

THE SECOND FUGITIVE EMISSIONS SUMMIT AMERICAS CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION A GREAT SUCCESS

Held on June 26th and 27th in Houston, Texas, the Fugitive Emissions Summit Americas lived up to its promise of creating an event that would address the ever-changing world of fugitive emissions regulations and control. A dynamic group of industry professionals, end users, manufacturers and distributors came together to identify best practices and to assess how industries can interpret and meet regulations.

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Industry EPCs, end users, consultants, manufacturers and distributors traveled from around the globe to attend the second biennial Fugitive Emissions Summit Americas that was held on June 26th and 27th, 2018. Running alongside the Pump Summit Americas conference, the two Summits shared an exhibition space for the two-day event. With

over 1,100 registered attendees, the Summit spanned various key industries, including oil & gas, chemical, petrochemical and power generation. The Fugitive Emissions Summit successfully completed its goal of creating an environment for professionals to discuss and explore innovative emission monitoring and reduction technologies.



Comprehensive Conference Program

The conference portion of the Fugitive Emissions Summit Americas consisted of a carefully developed program of workshops and keynote presentations. Each morning of the event commenced with a talk led by special guest speakers, such as event Chairman Gobind Khiani of Fluor Canada, Tim Goedecker of Phillips 66, Dan Devine of Midland Engineering, Matjaž Matošec of Resolute Research and Carlos Girão of Teadit, who discussed topics including consent decrees and consent decree termination, global valve market trends, and performance testing to

ASME B16.20, respectively. The workshops were equally diverse and covered a range of topics including Air Pollution Control Technologies, Consent Decrees, Leak Detection Technologies, Emission Trends and Valves & Flanges. As leak detection and repair (LDAR) consent decrees continue to be implemented, by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the presence of intricate workshops and discussions created an ideal place for the industry professionals to work together to resolve common challenges.

"We wanted to get people out of their comfort zones," said Rodney Roth, Senior Vice



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President of Beric Valves and Co-Chairman of the event. "What's so great about this conference is that we have broken down the barriers that have allowed the comfort zones to exist. Typically, you go to a conference and you gravitate to what you already know; you want to be the smartest person in the room. At this conference, we want to make people just a little bit uncomfortable so that they will broaden their horizons and learn something new. This event is unique, because it is not just about valves, or emissions, or packing and gaskets; this is an event about all of those things, and more. Drone manufacturers are talking to gasket manufacturers, and packing manufacturers are talking to monitoring device suppliers

and end users are talking to all of us. The feedback we have received so far has been great, and we are looking forward to an even bigger event in 2020."

An Enthusiastic Exhibition

Attendees of the event also had the opportunity to peruse the largest gathering of fugitive emission and pump exhibits across the Americas, with 50 manufacturer, supplier and distributor booths present. Here, vendors provided live demonstrations and emphasized the features of their latest products while establishing business relationships and social connections for the years to come. The exhibition floor was also the setting for an interactive Speakers' Corner, where pre-

sentations and live demonstrations such as, The Proper Way to Cut Valve Packing, created a stimulating environment and challenged attendees to learn more about preventing fugitive emissions. In short, this was just one of the many platforms in which seasoned industry members were able to inspire, educate and motivate young engineers as they set out to reduce fugitive emissions in both downstream and upstream sectors.

The next Fugitive Emissions Americas Conference and Exhibition will take place in 2020 and the organizers look forward to continuing to grow and strengthen the event for the benefit of industry professionals.

To become involved in the conference, or to book a booth, you can find information at: www.americas.fugitiveemissions-summit.com



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