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EPEX 2023 – OPI's 60<sup>th</sup> Conference & Trade Show was held on May 31 – June 1, 2023 at the Best Western Plus Lamplighter Inn & Conference Centre. It went well and we are hoping to grow our show even more in 2024.

A huge thank you to all our speakers for the variety of talks provided. The EPEX 2023 videos are now available on YouTube https://www.youtube.com/@ogsrlibrary

Thank You Matt Dupont from the OGSR Library for all your hard work putting these videos together.

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The conference committee has already started planning EPEX 2024 so save the dates June 4-6, 2024 for the conference and golf tournament.

#### **H2S Alive Training**

Check your H2S Alive tickets for expiry and let me know if you require this course. If I have enough interest, I will hold a course in late September or early October.

#### **OPI Name Modification**

At our last BOD meeting held in July the directors voted on the new tag line for OPI. It is:

#### **OPI**

#### **Ontario's Subsurface Energy Association**

We are still working on what a new logo should be.

### **OPI Annual General Meeting**

The OPI AGM will be taking place on Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at Sydenham Ridge Estates at 10:30 am with lunch to follow. Please RSVP to Lorraine.

Thank You Peter Budd of Budd Energy Inc. for once again hosting this event.

Ben Barnes, Chair of our Nominating Committee is touching base with members about our upcoming election year. The forms for this will be attached in an email.

#### UPDATED REGULATORY LINKS

Updated links to the Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Act, O. Regulation 245/97 and Provincial Operating Standards for petroleum wells.

It's important for the operators and the service industries to be aware and up to date on the provincial requirements for oil and gas, storage, disposal, and other types of wells regulated under the Oil gas and Salt Resources Act. Links to these requirements are attached.

1. Provincial Operating Standards Version 3 dated July 1 2023

(Note an important change is that it now adopts latest edition of reference documents (e.g. Section 10 referenced CSA Z341-1998 edition. it now refers to the latest which is currently the 2022 edition)

https://files.ontario.ca/mnrf-oil-gas-salt-resources-ontario-provincial-operating-standards-v3-en-2023-06-29.pdf

2.Provincial Standards for Compressed Air Energy Storage in Salt Caverns: Applications and Operations Version 2.0 Effective July 1, 2023

https://www.ontario.ca/page/provincial-standards-compressed-air-energy-storage-salt-caverns-applications-and-operations

3. O. Reg. 245/97: EXPLORATION, DRILLING AND PRODUCTION under Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.12 current July 1, 2022 https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/970245

4. Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.12 June 8, 2023 https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90p12

5. CSA Z341 SERIES:22 Storage of hydrocarbons in underground formations Publication Year 2022

https://www.csagroup.org/store/product/2701740/

Complimentary copy may be downloaded from Western Canada regulators websites.

NOTE: New supplementary edition for storage of hydrogen will be available shortly. The technical committee prepared the supplement and it went through the final review on August 2, 2023. Expect issuance in the Fall 2023.

If you have any comments, concerns or suggestions for improvement with these requirements, please share your concerns with the OPI executive or contact me.

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#### LINKS ON WHEATLEY RELEASES

https://globalnews.ca/news/9914735/wheatley-explosion-investigation-recovery/

#### WELCOME NEW MEMBER

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## **Upcoming Events**

**TAC Meeting** September 13, 2023

OGSR Corporation Meeting September 15, 2023

**Board of Director's Meeting** September 15, 2023

#### **OPI AGM**

November 9, 2023 Sydenham Ridge Estates



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