The following session topics were selected by the 2020 API Conference Planning Committee based on need, relevance of topic, and industry trends. Any pertinent topics not listed below are welcome. Presentation abstracts will be reviewed by the Planning Committee.

**Potential Conference Session Topics**

**PANDEMIC AND OIL MARKETS TRACK**

- Covid19’s Impact on the Petroleum Industry
- What is contango and backwardation?
- Does OSHA apply when working from home?
- How do I maximize how much I can put in my tank?
- Another oil bust; what can we learn from history?
- Online tank inspection: is now the time?
- Keynote suggestion
- Owner operator success stories using Big Data for maintenance and inspection.
- Permitting new tanks and terminal growth.
- Floating roof design success and failures.
- Special cases when moving or relocating tanks.
- Pros and cons for different floating roof seal designs.
- Maximizing the storage volume in your tank during out of service inspections.
- Fire Protection- Yes, No or Maybe.
- API 2350 Update.
- Regulatory overlap on tanks (EPA, PHMSA, State, etc.).
- New inspection technology: Drones, robots, in-service, etc.
- New data capture technology: tablets, electronic systems, dashboards, etc.
- OSHA silica standard and tank related construction.
- Success stories on major projects.

- Novel approaches to inspection or repair.
- Improving the inspection schedule.
- Managing cryogenic tanks, tanks higher than 76 feet and other special cases.
- Risk Based Inspection.
- Best practices when a tank bottom leaks unexpectedly.
- Changing to a fixed roof from an EFR.
- Emission calculations and roof designs- update.
- Problems with discharging hydrotest water.
- Tank emissions and vapor recover or combustion- best practices.
- Novel methods for tank erection and construction.
- Programs to improve product life and quality.
- Owner-operator success stories and near misses.
- Effective use of the API standards and recommended practices.
- Petroleum supply and demand and effect on facilities.
- Floating roof stabilization method- best practice comparisons.
- Alternatives to steel in floating roof designs, pros and cons.
- Cathodic Protection- To have or not to have?
- What exactly are PHMSA requirements for tanks.
- STI vs API- what is the difference and when do you use each.
- Novel approaches to fitness for service problems.
- API 650 Tanks in fertilizers and other usage.
- Global market trends and demand for storage.
Proposal Elements

When submitting an abstract, please include:

1. The title of your presentation.
2. The name of the session topic listed previously.
3. A short abstract (200 words) of the proposed presentation. Please include how it is currently relevant to the industry, what objectives you will cover during the session, and the intended audience (i.e., whether it fits best in the business or technical agenda track).
4. A brief speaker biography that explains your qualifications to speak on the topic.
5. Please indicate the target level of your paper; introductory, intermediate or advanced level.
6. Your email address and phone number.

Your abstract should contain enough information to allow the Planning Committee to make an accurate judgment of the content of your proposed presentation. Case studies, especially from the oil and gas industry, are preferred.

Submitting a Proposal

By submitting an abstract to speak at an API conference, the speaker agrees that their presentation and/or title will not be commercial in nature and will not promote specific companies, products or services. If your proposal is accepted you will be expected to prepare, submit, and present your presentation at the Conference and meet the necessary planning and preparation deadlines. The final presentation will be due September 25, 2020. We may ask that additional information be included in your presentation. Selected speakers will be provided free registration for the two day conference. The intended audience will include refinery management, pump manufactures, inspectors, etc. Abstracts that include all information mentioned above should be submitted online at http://www.cvent.com/d/vnqjdg/4W

The deadline for submissions is Friday, May 1, 2020

Online conference registration will open in Spring 2020.

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