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Employees Help Plan 2017 Energy Generation Conference

Learn more about the event and registration at EGC's website, www.egcnd.com.

Dakota Gasification Company and Basin Electric employees helped plan the 38 annual Energy Generation Conference (EGC), which will be held Jan. 24-26 at the Bismarck (ND) Event Center.

EGC 2017 Planning Committee members include Ted Hoepfner, Dakota Gas reliability engineer; Rod Wetsch, Dakota Gas electrical and instrumentation maintenance supervisor; Russ Bosch, Leland Olds Station maintenance superintendent; Kelly Cozby, Basin Electric learning and development administrator; and Duane Miller, Antelope Valley Station scrubber fuel superintendent.

The keynote address, 'The Three Es of America's Energy Future: Energy, Environment and Economy,' will be given by Dr. Scott Tinker, director Bureau of Economic Geology, the State Geologist of Texas, and a professor holding the Allday Scott Tinker Endowed Chair in the Jackson School of Geosciences at the University of Texas at Austin.

According to Tinker's biography, some of the questions his talk will address are: Are oil and gas really running out and if so, why do we keep using them? Is coal 'bad'? What is climate change; is "it" really happening? What is the proposed U.S. response, and what does it mean for the electricity sector? Is switching to renewable energy truly just a matter of political will? Are renewable forms of energy actually more expensive? Are fossil and nuclear energies environmentally 'dirty' and renewable energy 'clean'? Can we 'store' energy, and why would that matter?

'This is one of the premier energy industry conferences in North America,' said

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2017 EGC Chairperson Stephen Burke, North American Coal Corporation engineering supervisor. 'We focus on providing an energized environment where attendees can expand their skill sets, interface with a wide range of suppliers, and network with fellow workers all while being exposed to the latest technology in the industry.'



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