

To: Recovery Boiler Managers, Superintendents, Supervisors, Steam Chiefs, AF&PA Recovery Boiler Program Members, Associates, Guests, and Other Recovery Boiler Professionals

**AF&PA RECOVERY BOILER PROGRAM
2026 ANNUAL CONFERENCE & MEETINGS
FEBRUARY 3-4, 2026
ATLANTA AIRPORT MARRIOTT HOTEL
4711 BEST ROAD
ATLANTA, GEORGIA**

The 2026 AF&PA Recovery Boiler Annual Conference and Committee Meetings will be held on February 3rd & 4th at the Atlanta Airport Marriott; 4711 Best Road; Atlanta, Georgia 30337. This year's Conference and Meetings will be most informative for attendees from the Operating Companies as well as the Manufacturers, Vendors, and Insurance Companies. Presentations will cover various topics of interest to attendees. The dialogue among attendees has always added to the information presented. Presentations on the latest technology, techniques, and research being conducted for the safe and efficient operation of Recovery Boilers benefit all. Attendees will receive first-hand information on the issues being addressed and how each can benefit from the cooperative effort of the AF&PA Recovery Boiler Program.

The Program's aim is to make this a "one-stop" opportunity for attendees to obtain updates on Recovery Boiler Industry issues. Reports on Subcommittee activities and developments for the safe and efficient operation of Recovery Boilers will also be presented.

The Committee Meetings will be held on Tuesday, February 3rd, with a Reception and Dinner that evening. The Annual Conference will be held on Wednesday February 4th.

The registration fee for the Conference and Meetings is **only \$500 (USD)/person** for AF&PA Recovery Boiler Program Member Companies, Conference Speakers, and Recovery Boiler Industry Manufacturers, Vendors, Consultants, Insurers, & Other Suppliers to the Recovery Boiler Industry. The registration fee is \$800 (USD)/person for Non-Member Pulp & Paper Companies that operate Recovery Boilers.

The fee covers all Conference Sessions, Subcommittee Meetings, Related Meals, and Reception.

Enclosed is an agenda for the 2026 Annual Conference and Meetings which include a great mix of subjects and research projects underway to help operate Recovery Boilers safer and more efficiently. In addition, views on selected critical areas in Recovery Boilers will be presented. The presentations and the open dialogue on subjects of utmost concern in the Recovery Boiler area have received much praise during the past Conferences and Meetings. We anticipate another excellent turn-out for the 2026 Conference and Meetings, especially given the importance of the current projects and research studies sponsored by the Research & Development and Operation & Maintenance Subcommittees.

The presentations will provide valuable information to Members, as well as Recovery Boiler Manufacturers, Vendors, Insurers, and others interested in Recovery Boilers. This format has proven to be most successful. Thus, this "open" Conference will provide information to all in the Recovery Boiler Community. Updates will also be presented on BLRBAC activities and the TAPPI Recovery Boiler Subcommittee so there will be coverage of other organizations involved with the safe and efficient operation of Recovery Boilers.

The Annual Conference is open to everyone. The Subcommittee Meetings are open to all AF&PA Recovery Boiler Program members & guests. We hope you and others from your company will plan to attend. The Registration Form for the 2026 AF&PA Recovery Boiler Annual Conference & Meetings is enclosed.

We were fortunate to receive a special Group Rate at the Atlanta Airport Marriott Hotel of \$190.00 (USD), plus taxes, for a standard guest room. This Group Rate applies to reservations made directly with the hotel and not through commission-based travel agencies. A block of rooms has been set aside for February 1st to February 7th. Hotel reservations may be made by calling **1 (404) 766-7900** or **1 (800) 228-2100** but you must request the **“AF&PA Meeting” Group Rate**. Reservations can also be made **online** through the following link: <https://book.passkey.com/e/51084652> You may also directly contact Yolanda Sandifer, Marriott Events Group Housing Coordinator, at 1 (404) 209-6814 or Yolanda.Sandifer@marriott.com or you may contact Courtney Hillner-Ludlow, Marriott Senior Event Manager, at 1 (404) 209-6866 or Courtney.Hillner-Ludlow@marriott.com for any additional assistance with room reservations. Additional Hotel Reservation Information is enclosed.

The cut-off date for the hotel special rate is Monday, January 12, 2026 – 5:00 pm Eastern Time. Reservations made after that date will be on an “as available” basis only and possibly at a higher rate. **The special room rate is available until Monday, January 12, 2026 – 5:00 pm Eastern Time or until the group block is sold-out, whichever comes first.**

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The TSA lines at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport can be long at times. **Airlines recommend being at the airport 2 hours prior to your flight time for USA domestic flights and 3 hours prior to your flight time for international flights. This can still be tight on some days!**

The dress code for the Conference and Meetings is “business casual.”

If there are any questions regarding the Conference, Meetings, and/or Room Reservation, please do not hesitate to contact me at: wayne_grilliot@afandpa.org or 1 (937) 602-1892.

Sincerely,
Wayne Grilliot

Attachments:

2026 Annual Conference & Committee Meetings Agenda
2026 Annual Conference & Meetings Registration Form
2026 Atlanta Airport Marriott Hotel Reservation Information

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AGENDA

Tuesday, February 3, 2026 – Atlanta Airport Marriott; 4711 Best Road; Atlanta, Georgia 30337

7:00 am - 9:00 am	Continental Breakfast (B+PDR Restaurant – 1st Floor, near Lobby)
7:00 am - 10:00 am	Registration (Southern Ballroom - Florida/Tennessee Room – 1st Floor)
8:30 am - 3:30 pm	Operation & Maintenance Subcommittee Meeting (Southern Ballroom - Florida/Tennessee Room – 1 st Floor)
9:45 am - 10:00 am	Coffee Break (Florida/Tennessee & Alabama/Georgia Room – 1 st Floor)
10:00 am - 3:30 pm	Research & Development Subcommittee Meeting (Southern Ballroom - Alabama/Georgia Room – 1 st Floor)
12:00 n - 1:00 pm	Lunch (B+PDR Restaurant – 1st Floor, near Lobby)
2:30 pm - 2:45 pm	Coffee Break (Florida/Tennessee & Alabama/Georgia Room – 1st Floor)
4:00 pm - 5:15 pm	Steering Committee Meeting (Closed Meeting) (Southern Ballroom – Alabama/Georgia Room – 1 st Floor)
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Reception (B+PDR Restaurant – 1 st Floor, near Lobby)
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Dinner (B+PDR Restaurant – 1 st Floor, near Lobby)

Wednesday, February 4, 2026, Recovery Boiler Conference – Florida/Tennessee/Alabama Room

7:00 am	Continental Breakfast (B+PDR Restaurant – 1st Floor, near Lobby)
7:00 am	Registration (Southern Ballroom - Florida/Tennessee/Alabama Room – 1st Floor)
8:00 am	General Assembly – Review AF&PA Antitrust Policy & Chairman’s Report - Wes Hill – Georgia-Pacific
8:10 am	Operation & Maintenance Subcommittee Report - Stephen Cox – International Paper
8:15 am	Research & Development Subcommittee Report - Jeff Wagoner – International Paper
8:20 am	TAPPI Energy, Recovery, & Recast Committee Report - Daniel Franco - Recovery Specialist
8:35 am	Effects of Recovery Boiler and Dissolving Tank Operations on Settling and Filtering Characteristics of Green Liquor Dregs - Honghi Tran - University of Toronto – Professor Emeritus
9:15 am	Reliable Dissolving Tank Density Measurement - C.A. Vossberg - Electron Machine
9:45 am	Coffee Break (Florida/Tennessee/Alabama Room – 1st Floor)
10:00 am	Operator Training Programs for Skill Development and Retention - Morgan Silverman - Lundberg Jansen Technologies

Wednesday, February 4, 2026, Recovery Boiler Conference - (Continued)

- 10:30 am Dissolving Tank Studies History - Summary & Insights
 - Niko De Martini – University of Toronto
- 11:00 am Reliable Dissolving Tank Density Measurement and Control
 - Travis Conner - Valmet
- 11:30 am Benefits of NCG Combustion in a Recovery Boiler
 - Samuel Miller - ANDRITZ
- 12:00 noon Lunch (B+PDR Restaurant – 1st Floor, near Lobby)
- 1:00 pm Recovery Boiler Project Case Study
 - John DeFusco & Nick Folster - Babcock & Wilcox
- 1:30 pm When Seconds Matter: Why Operators Miss Large Tube Leaks and The Hidden Data Problem in DCS Screen Design
 - Rudy Haraga - Fornax Services
- 2:00 pm Impact of Recovery Boiler Leading Edge Sootblower Nozzles
 - Danny Tandra - Clyde Industries
- 2:30 pm Saltcake Buildup Solution
 - Dennett Dwyer - AirTek Construction
- 3:00 pm Coffee Break (Florida/Tennessee/Alabama Room – 1st Floor)
- 3:15 pm Online Analyzer for the Measurements of Reduction Efficiency
 - Thanh Trung - FITNIR
- 3:45 pm Active Air System Control Strategy
 - Dan Higgins - SHB Power Plant Engineering
- 4:15 pm Improved RBLI leak Indication Technology
 - Scott Dolezal - Nalco
- 4:45 pm BLRBAC Activities Report
 - Dean Clay - Boiler Services & Inspection (BSI)
 - BLRBAC ESP Subcommittee Secretary
- 5:00 pm Closing Remarks, Questions, & Adjourn

* **TAPPI Book Sale:** Wednesday February 4, 2026 (**9:30 am – 3:30 pm**) outside the Florida Room
25% Discount on the Kraft Recovery Boilers, Third Edition Book and other Select TAPPI Books!!!
Plus, no Shipping Cost!!!

REGISTRATION FORM**2026 AF&PA RECOVERY BOILER ANNUAL CONFERENCE & MEETINGS****ATLANTA AIRPORT MARRIOTT HOTEL**

I plan to attend the 2026 AF&PA Recovery Boiler Annual Conference & Committee Meetings in Atlanta, Georgia - **February 3-4, 2026** Yes _____ No _____

Registration fee is **\$500 (USD) per person** for AF&PA Recovery Boiler Program Member Companies, Conference Speakers, and Recovery Boiler Industry Manufacturers, Vendors, Consultants, & Insurers. Registration fee is \$800 (USD) per person for Non-Member Companies that operate Recovery Boilers.

The Conference, Reception, & Meals are open to everyone. Subcommittee Meetings are open to all Member Companies. Guests may attend the Subcommittee Meetings by invitation or approval.

I plan to attend the following meetings and functions:

- _____ Continental Breakfast – Tuesday, February 3, 2026 (7:00 am – 9:00 am)
- _____ Operation & Maintenance Subcommittee Meeting – February 3, 2026 (8:30 am – 3:30 pm)
- _____ Research & Development Subcommittee Meeting – February 3, 2026 (10:00 am – 3:30 pm)
- _____ Lunch – Tuesday, February 3, 2026 (12:00 n – 1:00 pm)
- _____ Reception – Tuesday, February 3, 2026 (6:00 pm – 7:00 pm)
- _____ Dinner – Tuesday, February 3, 2026 (7:00 pm – 9:00 pm)
- _____ Continental Breakfast – Wednesday, February 4, 2026 (7:00 am – 8:00 am)
- _____ Conference – Wednesday, February 4, 2026 (8:00 am – 5:00 pm)
- _____ Lunch – Wednesday, February 4, 2026 (12:00 n – 1:00 pm)

Let us know of any dietary restrictions or special requests: _____

Please make checks payable to: AF&PA Name (on the Name Badge): _____

Company: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Mobile: _____

Date: _____

Call Wayne Grilliot at 1 (937) 602-1892, if you prefer to provide your credit card information by phone.

If paying by credit card (please provide the following)

Type of credit card: _____

Credit card number: _____

Card verification code (CVC): _____

Expiration date: _____

Full Name on the card: _____

Amount to be charged: _____

**Please return this form and payment
by Email or Mail to:**

**AF&PA Recovery Boiler Program
C/O: Program Excellence, LLC
Attn: Wayne Grilliot, Manager
712 Murrell Drive
Kettering, Ohio 45429**

Email: wayne_grilliot@afandpa.org

**To register by phone, please call:
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**Let me know if you have questions.
Thank You!**

HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION
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February 1-7, 2026
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ROOM RATE: Standard Guest Room \$190.00 (USD), plus tax.

When calling: Request the “AF&PA Meeting” Group Rate and provide the following information.

Arrival Date: _____ Number in Party: _____
Departure Date: _____
Credit Card Number (If charging to a credit card) _____
(Please indicate type of card and expiration date.) _____
Name: _____
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