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SUGGESTED BREAKOUT SESSION TOPICS

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SHALE INSIGHT® 2026 is proud to offer continuing educational technical and public affairs Breakout Sessions created and presented by subject matter experts. Sponsorship is available on a first-come, first-served basis for twelve (12) 75-minute sessions from the suggested topics below or from a timely and relevant industry issue that may arise. The sponsoring company will be required to take a leading role in building the session and recommend a breakout format from those outlined on page five. To inquire about sponsorship, please contact Robert Petrilli at rpetrilli@marcelluscoalition.org or 412-706-5173.

TECHNICAL AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS SESSIONS

1. **“A Session Topic of Your Choosing”**

This is an opportunity for you to select a topic and provide a title, short description and session format. Please submit to the MSC for consideration with the sponsorship form.

2. **Technology Showcase**

The annual Technology Showcase provides suppliers of emerging technologies an opportunity to introduce their innovation to the natural gas producer, midstream/pipeline, downstream and service community. The MSC Research Collaborative solicits applications for these technologies and awards top applicants with an opportunity to present at the Conference.

➤ Suggested Session Format: Expert Lecture

3. **Water Infrastructure: Installation, Operations and Maintenance**

As the “play” has matured, trends in water procurement, management and transfers have changed with increase automation and a reduction in personnel. Similarly, companies have invested significantly in water pipelines and other facilities. Hear from industry experts on the latest trends in water infrastructure, operations and maintenance.

➤ Suggested Session Format: Expert Lecture or Panel

4. **Hydrogen: How will the product be transported?**

Most know of the technical challenges of producing hydrogen, however, there are also technical challenges to design, install, and transport hydrogen through pipelines. During this session industry experts will describe the challenges and opportunities to transport hydrogen through new and existing pipelines.

➤ Suggested Session Format: Expert Lecture, Roundtable or Panel

5. **The Electrification of the Natural Gas Industry: Challenges and Opportunities**

The push to electrify drilling equipment and operations onsite to reduce emissions and achieve carbon footprint goals creates challenges and opportunities. This session will feature industry experts examining the shift to electric equipment, including skids, drilling rigs, wireline, etc. and the benefits to the industry and the environment.

➤ Suggested Session Format: Expert Lecture, Roundtable or Panel

6. **On Pad Compression: Meeting the Needs of a Mature Basin**

As the play has matured in the Appalachian Basin, several operators have piloted compression at well pads. This has resulted in efficiencies as well as challenges to overcome. This session will feature experts from industry that will discuss the opportunities and challenges from on pad compression, including best practices, regulatory obstacles, and new technologies.

➤ Suggested Session Format: Roundtable or Panel

7. **Threatened & Endangered Species: Tracking Birds, Bats, Butterflies and Bees**
 This session will focus on the identification and protection of threatened and endangered species during industry activities. Agency and industry experts will share updated information for how these species are identified, tracked, and protected. Over time new innovations and tools have been developed to protect these species. This session will provide a focus on recently listed bats and the potential impacts to the industry.
 ➤ Suggested Session Format: Roundtable, Thinktank or Panel

8. **Beyond Tier One Acreage: How Advances in Engineering and Geologic Understanding are Enhancing Economics**
 It may appear that, over the past two decades, the prime development acreage has been spoken for. However, due to domestic energy needs, advancements in engineering and geology are exploring areas that were not thought to be feasible. Hear from industry experts on the latest trends in these advancements and how they are successfully being explored.
 ➤ Suggested Session Format: Expert Lecture or Panel

9. **Fueling Innovation: Women Thought Leaders in the Energy Industry**
 Over the past two decades, the natural gas and energy industry has undergone a transformation – technologically, environmentally, and culturally. At the forefront of this change are women who are innovating, leading, and redefining what is possible. This session features women in energy that are thought leaders from energy companies and how they have become successful professionally.
 ➤ Suggested Session Format: Panel, Roundtable, or Expert Lecture

10. **Keeping Safety Fresh: Instilling a Culture of Safety in the Workplace**
 Companies work diligently to keep safety front of mind for their workforce. This includes table-top and real field drills. In addition, companies are looking at ways to instill a culture of safety and focusing on the people aspects in terms of mindset, culture, and psychology. This session presents case studies and an overview of what companies do to keep safety fresh with their workforce.
 ➤ Suggested Session Format: Expert Lecture, Roundtable or Panel

11. **Beyond the Pause: The Future of LNG**
 The Appalachian Basin is a leader in liquified natural gas production and the opportunities for domestic use and export are almost limitless. However, infrastructure challenges and the recent pause on new export permits presents challenges. Hear from industry and subject matter experts on the opportunities and how to overcome these challenges.
 ➤ Suggested Session Format: Expert Lecture, Roundtable or Panel

12. **Playing in the Same Sandbox: Accommodating Competing Oil and Gas, Renewable, and CCUS Projects**
 Energy development in the United States has both global and domestic implications with many competing for the same areas. This session will look at the competing interests of energy sources and projects and if there are ways they can exist together. In addition, the session will touch on landowners, public agency and other interested stakeholder engagement.
 ➤ Suggested Session Format: Expert Lecture, Panel or Roundtable

13. **Natural Gas Commodity Pricing: What's Causing the Volatility and When Will it End?**
 Commodity pricing in the natural gas industry appears to be completely divorced from current events that should have an impact. This session will explore the volatility of Henry Hub/spot pricing and the impact of outside events like the push for climate change policies, LNG exports, Freeport and other global events. In addition, infrastructure buildout will be discussed, as well as additional LNG facilities coming online and if energy policies will change, including the Jones Act.
 ➤ Suggested Session Format: Expert Lecture, Panel or Roundtable

14. **Pipelines: Does the Current Regulatory Landscape Accommodate New Projects?**
 Recent challenges have mounted for obtaining permits to construct pipelines to connect markets, from both FERC and anti-groups. Recently FERC proposed a Climate Policy review as part of their permit application requirements and delays on current permits continue to mount. Industry experts will present a snapshot of current projects awaiting approval and what must be done to connect markets with pipelines.
 ➤ Suggested Session Format: Expert Lecture, Panel or Roundtable

15. **Workforce Development: An Evolving Industry needs an Evolving Workforce**

As the Marcellus and Utica Shale development matures and focuses on downstream and end use development, the needs of the workforce change. This session will include presentations from colleges and universities in the region and how they are evolving and preparing their students to meet these needs. In addition, industry and labor experts will provide input on where future workforce needs will be.

- Suggested Session Format: Panel

16. **Municipal Ordinances: Navigating Between the How and the Where**

This program will provide an overview of the uncertain legal authority of local government efforts to restrict unconventional shale development throughout the Appalachian Basin. It will address specific examples and how to potential navigate development in municipalities.

- Suggested Session Format: Expert Lecture or Panel

17. **Communicating Effective Industry Compliance to the Public**

Since unconventional shale development began in Pennsylvania the natural gas industry has operated at a high level of compliance through a combination of innovation and adherence to Pennsylvania DEP's stringent regulatory and inspection standards. One of the largest challenges is effectively communicating this high level of compliance and engaging the public, from local officials to regular citizens. This session will feature public affairs experts that have kick started successful communication campaigns to highlight this compliance effectively.

- Suggested Session Format: Expert Lecture or Panel

Session Formats

Expert Lecture (75 Minutes)

Expert Lectures are presentations by a SINGLE acknowledged expert in the field who will share conceptual or methodological innovations through a lecture followed by response to audience questions. The lecturer must be able to demonstrate and provide proof of expertise on suggested topic.

Required: 1 Presenter | Optional: PowerPoint; Handouts; Hands-on visual aids

Panel (75 Minutes)

Panels are structured, thematic presentations focusing on an issue facing the field of evaluation. A moderator will introduce two to three panelists delivering coordinated presentations within set timeframes. The moderator will observe each presentation and offer a brief response to the content and facilitate question and answer at the end of the session. Others employ a more discussion-oriented format with the panelists responding to each other and to audience inquiries throughout the session. The sponsor/moderator is responsible for coordinating the presentations in advance.

Required: 1 Moderator; 2-3 Panelists | Optional: PowerPoint; Handouts; Hands-on visual aids

Roundtable (75 Minutes)

Roundtables are presentations that include in-depth discussion with attendees. Roundtable presentations typically include 45 minutes of presentation on 1-2 pertinent topics, followed by 30 minutes of feedback and engaging in in-depth discussions. Roundtable presenters should bring targeted questions to pose to others at the table and audience to learn from and with those attending.

Required: 1 Moderator; 2-3 Presenters | Optional: PowerPoint; Handouts; Hands-on visual aids

Skill-Builder (75 Minutes)

Skill-builders teach a specific skill needed by many in the field and include one or more exercises that let attendees practice using this skill. This session differs from a Demonstration in that attendees will have a hands-on opportunity to practice the skill. Attendees should be ready to get involved as these sessions are not passive, but rather active opportunities for learning.

Required: 1-2 Presenters; Handouts; Hands-on visual aids (for demonstration and attendee use) | Optional: PowerPoint

Think Tank (75 Minutes)

A think tank is a session focusing on a single, pre-determined issue or question. Initially, a subject expert/moderator orients attendees to the issue or question and relevant context. Then, attendees break into small groups to explore the issue or question and finally reconvene to share their enhanced understanding through a discussion facilitated by the subject expert/moderator. The roles of the individual breakout groups will be pre-determined and executed on-site (Will they each address the overall topic or question? A particular facet of the topic or question? Or examine the topic or question from a particular viewpoint?). Each breakout group may have individual facilitators pre-appointed by the subject expert/moderator.

Required: 1 Subject expert/Moderator | Optional: 2-5 facilitators; PowerPoint; Handouts; Hands-on visual aids