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## May, 2017 Newsletter

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### Permian Basin Petroleum Association Releases Recommended Lighting Practices

The Permian Basin Petroleum Association (PBPA) recently released their ***Recommended Lighting Practices***. These recommendations are designated for operations in the seven counties surrounding the McDonald Observatory in Ft. Davis, Texas. Research and analysis of current lighting practices by PBPA members, study into alternative practices more in line with the needs of the Observatory, and conversations with various stakeholders who support the endeavors of the Observatory brought about these recommendations.

For more information on this work, please contact PBPA.

**[Visit their website here.](#)**

These Recommendations have had great media coverage, including Harvey Kronberg's The Quorum Report, the **[Houston Chronicle](#)** (April 13, 2017), the Midland Reporter Telegram's **[Oil Report](#)** (April 16, 2017) and Dallas Fort Worth's NBC affiliate, **[NBCDFW](#)** (April 18, 2017).

## Will you be at **[OTC](#)**?

### Be sure and visit RPSEA's booth #S18

(located in the sponsoring organization area outside the main exhibit hall)



Various RPSEA projects and members will be highlighted.

**[See the schedule of speakers here.](#)**

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## 2017 IOGCC Chairman's Stewardship Awards Call for Entries

The 2017 Chairman's Stewardship Awards  
are officially open for nominations.

### [Nominee Form](#)

### [Texas A&M - GPRI Water Course](#)

May 17 - 18, 2017

There is still time to register!

Contact Carl Vavra at [carl.vavra@tamu.edu](mailto:carl.vavra@tamu.edu)

**Be sure and visit A&M folks at the  
University Research area at the OTC!**

## HARC-EFD's Rich Haut featured in the SPE Gulf Coast Section Volunteer Spotlight

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[Click here for the SPE-GCS April 2017 CONNECT issue.](#)

## Announcements

[BEG Group LLC](#) has been working on **Big Switch(TM)** Erosion/Filtration Medium since 2015. Big Switch(TM) has acquired USDA 100% Biobased Certification, Pennsylvania DEP and DOT statewide approval and is listed on DEP's Alternate Erosion & Sediment and Post Construction Stormwater Management approved Best Management Practices list. [Read more about here!](#)



**Andra Wilcox (HARC-EFD)** will be demonstrating the EFD Virtual Site - Offshore Safety Awareness Site at the Offshore Technology Conference in Houston at RPSEA's booth (S-18) Monday, May 1st at 2:30pm.

Contact Andra Wilcox at [AWilcox@HARCresearch.org](mailto:AWilcox@HARCresearch.org)



**DOE's Southwest Combined Heat and Power  
Technical Assistance Partnership  
(SW-CHP-TAP)** can provide no-cost qualification screenings to  
upstream and midstream companies.

**A FREE qualification screening can provide quick answers.**

Another Electrification in the Oilfield is in the works,  
tentatively in Denver, late summer. Contact us for more details!

Information for industries including schools/universities, hospitals, wastewater treatment facilities, various industrial facilities and more is also available.

[Learn more here!](#)

## The EFD Alliance Members Map



Regional experts to address regional issues.

Contact us to learn more  
and/or join the EFD Alliance!

[EFD Alliance Members](#)

We are in our new  
LEED Platinum building!

[Check out HARC's Blog for Various Topics](#)



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### Upcoming Events

#### [IADC Onshore Drilling Conference & Exhibition](#)

May 18, 2017 - Houston, TX

#### [SPE Water & Wastewater Management SG Luncheon](#)

**Water in Depth** - May 24, 2017 - Houston, TX

ConocoPhillips' Pete Spicer to share their 3-D Water Tool

#### [Permian Basin Petroleum Association Members' Luncheon](#)

September 21, 2017 - Midland, TX

#### [IADC Human Factors Conference](#)

October 17-18, 2017 - Galveston, TX

[SMU Power Plays Conference](#) ([abstracts](#) due by October 13, 2017)

January 10-11, 2018