



OPS AGENDA

2026 API/AFPM Spring Operating Practices Symposium Hyatt Regency – Salt Lake City, UT – May 6, 2026

8:30 am – 8:50 am	<u>Welcome, Opening Remarks, Introductions, Legal Reminder & Safety Moment</u>
8:50 am – 9:10 am	Process Safety Event Data Insights (Process Units & Causal Factors) <u>Adam Hofman, Valero (adam.hofman@valero.com)</u>
9:10 am – 9:30 am	Catalytic Reforming Unit Stabilizer Reflux Pump Seal Leak <u>Matt Thomas, Par Pacific (MThomas@parpacific.com)</u>
9:30 am – 9:50 am	CITGO H2S Exposure <u>Aaron Indridson, CITGO (aindrid@citgo.com)</u>
9:50 am – 10:10 am	LAR H2S Exposure <u>Luis Martinez, Marathon Petroleum (LEMartinez@marathompetroleum.com)</u>
10:10 am - 10:30 am	BREAK
10:30 am – 10:50 am	“Crane vs. Train” Incident <u>Rodney Reeves, CHS (Rodney.Reeves@chsinc.com)</u>
10:50 am – 11:10 am	Tank Overfill Learnings and Prevention <u>Darin Grandfield, Phillips 66 (darin.grandfield@p66.com)</u>
11:10 am – 11:30 am	Hot Tank Fire <u>Adriana Vodopich, HFSinclair (Adriana.vodopich@hfsinclair.com)</u>

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11:30 am – 11:50 am Driving Industry Progress: AFPM Programs & Resources
Giby Joseph, AFPM (GJoseph@afpm.org)

11:50 – 1:00 pm

LUNCH

1:00 pm – 1:20 pm Fuel Gas Line Freeze Event
Ed Scott, Par Pacific (EScott@parpacific.com)

1:20 pm – 1:40 pm Desalter Transactor Fire
Tracey Mercy, Valero (tracey.mercy@valero.com)

1:40 pm – 2:00 pm FCC Hydrocarbon Release During Start-Up
Carolyn Johnson, Chevron (ciuv@chevron.com)

2:00 pm – 2:20 pm Electrical Safety: Arc Flash Awareness
Jesse Jensen, Chevron (jjensen@chevron.com)

2:20 pm – 2:40 pm

BREAK

2:40 pm – 3:00 pm API RP 754 4th Edition Updates
Roberta Larsen, Marathon Petroleum (RLarsen@marathonpetroleum.com)

3:00 pm – 3:20 pm Baytown Complex Loss of View/Loss of Control Upset
Katie Vogl, ExxonMobil (Kathryn.m.kienstra@exxonmobil.com)

3:20 pm – 4:20 pm API Product Storage and Transfer: Lessons Learned and Good Practices from Assessments at Tank Farms & Terminals
Bob Blundell, API Product Storage & Transfer Assessor (bob.blundell@ethosmi.com) & Ryan Meng, API Staff (mengr@api.org)

4:20 pm – 4:30 pm

OPS Closing Remarks

4:30 pm – 6:00 pm

OPS Networking Reception