rule on October 26, 1999. When the project was identified and initiated, an Operator Qualification Task Force was established to provide guidance for KGA member companies and others in the gas industry as they developed their company-specific pipeline operator qualification plans.

A consensus approach to analyzing covered tasks was utilized, and care was given to the facilitation process so that no particular company operating philosophy dominated the process. Individuals representing a wide variety of pipeline operating skills, experience, and technical training programs from companies operating in a number of states volunteered their service to the task force.

The nature of the operator qualification regulations requires that operator qualification plans, covered task identification and qualification evaluation must reflect individual operating company conditions. Therefore, this guide does not imply an endorsement by KGA nor by any of the member and non-member companies whose employees participated in its development.



For more information, please contact KGA Office. Upon release, KGA will disseminate "The Guide" upon request by qualifying member organization.

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About "The Guide"

Each subpart of 49 CFR 192 was reviewed by a task force and each section within the subpart classified as applicable or non-applicable to the four-part criteria used to establish a covered task.

The sections considered non-applicable were reviewed and classified using the following criteria: procedures, referenced in other subparts, and/or information. These sections are shaded.

Only KGA Members may have access to the Operator Qualification Covered Tasks Justification Guide.

The KGA Operator Qualification Committee maintains "The Guide."

For more information, please contact **Matt Tackett**, KGA Executive Director.



KGA Launches New Website

On December 16th, the Kentucky Gas Association launched a new and improved website at www.KyGas.org. Styled as an online interactive magazine, the Kentucky Gas Association Website is a valuable tool for each KGA Member Organization with information regarding Membership, Government Relations, Resources, Upcoming Events, Member Company & Representative Highlights, and Operator Qualification.

The Kentucky Gas Association seeks to provide the highest quality membership services, and www.KyGas.org showcases the diverse programming through which the Association promotes and advocates for the Commonwealth's growing natural gas industry. KGA has built several new features into the website, including the following webpages;

Government Relations – Home to all KGA legislative and regulatory articles & information

Resources – Home to all technical data, presentations, newsletters, public relations materials and KGA Member Company news.

Career Center – Home to KGA Member employment advertisements and resume bank

Operator Qualification – Home to all KGA OQ Workshop Registration and the KGA Online OQ Program

The Kentucky Gas Association represents and serves the Commonwealth's Natural Gas Industry, with a membership of approximately 160 organizations. The KGA Website continues to host membership registration, membership directories, news on the KGA EXPO, Summits, & Annual Meeting, and also calendars & photos highlighting each of the Association's events held throughout Kentucky.

The Board of Directors and Staff of the Kentucky Gas Association invite you to visit www.KyGas.org to learn more about KGA. For Website Sponsorship details, please contact **KGA Executive Director, Matt Tackett**.



Image Taken From www.KyGas.org



Explore KGA Online

There are many new features of www.KyGas.org. Take a few minutes to check out some exciting membership tools.

Click The Links To Explore

[KGA in the News](#)

[Submit and View Resumes](#)

[Smile & View KGA Photos](#)

[Join or Renew Membership](#)

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Previous KGA Website



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Compressed Natural Gas in the Bluegrass



Image Courtesy of Kentucky Clean Fuels Coalition

KGA has taken a leadership role in the Commonwealth, serving as a champion for the usage of natural gas as a transportation fuel. We are moving the needle in this field, and we are encouraged by recent legislative, infrastructure, and programming successes in 2013. KGA has been an active member of the "Moving the Needle" Group, consisting of KGA, the [Kentucky Oil and Gas Association](#), and the [Kentucky Clean Fuels Coalition](#). This group has hosted events, strategized methods to advance natural gas as a transportation fuel, and testified before the KY General Assembly, all while receiving state-wide and national recognition for the group's good works. KGA is proud to continue to participate in the "Moving the Needle" partnership, and you are encouraged to review the [Summer 2013 KGA Blue Gas Journal](#) for a detailed summary of the activities and successes of the partnership.

Success Stories



Left: Louisville Mayor Fischer and Sec. Len Peters at [M&M Cartage](#) Fleet Announcement

Middle: [Carrollton Utilities](#) CNG Truck and Refueling Station

Right: [City of Somerset](#) Refuse Truck and Natural Gas Technician High School Students

KGA is building an internal Committee of stakeholders and members invested in the movement toward cleaner and more efficient transportation, and we invite you to contact [Matt Tackett](#), if you and your organization would like a seat at the KGA table as we continue to forward the advancement of natural gas as a transportation fuel.



Moving The Needle

2013 was a breakout year for the Commonwealth's transportation. CNG/LNG Stations were built throughout Kentucky, fleets began to convert, legislation was created, and the State of Kentucky incentivized CNG infrastructure. KGA is looking forward to working to maintain and advance this momentum to Move The Needle further in 2014!

Click The Links Below for Info on.

[KY Incentives for Energy Independence Act](#)

[HB 212 \(Alternative Fuels\)](#)

Interested in HB 212 and what it means for you? Click [Here](#). For a quick YouTube explanation from State Rep. Keith Hall.

Did you know that Kentucky joined a multistate effort to encourage automobile manufacturers to develop natural gas vehicles? KGA recognizes the economic value of natural gas as a clean burning transportation energy source.

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KGA EXPO

On March 25th and 26th, the **Measurement and Regulation**, **Corrosion**, and **Operations and Engineering Committees** will host the 7th Annual KGA Expo. With over 300 attendees expected, participants will receive CEU documentation, special hands-on programming, and access to a full exhibit hall of vendors displaying cutting edge technology and services. Registrants will also receive free admission to the Annual Mike Koby Door Prize Comedy Show, as pictured to the right.



Breakout sessions feature speakers from the following organizations; LG&E, Kentucky Utilities, Mears, Kentucky Gas Association, Atmos Energy, TapeCoat, Heath Consultants, Performance Pipe, AEGIS, Mercury Instruments, Mid-States Supply, Southern Cathodic Protection, Itron, Sensit Technologies, Scott Gross Co., The Kentucky Public Service Commission, and more.

The Expo is also a great opportunity for vendor organizations, as each displaying company will have access to the Commonwealth's gas industry leaders in the Exhibit/Reception Hall.



Exhibit/Reception Hall

Please visit the **Expo Registration Website** and **www.KyGas.org**.



PHMSA Addressing KGA Membership at 2013 EXPO



7th Annual KGA Expo

March 25 & 26, 2014

Marriott Griffin Gate Resort
1800 Newtown Pike
Lexington, Kentucky

Three Great Programs—One Location!

Corrosion
Measurement & Regulation
Operations & Engineering

Individual Cost

Member: \$150
Non-Member: \$225

Vendor Cost

Member: \$300
Non-Member: \$450

Save Money - Join KGA!

Accepting Sponsorships!



For additional information, call **Nancy Morton** at 1-800-455-9427.

KGA GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

The Kentucky Gas Association is dedicated to enhancing and diversifying our membership services, and as a result, KGA will have an increased presence in Frankfort at the upcoming Session of the [Kentucky General Assembly](#). The Association will disseminate regular legislative updates, and we encourage you to monitor the [KGA Government Relations Website](#).

Energy will play a prominent role in the 2014 Session with most of the focus, as usual, on coal generated electricity and other electric generate fuels, including natural gas. KGA is watching this, as well as efforts to allow for an elected [Public Service Commission](#) and issues regarding eminent domain.

Please mark your calendars and plan to join KGA staff, member organizations, and legislators for the [KGA Legislative Day & Luncheon](#) at the Capitol on March 6th. More details to follow.

GOOD WORKS

KGA attended a grand opening ceremony marking the commencement of the [Natural Gas Pipeline Technician Program](#) at the [Pulaski County Area Technology Center](#) on November 4th in Somerset. The [Pulaski County](#) and [Somerset Independent](#) School Districts, in partnership with the [City of Somerset](#) are now offering



technical programing to provide District students with the skills and knowledge imperative for employment in the growing natural gas industry. The Natural Gas Technician Program will promote career ready graduates, and enhance workforce development and job creation in Pulaski County and Kentucky. Speakers included KGA Executive

Director, Matt Tackett; Honorable Mayor Eddie Girdler, City of Somerset; Jason Garland, Industrial Training Services; Superintendent Steve Butcher, Pulaski County Schools, and Laura Arnold, State of Kentucky.

Photo: KGA Executive Director Addressing Commencement Audience



Don't Forget

KGA wants to post your stories and information. Please submit your press releases, success stories, awards, grand openings, and other articles to [Matt Tackett](#), and we'll post your news in our new "Good Works" section.

Share Your Voice

KGA invites you to explore the KGA Committees and join as a participating Committee Member. Contact [Nancy Morton](#) for more information.

Shout Outs

Thank you to the dedicated EXPO Committees for working so hard to make the upcoming [7th Annual EXPO](#) a success!

Thanks to the [Education Committee](#) for successfully hosting and instructing these recent OQ Workshops in 2013!

*Fall OQ Workshop – Elizabethtown
Fire School - Lexington
Pipe Joining Workshop - Pikeville
East KY OQ Workshop - Pikeville*

Thank you to Mike Robinson & [Delta Natural Gas Company](#) for their quick assistance in loaning 13 fire extinguishers to KGA for the 2013 Fire School.

There's Still Time To Renew Your Membership

There is still time to join KGA or renew your membership with the Kentucky Gas Association. We thank you for your participation throughout the previous year, and we are looking forward to continuing our work together. Last year KGA pledged that the Association would rise to new heights, and together we did. We diversified our programming, ramped up our Educational offerings to include hands on skills and ability, made our presence known in Frankfort, established great media opportunities, and we became a leading champion for natural gas as a transportation fuel. We have set a strategic plan to guide our growth, and just as our industry expands, so too will the Kentucky Gas Association. This year each of our 10 Standing Committees will grow and diversify, and together we will strive to make KGA the best Association in America.

Though our services are expanding, specifically in the fields of government/public relations and public awareness, KGA will continue to offer the highest level of programming, and as a member, you will receive special "Members Only" pricing and promotional opportunities. Networking and communication are great benefits of your membership, and we hope to see you at any of the KGA events, whether it be the Annual Safety Summit or KGA Expo, any of the KGA Education Workshops, or any other special programming, such as the Natural Gas Vehicle Expo or legislative events. We invite our Affiliate Members to take advantage of our many display and sponsorship opportunities, and we encourage all members to join us for our hands on, knowledge, skills, and ability Operator Qualification Workshops.

KGA members enjoy an unparalleled opportunity to network with the Commonwealth's industry leaders, and we encourage your organization to participate in one or more of the KGA Standing Committees, where you will promote best practice solutions tailored to Kentucky's natural gas industry.

For Our Affiliate Members!

The Kentucky Gas Association membership is comprised of organizations representing all aspects of the natural gas industry, and Affiliate Members receive special promotional advantages, while enjoying great networking opportunities. KGA hosts Workshops and Seminars monthly, and Affiliate Members are welcomed as sponsors, vendors, participants. Many Affiliate Members take advantage of display opportunities at larger events such as the Safety Summit or the KGA Expo, a large state-wide trade show which was attended by over 250 people in 2013. As always, Affiliate Members will receive special pricing for all functions and opportunities, and we invite you to explore the KGA Event Calendar at www.KyGas.org.

We thank each of our members again for your support, participation, and commitment to the advancement of natural gas, and the operators and affiliates of our industry. Natural gas is clean, responsible, and an American energy source, and the Kentucky Gas Association is poised to continue to grow with our industry. We are looking forward to working with and serving you this year.

[CLICK HERE TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP WITH KGA.](#)

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MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- Education
- Advocacy
- Collaboration
- Public Relations
- Marketing
- Government Relations
- Networking

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