



### ***Use of International Standards in LNG Markets***

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#### **WEBINAR SUMMARY**

The U.S.-Asia Gas Partnership (AGP) is a public-private partnership that aims to optimize gas network infrastructure planning and develop domestic gas markets across the Indo-Pacific. The objective of the AGP is to share best practices in the development of secure, reliable, and economic sources of natural gas. With a long-term vision to enable the creation of a regional gas market, the AGP facilitates a shared understanding between government officials and the private sector about the technical, commercial, and economic factors that spur investment.

This API-USEA-USAID webinar will cover how standards play an integral role in attracting project investment, protect workers and the environment, and reduce regulatory complexity for governments. The American Petroleum Institute (API) manages over 700 natural gas and oil standards, which thousands of companies rely on every day while operating around the world, in every segment of the industry. Topics to be presented in this webinar include how API standards are developed in a consensus-based committee process, how companies and governments can access and utilize API standards, and specifically, how governments may reference comprehensive standards in their regulations and laws.

Additionally, participants will hear from the U.S. Trade Representative's office on how international standards can help economies meet the requirements of the World Trade Organization (WTO) Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) agreement.

#### **PRESENTERS**



**Renee Hancher, Director, Regulatory Policies, Office of World Trade Organization and Multilateral Affairs, Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR)**

Ms. Hancher is the USTR lead on Good Regulatory Practices (GRP) and covers GRP and regulatory cooperation matters in bilateral and regional trade negotiations, the WTO, the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation forum and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. Before joining USTR, Ms. Hancher worked on standards, conformity assessment, technical barriers to trade and GRP issues at the U.S. Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration from 2005 to 2019. Prior to that, she spent 10 years directing the international trade work at the Air-Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration Institute – an industry trade association. Ms.

Hancher holds a B.A. in International Studies from the American University and an M.A. in International Economics from Columbia University.



**Alexa Burr, Director, Systems Programs, Global Industry Services, American Petroleum Institute**

Alexa Burr is the Director for Systems Programs in the Global Industry Services Division at the American Petroleum Institute. Ms. Burr's responsibilities include overseeing the strategic direction of GIS System Programs, including the Process Safety Site Assessment Program and Pipeline Safety Management System Assessment Program. In this role, Ms. Burr develops, directs and guides strategies to grow these API offerings working in coordination with other GIS programs and with other external partners. Ms. Burr also oversees the implementation of the GIS Global Standards Strategy and advocates on behalf of the industry in various international forums to promote the use and adoption of industry standards to continuously improve environmental, health, safety, security, and sustainability performance globally. Prior to API, Ms. Burr worked at the American

Chemistry Council in various roles where she oversaw the strategic direction of the Responsible Care® program and led international advocacy efforts on a range of issues from chemical management regulations, to GHS, to security issues. Ms. Burr holds a MS in Biological Threat Agents and Emerging Infectious Diseases and a BS in Biology of Global Health, both from Georgetown University in Washington, DC.



**David Miller, PE, F.ASCE, Director, Standards Development, American Petroleum Institute**

David Miller is the Director of Standards Development at the American Petroleum Institute. In this role he is responsible for overall standards policy and oversight and is a member of API's Senior Management Staff. David also serves as Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of the American National Standards Institute. He has served on several federally-chartered advisory committees and has testified before Congress, federal and state regulators on standards and technology issues. David is a registered professional engineer and earned a BS degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Utah and a MS degree in Environmental Sciences from the University of Texas at Dallas. He joined API in 1985 and has been elected a Fellow by the American Society of Civil Engineers and serves on their Membership Application Review Committee.