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LOS ANGELES BASIN GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

January 26th (Thursday) Dr. W.C. Rusty Riese; Houston, Tx; Adjunct Professor at Rice University, the Colorado State University, and University of New Mexico will speak on:

Oil Spills, Ethics, and Society: How do they intersect and where are the responsibilities.

AAPG Distinguished Ethics Lecture, 2011-2013

This is a joint meeting with the Los Angeles Association of Petroleum Landmen (LAAPL) – So come and join us all and hear a great talk!

Abstract

Global demand for energy has forced societies the world over to look for and use ever more diverse and expensive forms of energy to fuel their economies. Oil is a key part of this energy - cost balance, particularly in the arena of transportation fuels, and the corporations who supply those fuels have been pressed into increasingly challenging environments to meet public and governmental demands for inexpensive energy. Unfortunately, as we are reminded by the Gulf of Mexico *Deepwater Horizon* incident, accidents can happen, the environment can be damaged, and people can lose their lives when we operate on technology horizons.

So, when accidents occur what should our responses be? Who is to blame: individuals? corporations? regulators? or the public who's demand for cheap, local energy force exploration of new, more challenging frontiers? And how are public opinions on this subject shaped: by self education? or by fulminating politicians and aggressive, sensational journalism?

This presentation is a discussion of all these questions. It then goes further to explore more than societal interests at a national level: it puts

our pursuit of inexpensive energy into context with the competing demands of developing countries who demand ever increasing shares of the worlds resources, and broader elements in all nations who are worried that continued dependence on energy-dense fossil fuels will cause runaway global warming and climate changes which will destroy the earth's ecosystems.

Ultimate responsibilities for oil spills lie somewhere in this mix of competing demands and expectations – a mix far more complicated than most people are aware of or consider.

Speaker's Biography

Dr. W.C. Rusty Riese is a geoscientist based in Houston, Texas. He is widely experienced having worked in both minerals and petroleum as a geologist, geochemist, and manager during more than 39 years in industry. He participated in the National Petroleum Council evaluation of natural gas supply and demand for North America which was conducted at the request of the Secretary of Energy and in the more recent analysis of global supply and demand requested by the same agency. He is currently a member of the American Association of Petroleum

Geologists Committee on Resource Evaluations, and a member of the House of Delegates.

Rusty has written extensively and lectured on various topics in economic geology including biogeochemistry, isotope geochemistry, uranium ore deposits, sequence stratigraphy, and coalbed methane petroleum systems; and he holds numerous domestic and international patents. He has more than thirty years of teaching experience including twenty five years at Rice University where he developed the curricula in petroleum geology and industry risk and economic evaluation. He is currently an Adjunct Professor at Rice University, the Colorado State University, and the University of New Mexico, where he sits on the Caswell Silver Endowment advisory board. He is a fellow in the Geological Society of America and the Society of Economic Geologists; and a member of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists and several other professional organizations.

He earned his PhD from the University of New Mexico in 1980; his M.S. in geology from the same university in 1977; and his B.S. in geology from the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology in 1973. He is a Certified Professional Geologist, a Certified Petroleum Geologist, and is a Licensed and Registered Geologist in the states of Texas and South Carolina respectively.

Meeting Time, Place, Cost and Reservations

Time:
Thursday, Jan 26th, 2012

Typical Meeting Agenda

Lunch Served: 11:30 AM to 12:00PM
Announcements: 11:45 AM to 12:00 PM
Guest Speaker: 12:00 PM to 12:30PM
Questions/Close: 12:30 PM to 12:45 PM

Place:

The Grand at Willow Street Conference Center located at 4101 East Willow Street, Long Beach, CA. (562-426-0555). Take Lakewood Boulevard south from the San Diego Freeway (405), turn west onto Willow Street and turn right onto Grand Avenue at the sign for the Center. Park free in the garage structure.

Cost:

Lunch and Speaker: \$20.00 with reservations
\$25.00 without reservations
Students: \$5.00 (Lunch and Speaker)

Meeting Reservations:

Make your reservations using our web site at www.labgs.org, or by calling Tawnya Hildabrand at (714) 454-7149 or emailing Tawnya.Hildabrand@oxy.com; Reservations made prior to Tuesday before the meeting is appreciated, but reservations up to the morning of the meeting will be honored. As always walk-ons are welcome.

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