

## **Speakers at Second CPUC Hydrostatic Testing Symposium**

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**Nick Stavropoulos** is executive vice president, PG&E Gas Operations. He is responsible for the maintenance, construction and restoration of PG&E's natural gas transmission and distribution system.

Stavropoulos has more than 30 years of experience in the gas industry. He most recently served as executive vice president and chief operating officer for National Grid where he was responsible for all aspects of its gas distribution business. Prior to this, Stavropoulos was president of KeySpan Energy Delivery where he led the company's gas distribution group, field operations, and sales and marketing teams. Stavropoulos holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from Bentley College and received his MBA from Babson College.

**Kirk Johnson** is vice president of Gas Transmission at PG&E. He has been with PG&E since 1980 and has held leadership positions within Gas System Operations, Gas Transmission Products and Sales, Gas Maintenance and Technical Support, and Maintenance and Construction.

Johnson holds a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the UC Davis and an MBA from California State University, Hayward.

**Pierre Bigras** is Director of Transmission Construction Management at PG&E. Pierre's management background includes large scale construction jobs such as major landside projects for the \$1.4 billion Sacramento Airport expansion. Early in his career, Pierre worked in various capacities as a pipefitter, pipefitter foreman and professional engineer. He holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from McGill University, in Quebec, Canada.

**Ben Campbell** is the director of engineering for the Hydrotest Program for PG&E's Gas Transmission organization. He has been with PG&E since 1983 and has held engineering and leadership positions within Gas System Operations, New Revenue Development, Gas Transmission Products and Sales, Gas Transmission and Storage, and Pipe Line Operations. Mr. Campbell holds a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the UC Davis and an MBA from Saint Mary's College in Moraga.

**Mike Cooper** is Technical Services Director for JANX Services. He attended Marshall University and received an Associate Degree in Civil Engineering. He earned certification as a Certified Welding Inspector by the American Welding Society in 1989, and achieved certification as a Level III Radiographer in 1992. He is certified in radiography, magnetic particle, liquid penetrant, ultrasonic, and visual inspection methods. In 1998 he became a Certified Welding

Educator. He has served on the board of the Nondestructive Testing Management Association and he has authored technical inspection documents that have been published by the American Society of Nondestructive Testing. Mike has over 25 years experience in the nondestructive testing industry providing services to the petrochemical industry, pipeline utilities, and pulp and paper industries while working for Huntington, CONAM Inspection, Longview Inspection and Acuren Inspection.

**Ed Porter** is Operations Manager for Spection, a sister company to JANX, that offers project management and inspection services. Ed has worked in the nondestructive testing industry since 1968, and worked his way up to become a Level III Radiographer in 1996. In 1997 Ed gained certification by the American Welding Society as a Certified Welding Inspector. He currently maintains those credentials; he also is certified at Level III-1A by the Society for Non-destructive Testing Technical Council. He has performed radiography on pipeline projects, power plants, refineries, process plants and fabrication shops. From 2004-08 Ed concentrated his efforts as a Welding Inspector and Chief Inspector on several large pipeline projects, most notably serving as the NDT Auditor on Spreads One and Two for Enbridge Energy's Southern Access/Southern Lights projects. This new construction consisted of 300 miles of 20" and 42" diameter steel lines. He also is a certified Level II technician in dye penetrant, magnetic particle, straight beam ultrasonic, and visual inspection methods. Ed is an OSHA-Authorized Construction Trainer and he serves as JANX's principal instructor of in-house non-destructive training.