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**SOOGA'S ANNUAL TRADE SHOW**



SOOGA's Annual Trade Show took place on September 27th, 2023 with 18 vendors booths, CPR/First Aid Training, Fire Extinguisher/Condensate Training, door prizes, great food, a speaker series and much more. We would like to thank everyone who attended this event this year. It was a wonderful turnout, pictures continued page 17.

**PRODUCERS MEETING WITH ASPIRE ENERGY**

Aspire Energy has reached out to SOOGA to hold a meeting with our local Producers on November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 12:30 p.m. at the Broughton's Community Building- Buckeye Room address is 639 State Route 821, Marietta, Ohio 45750. . Aspire Energy has had a lot of questions about fee structure from our producers in the area recently after completing the most recent fee adjustment this past spring. With the depressed market price of natural gas they understand the concerns. Aspire Energy would like to discuss both current and future challenges facing their gathering systems that directly affect their fee structure for our producers.

## THE CROW'S NEST

As we close in on the end of 2023, SOOGA has almost wrapped up all of the scheduled events of the year. I want to thank all of those involved in planning, implementing, and attending the annual fall trade show as well as the fall sporting clay shoot. Both events were productive and successful.



The fall trade show was a blend of training and information pertinent to the industry. Training sessions included CPR/First Aid certification, fire extinguisher/condensate training, and real life scenarios and candid conversations with actual DOT inspectors. The presentations focused on workforce opportunities, a legal case update, and a presentation from the Washington County Sherriff's department on theft and drug abuse. I know many participants learned something that will benefit them in the future.

The sporting clay shoot location was at a new venue this time and we received a lot of positive comments on the event and the location. The weather mostly cooperated and the food was greatly complimented. Many clay targets were hit but, as in life, there were a few that got away.

We learn things every day, whether we realize it or not. SOOGA provides opportunities for learning through a conscious effort like at the SOOGA meetings, and some lessons are learned through experiences, interactions with others, and perseverance, like the clay shoot. SOOGA appreciates the opportunity to work with all of you in this great industry that is so vital to everyday life. Please help others understand what this industry provides to our quality of life, whether they consciously realize it or not.

-Brian Chavez  
SOOGA President

**2023 SOOGA**

November 2023  
Gun Giveaway

November 7th, 2023  
Tax Seminar

November 10th, 2023  
Aspire Energy Meeting with Producers

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The 2023 Directories were mailed. If you have not received one and need one call the SOOGA Office .

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**Southeastern Ohio Oil and Gas Association**  
**Gas Committee Report**  
**October, 2023**

**Prices October, 2023**

<b>NYMEX Settle –October – 2023</b>	<b>\$2.76</b>
<b>One Year NYMEX strip (Nov, 2023 Oct. 2024)</b>	<b>\$3.51</b>
<b>Summer NYMEX strip for 2024 (April., 2024 - Oct., 2024)</b>	<b>\$3.42</b>
<b>Winter NYMEX strip – 2022 (Nov., 2023 – Mar. 2024)</b>	<b>\$3.60</b>
<b>TCO Index Posting - October, 2023</b>	<b>\$1.38</b>
<b>DTI Index Posting – October, 2023</b>	<b>\$1.25</b>

**September 29, 2023 Storage Report:**

Region	Historical Comparisons							
	Stocks billion cubic feet (Bcf)				Year ago 09/22/22)		5-year average (2018-22)	
	09/29/23	09/22/23	net change	implied flow	Bcf	% change	Bcf	% change
<b>East</b>	847	821	26	26	751	12.8	807	5.0
<b>Midwest</b>	991	962	29	29	911	8.8	949	4.4
<b>Mountain</b>	239	234	5	5	183	30.6	200	19.5
<b>Pacific</b>	278	271	7	7	246	13.0	273	1.8
<b>South Central</b>	1,090	1,071	19	19	977	9.3	1,044	4.4
<b>Salt</b>	259	250	9	9*	222	16.7	249	4.0
<b>Nonsalt</b>	830	821	9	9	774	7.1	796	4.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,445</b>	<b>3,359</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>3,078</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>3,273</b>	<b>5.3</b>

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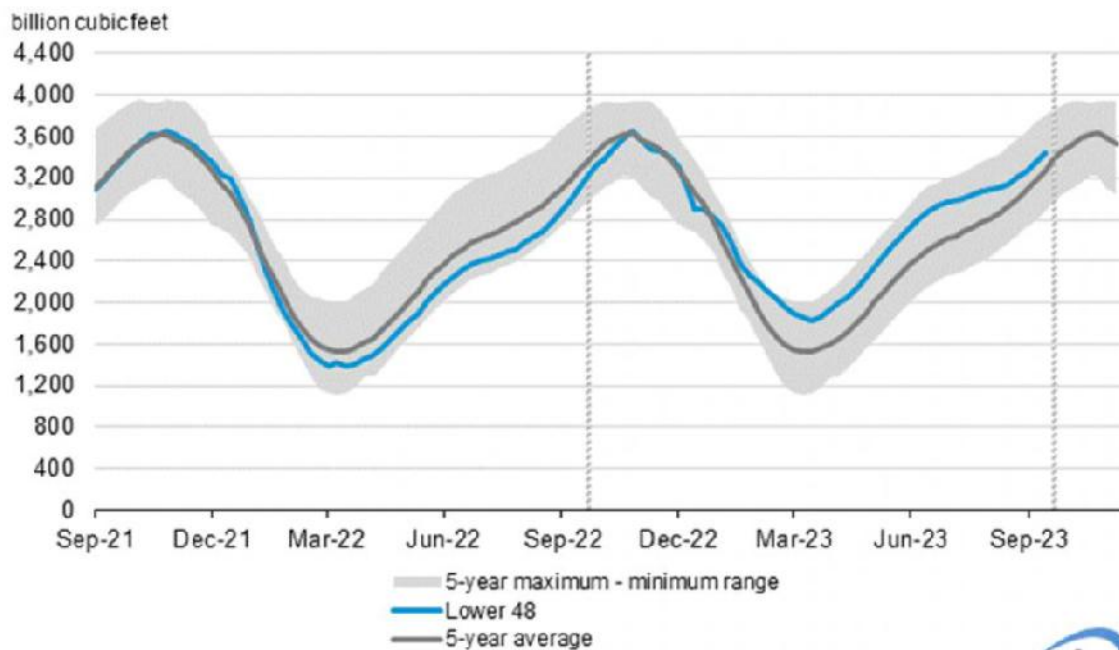


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### Summary

Working gas in storage was 3,445 Bcf as of Friday, September 29, 2023, according to EIA estimates. This represents a net increase of 86 Bcf from the previous week. Stocks were 357 Bcf higher than last year at this time and 172 Bcf above the five-year average of 3,273 Bcf. At 3,445 Bcf, total working gas is within the five-year historical range.

### Working gas in underground storage compared with the 5-year maximum and minimum



Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration



### Prices/Supply/Demand

- Supply:** According to data from S&P Global Commodity Insights, the average total supply of natural gas remained the same as in the previous report week, averaging 106.0 Bcf/d. Dry natural gas production decreased by 0.1% (0.1 Bcf/d) to an average 100.9 Bcf/d, and average net imports from Canada increased by 6.8% (0.3 Bcf/d) from last week.
- Demand:** Total U.S. consumption of natural gas fell by 0.9% (0.6 Bcf/d) compared with the previous report week, according to data from S&P Global Commodity Insights. Natural gas consumed for power generation declined by 2.3% (0.9 Bcf/d) week over week. Industrial sector consumption increased by 0.3% (0.1 Bcf/d), and residential and commercial sector consumption increased by 2.1% (0.2 Bcf/d). Natural gas exports to Mexico were essentially unchanged, and natural gas deliveries to U.S. LNG export facilities (LNG pipeline receipts) averaged 12.5 Bcf/d, or 0.6 Bcf/d higher than last week.

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### Pricing:

- **Henry Hub spot price:** The Henry Hub spot price rose 20 cents from \$2.71 per million British thermal units (MMBtu) last Wednesday to \$2.91/MMBtu yesterday.
- **Henry Hub futures price:** The October 2023 NYMEX contract expired last Wednesday at \$2.764/MMBtu. The November 2023 NYMEX contract price increased to \$2.962/MMBtu, up 6 cents from last Wednesday to yesterday. The price of the 12-month strip averaging November 2023 through October 2024 futures contracts rose 4 cents to \$3.260/MMBtu.
- **Select regional spot prices:** Natural gas spot prices rose at most locations this report week (Wednesday, September 27, to Wednesday, October 4). Price changes ranged from a decrease of \$0.23/MMBtu at Northwest Sumas on the Canada-Washington border to an increase of \$4.06/MMBtu at SoCal Citygate.
  - Prices increased in California amid supply disruptions. The price at SoCal Citygate in [Southern California](#) increased \$4.06 from \$2.98/MMBtu last Wednesday to \$7.04/MMBtu yesterday. Natural gas supplies in California decreased 8.2% (0.6 billion cubic feet per day [Bcf/d]) this week, according to data from S&P Global Commodity Insights. Natural gas flows from the Desert Southwest into Southern California fell 8.3% (0.3 Bcf/d) as production in the New Mexico portion of the Permian Basin decreased 6.3% (0.4 Bcf/d) week over week. El Paso Natural Gas Company reported [ongoing maintenance](#) this week on its system, which delivers natural gas from the Permian production region to Southern California. The price at PG&E Citygate in Northern California rose \$1.61, up from \$3.25/MMBtu last Wednesday to \$4.86/MMBtu yesterday. [Maintenance](#) on the Williams-operated Northwest Pipeline, which delivers natural gas from Canada and the Rocky Mountains to the Western United States, has reduced natural gas flows south by approximately 0.2 Bcf/d since September 26. In addition, [maintenance](#) on the Gas Transmission Northwest pipeline, operated by TC Energy, has reduced natural gas deliveries from Canada into the Pacific Northwest and the Malin, Oregon, delivery point which supplies the PG&E service territory.
  - At Northwest Sumas on the Canada-Washington border, which connects to the Gas Transmission Northwest pipeline, the price fell 23 cents from \$2.24/MMBtu last Wednesday to \$2.01/MMBtu yesterday. Natural gas consumption in the electric power sector in the Pacific Northwest decreased 6.1% (0.1 Bcf/d) this week, according to data from S&P Global Commodity Insights. Puget Sound Energy reported the share of natural gas used for electricity generation declined by 6.9% this report week and

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- the share of electricity generated by renewable sources (wind, solar, and hydro) increased 6.4%, according to our [Hourly Electric Grid Monitor](#).
- **Prices in major Northeast markets remained the lowest in the country, and price changes were mixed this week. At Algonquin Citygate, which serves [Boston-area consumers](#), the price decreased 2 cents from \$1.51/MMBtu last Wednesday to \$1.49/MMBtu yesterday. At the Transcontinental Pipeline Zone 6 trading point for New York City, the price rose 5 cents from \$1.28/MMBtu last Wednesday to \$1.33/MMBtu yesterday. Natural gas consumption in the electric power sector in New York and New Jersey increased 23% (0.4 Bcf/d), according to data from S&P Global. From Monday to Wednesday, temperatures in the [New York-Central Park Area](#) averaged 72°F, 9°F above normal, resulting in 21 cooling [degree days](#) (CDD), 16 CDDs more than normal. Since September 15, Tennessee Gas Pipeline (TGP) has been repairing [compressor station 315](#) in Wellsboro, Pennsylvania, reducing pipeline capacity by about 0.2 Bcf/d for westbound natural gas deliveries. TGP reports an estimated return to service date of October 13.**
  - In the Midwest, the Chicago Citygate price increased 33 cents from \$2.27/MMBtu last Wednesday to \$2.60/MMBtu yesterday. Natural gas deliveries from the Appalachian production region decreased 11% (0.7 Bcf/d) this week, according to data from S&P Global Commodities, and total supplies declined 4% (0.5 Bcf/d) week over week (see discussion on TGP above).



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## West Virginia Benefits from Department of Energy Award for Hydrogen Hub

Hydrogen emerges as a promising fuel source for West Virginia's oil and gas industry due to its environmentally friendly characteristics. It's clean, emitting no harmful byproducts when used in applications like fuel cells. This clean-burning fuel is of particular interest to the state's significant natural gas producers and has the potential to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, aligning with West Virginia's commitment to a more environmentally responsible energy landscape.

West Virginia is poised to become a major hub for hydrogen production, as part of an \$8 billion infrastructure plan, with the Belle Plant in Kanawha County and Point Pleasant in Mason County set to host hydrogen hubs. The state, selected by the U.S. Department of Energy from a pool of 23 finalists, stands to receive \$925 million in federal funding, creating approximately 200,000 jobs, a significant portion of which will benefit West Virginia, in addition to attracting over \$5 billion in private investment. Governor Jim Justice emphasized the state's commitment to embracing diverse forms of energy, while U.S. Senator Joe Manchin highlighted the environmental advantages of hydrogen. Belle Mayor David Fletcher welcomed the potential for economic growth and diversification, foreseeing enhanced municipal services and development. In Mason County, the announcement was met with enthusiasm by John Musgrave, the Executive Director of the Mason County Development Authority, as it aligns with their ongoing efforts to attract Fidelis New Energy's hydrogen plant, further bolstering the region's prospects for growth and employment.

-Robert Matthey

### **NEW 2023 SOOGA MEMBERS**

Please make them welcome and invite others in our industry to join. The Stronger we are in numbers, the more we can accomplish.

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**GAS PRICING 2023****SEPTEMBER 2023**

NYMEX Settlement: \$2.556

Inside FERC/EG SP/DTI: \$0.98 (Basis: -\$1.576)

Inside FERC/TCO: \$1.08 (Basis: -\$1.476)

**OCTOBER 2023**

NYMEX Settlement: \$2.764

Inside FERC/EG SP/DTI: \$1.25 (Basis: -\$1.514)

Inside FERC/TCO: \$1.38 (Basis: -\$1.384)

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MONTHLY AVERAGE FOR OHIO AND WEST VIRGINIA**

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AUGUST Ohio/WV Tier 2: \$77.4374

AUGUST Ohio/WV Tier 3: \$75.4374

AUGUST Marcellus/Utica Condensate: \$62.4374

AUGUST Marcellus/Utica Medium: \$80.4374

AUGUST Marcellus/Utica Light: \$71.4374

SEPTEMBER Ohio/WV Tier 1: \$88.0890

SEPTEMBER Ohio/WV Tier 2: \$85.0890

SEPTEMBER Ohio/WV Tier 3: \$83.0890

SEPTEMBER Marcellus/Utica Condensate: \$70.0890

SEPTEMBER Marcellus/Utica Medium: \$88.0890

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Group 2 OH: \$76.46

Group 3 OH: \$74.46

9/01 to 9/10 Group 1 OH: \$85.58

Group 2 OH: \$82.58

Group 3 OH: \$80.58

9/11 to 9/20 Group 1 OH: \$89.01

Group 2 OH: \$86.01

Group 3 OH: \$84.01

9/21 to 9/30 Group 1 OH: \$89.68

Group 2 OH: \$86.68

Group 3 OH: \$84.68

10/01 to 10/10 Group 1 OH: \$84.61

Group 2 OH: \$81.61

Group 3 OH: \$79.61

10/11 to 10/20 Group 1 OH: \$85.92

Group 2 OH: \$82.92

Group 3 OH: \$80.92

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## NSPS Review for Volatile Organic Liquid Storage Vessels

On October 4, 2023 the US EPA published proposed revisions to the Clean Air Act New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) for volatile organic liquids (VOL) storage vessels.

These proposed amendments aim to help reduce the emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and other hazardous air pollutants. The US EPA would require air pollution controls for a wider range of storage vessels than is currently required in the existing NSPS. Another revision in the proposal is revising the VOC standards to reflect the best system of emissions reductions (BSER) for affected storage vessels. Currently, the existing NSPS requires 95% control efficiency and the proposed control updates would require 98% control efficiency for VOCs.

The EPA is required by the Clean Air Act to review each NSPS subpart every eight years to decide if emission limits, controls and other items need to be revised. The NSPS was last reviewed in 1987, the NSPS Kb. For more detail visit <https://www.epa.gov/stationary-sources-air-pollution/volatile-organic-liquid-storage-vessels-including-petroleum>.

-Maureen Kertes



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**Spencer Raymond "Punk" Carpenter**, 76, of Racine, passed away surrounded by family at 2:20 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 15, 2023, at Riverside Methodist Hospital, Columbus. Born March 20, 1947, he was the son of the late James Carpenter and Betty Beegle Carpenter. After graduating from Southern High School in 1965, Spence joined the United States Army and earned his Ranger Tab and was then sent to Vietnam where he earned a Bronze Star and Combat Infantry Badge as well as many other personal and Campaign awards. He obtained the Rank of Captain while serving abroad and at home for 12 years in the United States military, He was an integrated part of the defense of this great nation that he loved so much. He was honored for his faithful service and devotion to our Nation by Southern Local School District on their yearly Veterans Day Assembly. After leaving the military, Spence began

working in the oil and gas industry. He purchased The SUN FUN gas station and Carpenter well services, as well as

a co-owner of American Wireline Services. After those endeavors, he then went to work for The J.D. Drilling Company, working his way up to Vice President of the Company while overseeing day to day operations. He is survived by his loving wife of 39 years, Cheryl, who loved him dearly, and children Jim (Christy) Carpenter, Beckie (Butch) Barton, Michael Amos, John Amos, Annie (Steve) Lemaster, Jason (Kathryn) Carpenter, Jenny Kay Harmon, as well as his 19 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren, whom he loved very much. He is also survived by his sister, Cricket Adkins, and brother-Jim and Linda Diddle. Spence also had four Newfoundland's, Buddy, Lilly, Izzy and Captain Ranger that were his pride and joy! A Memorial Service will be held 11 a.m., Oct. 14th, at the Racine Ohio American Legion hall. If Attending the memorial please bring a covered dish, Spence loved the 4th of July and a wake is planned at the house this coming July 4th to celebrate his life! Bring a chair and a story!!! In lieu of flowers, send donations to : Captain Spencer R. Carpenter Scholarship Fund Peoples bank 115 Court street Pomeroy Ohio 45769. An online guest register is available at [www.ingramfh.com](http://www.ingramfh.com).



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