

OIL AND GAS CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

Joint University of Alabama Center for Sedimentary Basin Studies and Geological Survey of Alabama Research Conference

Critical Factors for Future Oil and Gas Development in Alabama: Resource Availability and Accessibility, Application of Existing and New Technologies, Environmentally Responsive Methodologies, and Economic Feasibility

**University of Alabama Campus, Bevill Building, Room 1000,
Tuscaloosa, Alabama, 9:00 AM – 5:30 PM, April 29, 2014**

Purpose:

1. To hear the position of the State of Alabama on oil and gas development.
2. To review the economic benefits of oil and gas development to the state.
3. To learn about the expanded and new hydrocarbon plays, including unconventional shale, mudrock, and oil sands resources, in the state.
4. To review the energy-water nexus and the considerations for environmentally responsive oil and gas development.
5. To hear from members of the petroleum industry on the application of new technologies to recover economically and safely oil and gas in Alabama.
6. To learn how research at the University supports the development of Alabama's natural resources in an environmentally accepted manner.
7. To discuss how state government, the university and industry can work to accomplish responsive oil and gas development.

Program:

- Part 1: Presentations by state government officials on their position and perspective of oil and gas development and its economic benefits to Alabama.
- Part 2: Presentations by researchers on expanded and new hydrocarbon plays and by researchers and water policy experts on the energy-water nexus and potential beneficial uses of coalbed methane produced waters.
- Part 3: Presentations by members of the industry on their perspective of the feasibility of applying existing and new development technologies.
- Part 4: Discussion of potential university-state-industry research cooperative efforts to achieve environmentally responsive oil and gas development.

Please contact Dr. Ibrahim Çemen at icemen@as.ua.edu for more information about the conference. Although there is no fee for the conference, registration is limited to 75 participants.