



September 6, 2021

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Next Meeting – Monday, September 13

The next meeting of the 2021/2022 session is scheduled for **Monday, September 13, 2021, at 11:30 am at Maggiano's Restaurant** at Perimeter Mall on Ashford-Dunwoody Road in the Palermo and Donnici Rooms (upstairs — as you enter Maggiano's).

If you plan to attend, please **RSVP** on the Club's website at www.atlantapipeliners.com by **COB Wednesday, September 8.**

Our topic and speaker for the meeting will be:

Topic: Decarbonization and the Natural Gas Industry - An Overview

Speaker: Greg Jones, Director, Climate & Environmental Policy Southern Company Gas

Background:

Greg Jones is Director, Climate & Environmental Policy. In this role, he helps to lead the company's greenhouse gas emission initiatives and the company's participation in environmental policy efforts.

Previously Southern Company Gas' manager of Environmental Affairs, Jones has decades of experience engaging with energy industry leaders to develop collaborative positions on rulemaking and legislation at the state and federal level.



After serving in environmental compliance roles for other companies, Jones joined the company in 2009 as a senior environmental specialist, supporting sustainability programs, policies and procedures.

He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Science from the University of Georgia. He serves as immediate-past chair of the American Gas Association's (AGA) Environmental Regulatory Action Committee, vice chair of the Georgia Industrial Environmental Coalition (GIEC), and he was a past chair of the Institute for Georgia Environmental Leadership (IGEL).

Lunch will be provided at a cost of \$30 for members and \$40 for non-members (cash or check, no credit cards). Please note that members typically start arriving at or shortly after 11am and lunch will start promptly at 11:35am. The presentation will start around 12pm, or shortly thereafter, and end at about 1pm. **Again, if you plan to attend, please RSVP on the Club's website at www.atlantapipeliners.com by COB Wednesday, August 4.**

As a note to our members who have ongoing professional training requirements, attendance at our monthly meeting presentations may be able to be counted towards your continuing education requirements. You will likely need to use this documentation, the continuing education certificate provided for the meeting and potentially the presentation materials (to be located on the Club's website at www.atlantapipeliners.com).

August Meeting Information

The August meeting was well attended. The topic was "**National and Regional Construction Labor Outlook**" presented by **Eddie Clayton, Project Manager - Southern Company**. Eddie is a Southern Company employee and works in the Operations Services Craft Labor Relations group. His responsibilities include supporting the Southern Company's subsidiaries and business units' construction and maintenance projects with labor market analyses, guidance and support with appropriate contracting strategies and providing support to workforce development initiatives necessary for Southern Company to meet its indirect hire needs. Eddie serves on the board of directors for the Construction Users Roundtable (CURT) and is a co-chair for the Workforce Development Committee. In addition, he serves as President of the board of directors for the Central Gulf Industrial Alliance (CGIA). Eddie has participated in past and current research teams for the Construction Industry Institute (CII). Eddie has been with Southern Company for almost 40 years. He is a graduate of the University of Alabama with a B.S. degree in Chemical Engineering. Eddie and his wife, Janie, enjoy their free time in the outdoors camping, boating, fishing, hunting and golf.

A copy of the presentation can be found on the Club's website at www.atlantapipeliners.com.

Membership Raffle - Early Membership Incentive

In November the Club will raffle two (2) \$50 prizes to current members of the Pipeliners Club! All you have to do is become/renew your membership on or before the November 8th meeting to have your name entered into the drawing.



Club Meetings 2021/2022 Session

Please mark your calendars for the meetings anticipated to be held during the 2021/2022 session. The Club meets the **second Monday** of the following months.

August 9

September 13

October 11

November 8

No December Meeting

January 10

February 14

March 14

April 11 (Potentially a Joint Meeting w/ NACE – Hosted by the Pipeliners Club this year)

Meeting Presentations

To remain as relevant as possible to our Membership, we are always interested in your feedback regarding our presentations or your suggestions for speakers or program content. If you have someone or some topic in mind that would be of interest to you, please drop a note to Todd Cape/Southern Company Gas the Club's Vice President and Program Chair. You can reach Todd at 404-584-4518 or at tcape@southernco.com.

Membership Drive - Important – Please Read

Since the pandemic, it seems the Club will need to revitalize our membership given the many changes that have occurred. Much is still changing, but we are hopeful and planning to have in-person meetings through the 2021/2022 meeting session. We will let you know as soon as we can if any in-person meetings are to be cancelled or there will be special measures that will need to be implemented.

We continue to make good progress improving our membership and want to continue to improve the Club's value to its members. So please, talk it up to your colleagues and business associates, and provide any input that could make our Club more useful to our membership. A larger Club makes for more networking opportunities.

As in the recent past years, we are trying to provide an incentive for being a Club member and to offset the rising cost of the event meals. In November the Club will raffle two (2) \$50 prizes to current members of the Pipeliners Club to promote paying your membership dues early! All you must do is become/renew your membership on or before the November 8th meeting to have your name entered into the drawing.

Membership for students and interns are ***FREE***. However, you must register on the Club's website and must register to attend the lunches. Lunch for our student and intern members will cost \$30.

Consistent with the last few years to offset increasing event meal costs, beginning in **September the cost of lunch for non-members will be \$40, and the cost of lunch for members will remain \$30.**

If you wish to join or continue your membership in the Club, please mail a check for \$55 for your membership dues to the Club's treasurer as noted below. You can also bring a check or cash to the next meeting (sorry we do not accept credit cards). If mailing your check(s), please send to:

Club Treasurer, Stan Pitts
Southeast Connections, LLC
2720 Dogwood Drive
Conyers, Georgia 30013

If you are a new member, or your contact information has changed, you will need to register again on the Club's website at www.atlantapipeliners.com to update your information.

Please invite your co-workers, clients, vendors, suppliers and contractors to participate. If you have any questions about membership, please contact the Club's Membership Chair, Ben Grove/Stantec at 678-327-2963.

Club Scholarships

The Club has had a long-term successful scholarship program. We are again planning to award scholarships for this fall season (2021). Scholarship awards will be given out at the October meeting. If you have questions about the scholarship program, please look at the website at www.atlantapipeliners.com/events/golf-tournament, and if you need more information contact Greg Dempsey/Kinder Morgan, the Scholarship Chair, via email at greg_dempsey@kindermorgan.com.

Club Officers

For anyone with questions about Club activities or who is interested in serving as an officer in the Club, please contact one of the Club's current officers. The current officers for the Club include:

President:

Kim Lawson, Southern Company Gas
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