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# Annual seminar brings environmental regulators, energy industry together

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With the oil and gas companies currently facing new or expanded regulations covering everything from air emissions to water emissions to endangered species, a better understanding of the regulations is becoming more important.

Such understanding is the goal of the annual Permian Basin Environmental Regulatory Seminar, to be presented May 12 by Midland College's Petroleum Professional Development Center along with the Society of Petroleum Engineers and Permian Basin Petroleum Association.

"All the regulatory agencies will update regulations, telling the companies and professionals in the industry what's going on," said Curtis Helms Jr., center director.

"The Permian Basin Petroleum Association is pleased to support and participate in the Midland College PPDC's 2016 Permian Basin Environmental Regulatory Seminar this May," said Stephen Robertson, PBPA executive vice president. "The PPDC is a valued and necessary educational resource for our community, and the Environmental Regulatory Seminar is just one of the many ways the center benefits the citizens of the Permian Basin.

"Attendees of the seminar have a great opportunity to get up to date on the activities of the regulatory agencies impacting the oil and gas industry," he said.

Face-to-face interaction between industry and regulators makes the annual seminar valuable, Helms said.

"It will inform companies and professionals who are working to maintain compliance but who are also being proactive rather than reactive," he said.

"With the price of oil being where it is, times are tough and oil and gas companies want to know from regulatory agencies if there will be any leniency," Helms said.

Susan Ginsberg with the Independent Petroleum Association of America will open the event with a discussion of federal government initiatives.

The luncheon speaker will be J. Ross Craft, chief executive officer of Approach Resources. His focus will be cost-effective ways for large-scale Wolfcamp development.

Other presenting agencies include University Lands on its groundwater management efforts, the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Bureau of Economic Geology at the University of Texas at Austin, New Mexico Oil Conservation Division and Texas Railroad Commission.

Robertson will discuss the association's experience challenging the listing of the lesser prairie chicken.

“The PBPA is giving an inside look at how we successfully challenged the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s listing of the lesser prairie chicken under the Endangered Species Act. If the listing of the lesser prairie chicken had been upheld, the results would have been devastating for our industry in at least five states, and especially here in the Permian Basin, with potential costs in the billions of dollars,” Robertson said. “As with many challenges to regulations, however, wins often come in the details used to reach a particular conclusion and not just in refuting the conclusion itself. We look forward to sharing our story and hearing the updates from the great slate of presenters.”

The New Mexico Oil and Gas Association will discuss the status of the federal mineral estate in New Mexico. Mark Henkhaus with Apache Corp. will talk on the Railroad Commission’s new Rule 86 and update horizontal rules.

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### Want to go?

Where: Carrasco Room, Midland College Scharbauer Student Center

When: May 12, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Cost: There is a pre-registration discount of \$50 until May 9, lowering the cost to \$195 for in-state, \$220 out-of-state.

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