

2020 EENR North American Conference:

(April 16) Greater Houston Partnership (confirmed)

Preliminary Agenda:

2020 North American Conference on Environment, Energy, and Natural Resources:

Energy and Climate: Opportunities, Challenges, and Innovations

As the Climate Crisis continues to grow, North American companies and governments are making new policies, looking at their risks and exploring new opportunities and business models. The 4th North American Conference on Environment, Energy, and Natural Resources will examine the changing business and legal environment surrounding climate change mitigation and adaptation. The conference will feature presentations about the new United States Mexico and Canada trade agreement (USMCA), policies to protect energy infrastructure, as well as a first look at potential technological innovations and legal responses with negative emissions technology.

8:30 AM registration and light breakfast

9:00 AM Welcome – EENR and Blank Rome rep

9:15 A.M. Climate Constraints and Technological Innovation

Ramanan Krishnamoorti, moderator and speaker: UH Energy, Energy Investment in Direct Air Capture and Other technologies

Steve Oldham, CEO, Carbon Engineering

Brock Forrest, Senior R&D Engineer, NET Power and 8 Rivers Capital

Innovations in low carbon emissions and IP innovation,

Joshua Sarnoff, Depaul University, IP issues and negative emissions technology

Sean McDermott, Blank Rome

10:45 A.M. Break

10:55 A.M. What can we expect from the new USMCA – Elizabeth Trujillo, University of Houston Law

11:15 A.M. The Business Landscape for North American Energy in 2020

Praveen Kumar, Bauer GEMI

Monterey Tech spokesperson on Mexican Energy policy

Julian Cardenas, EENR Center

- 12:15 P.M. Lunch with Dean's Panel for Corporate General Counsel
New legal issues in energy and climate policy
- 1:15 P.M. The Political, Legal, and Policy Landscape for North American Energy in 2020
REPRESENTATIVE, Georgetown Climate Center,
New state initiatives in climate; The Northeast Transportation Initiative
Alfonso Lopez (UHLC)
Mexico's current energy scenario under AMLO, now and in 5 years
Chantal Carriere, White & Case
The changing Canadian political landscape
- 2:15 P.M. Future US Climate Policy, Taxes and Carbon Management
Victor Flatt, EENR Center
Mexico, Canada, US overview
Bret Wells, EENR
Tax policy and carbon management
Fred Lowther, Blank Rome
Tax policy and renewable energy
Tracy Hester, EENR,
federal policy on negative emissions technologies
- 3:05 P.M. Break
- 3:15 PM Energy Infrastructure and Climate Risk
Clayton Forswall, Trans West Pipelines (**Victor will also ask about sponsorship**)
Margaret Hill, Blank Rome,
Legal Responses to Physical Risk

Kristin Van De Biezenbos,

U. Calgary Physical infrastructure risk Canada

Maury Hudson, Vice President of Operations and Maintenance, Magnolia LNG (a subsidiary of Liquefied Natural Gas Limited)

Physical risk of Gulf Coast Energy infrastructure

Michael Gerrard, Columbia Law School,

addressing electricity grid climate vulnerability (by videolink)

4:30 Emerging Risks from Climate Related Policy and Litigation for Energy Companies

Tracy Hester (moderator and speaker), EENR Center,

Update on climate change cases

Victor Flatt (UHLC EENR Center),

Financial risk disclosure, investment and lending

Rafael Leal-Arcas (Queen Mary University London) – commenter

James May, Delaware Law School

Dignity Rights, climate, and the international market

Shalanda H. Baker, Northeastern Law School,

Impacts on energy justice

5:30 Closing

5:45 networking reception