

**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  
2024 ANNUAL CONFERENCE & MEETINGS  
FEBRUARY 6-7, 2024  
ATLANTA AIRPORT MARRIOTT  
4711 BEST ROAD  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA**

The 2024 AF&PA Recovery Boiler Annual Conference and Committee Meetings will be held on February 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup>, with a Reception and Dinner that evening. The Annual Conference will be held on Wednesday February 7<sup>th</sup>.

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 \$1,000 (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 a tentative agenda for the 2024 Annual Conference and Meetings which will 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 2024 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 and Canadian BLRBAC activities, TAPPI Recovery Boiler Subcommittee, the Swedish-Norwegian Recovery Boiler Committee, and the Finnish Recovery Boiler Committee so there will be complete coverage of 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 2024 AF&PA Recovery Boiler Annual Conference & Meetings is enclosed.

We have been fortunate to receive a special Group Rate at the Atlanta Airport Marriott of \$189.00 (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 2<sup>nd</sup> to February 12<sup>th</sup>. Hotel reservations may be made by calling **1 (800) 266-9432** but you must request the **“AFPA Meeting” Group Rate**. Reservations can also be made **online** through the following link: <https://book.passkey.com/e/50717661> You may also directly contact Yolanda Sandifer, Marriott Events Group Housing Coordinator, at 404-209-6814 or [Yolanda.Sandifer@marriott.com](mailto:Yolanda.Sandifer@marriott.com) or you may contact Courtney Hillner-Ludlow, Marriott Senior Event Manager, at 404-209-6866 or [Courtney.Hillner-Ludlow@marriott.com](mailto: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 15, 2024 – 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 15, 2024 – 5:00 pm Eastern Time or until the group block is sold-out, whichever comes first.

The Atlanta Airport Marriott is conveniently located near the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. Hotel shuttles leave every 15 minutes during most of the day and every 30 minutes between 12 Midnight and 5:00 am.

The TSA lines at the 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](mailto:wayne_grilliot@afandpa.org) or (937) 602-1892.

Sincerely,  
Wayne Grilliot

Attachments:

2024 Annual Conference & Committee Meetings Tentative Agenda  
2024 Annual Conference & Meetings Registration Form  
2024 Hotel Reservation Information

**AF&PA RECOVERY BOILER PROGRAM**  
**2024 ANNUAL CONFERENCE & COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**AGENDA**

**Tuesday, February 6, 2024** – Atlanta Airport Marriott; 4711 Best Road; Atlanta, Georgia 30337

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

**Wednesday, February 7, 2024 Recovery Boiler Conference** – Florida/Tennessee/Alabama Room

7:00 am	Registration & Continental Breakfast (Florida/Tennessee/Alabama Room – 1st Floor) - Wayne Grilliot – AF&PA
8:00 am	General Assembly – Review AF&PA Antitrust Policy & Chairman’s Report - Frank Navojosky – International Paper
8:10 am	Operation & Maintenance Subcommittee Report - Wes Hill – Georgia-Pacific
8:15 am	Research & Development Subcommittee Report - Greg Burns – Domtar
8:20 am	Recovery Boiler Large Tube Leak Statistical Analysis - Rudy Haraga – Fornax Services
8:50 am	TAPPI Energy, Recovery, & Reconst Committee Report - Ryan Henry – Green Bay Packaging
9:05 am	Risk Based Inspection and Maintenance of Recovery Boiler Sootblowers through Systematic NDT, Real-Time Sensor Measurements, and Visual Walkdown - Danny Tandra – Clyde Industries
9:35 am	Coffee Break (Florida/Tennessee/Alabama Room – 1st Floor)
9:50 am	Recovery Boiler Char Bed Modernization - Gene Sullivan – SHB Power Plant Engineering
10:20 am	Accelerated Value Capture by Automated Data Collection and Analysis. - Bentley Sherlock & Michael-Paul Jenkins – Gecko Robotics

**Wednesday, February 7, 2024 Recovery Boiler Conference - (Continued)**

- 10:50 am Recovery Boilers and Dissolving Tank Training Simulators  
- Valmet
- 11:20 am Bed Chemistry Reactions/Gasification Reactions and Control Strategies  
- Honghi Tran – University of Toronto
- 12:00 noon Lunch (B+PDR Restaurant – 1st Floor, near Lobby)
- 1:00 pm Automated Liquor Gun Holders with Port Rodders & Automated Carryover Monitor  
- Andritz
- 1:30 pm Recovery Boiler Inspection & Evaluation  
- Babcock & Wilcox
- 2:30 pm Boiler Tube Leak Detection  
- Travis Conner & Chad Cheney - Valmet
- 3:00 pm Coffee Break (Florida/Tennessee/Alabama Room – 1st Floor)
- 3:15 pm Recovery Boiler Optimization Technologies: Software, Hardware, and Data Benchmarking  
- Wenli Duo – FPInnovations
- 3:45 pm Finnish Recovery Boiler Committee Report  
- Katri Hukkanen – Finnish Recovery Boiler Committee
- 4:15 pm Swedish-Norwegian Recovery Boiler Committee Report  
- Kristian Rosenqvist – Swedish-Norwegian Recovery Boiler Committee
- 4:30 pm Canadian BLRBAC Report
- 4:35 pm BLRBAC Activities Report  
- Dean Clay – Boiler Services & Inspection
- 4:45 pm AF&PA Recovery Boiler Operational Safety Seminar Update  
- Dean Clay – Boiler Services & Inspection
- 4:55 pm Closing Remarks & Questions
- 5:00 pm Adjourn

\* TAPPI Book Sale: Wednesday February 7, 2024 (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**

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**ATLANTA AIRPORT MARRIOTT**

I plan to attend the 2024 AF&PA Recovery Boiler Annual Conference & Committee Meetings in Atlanta, Georgia - **February 6-7, 2024**                      Yes                       No

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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 6, 2024 (7:00 am – 8:30 am)
- Operation & Maintenance Subcommittee Meeting – February 6, 2024 (8:30 am – 3:30 pm)
- Research & Development Subcommittee Meeting – February 6, 2024 (10:00 am – 3:30 pm)
- Lunch – Tuesday, February 6, 2024 (12:00 n – 1:00 pm)
- Reception – Tuesday, February 6, 2024 (6:00 pm – 7:00 pm)
- Dinner – Tuesday, February 6, 2024 (7:00 pm – 9:00 pm)
- Continental Breakfast – Wednesday, February 7, 2024 (7:00 am – 8:00 am)
- Conference – Wednesday, February 7, 2024 (8:00 am – 5:00 pm)
- Lunch – Wednesday, February 7, 2024 (12:00 n – 1:00 pm)

**Let us know of any dietary restrictions or special requests:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to: AF&PA**      Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Call Wayne Grilliot at (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:  
Wayne Grilliot (937) 602-1892**

**Let me know if you have questions.  
Thank You!**

