



PROFESSIONAL PETROLEUM DATA MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

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In Review

Well Numbering Project Meeting

The PPDM Association held a kick-off meeting for the API Well Numbering Project in Houston on May 17th. Since being granted custodial rights to the API’s D12A standard early this year, the PPDM Association has seen a tremendous amount of interest in the project. Over 70 delegates from operating companies, software and data vendors, service providers and government agencies attended the meeting.

The meeting’s first presentation was made by Pam Koscinski from Chesapeake Energy who provided a historical review of the creation and changes made to the API D12A well numbering standard. Subsequent presentations from Bruce Smith of IHS and Jim Stolle from P2ES discussed the challenges associated with applying the standard to modern wellbore structures. Presentations concluded that the existing D12A standard cannot support accurate wellbore identification using modern drilling technologies. This results in significant data management problems and business costs that will increase if the standard is not updated.

Trudy Curtis, CEO of the PPDM Association, presented the goals and scope of the API Well Numbering Project and encouraged companies to actively participate in revising the standard in addition to providing funds for the project. “Active participation ensures that everyone’s opinions are heard,” said Curtis.

Chellie Hailes, Information Architect at Chevron, reiterated the importance of the project and stated that her company will be an active member of the workgroup and will contribute funds along with Hess Corporation. The meeting concluded with an open discussion of the project’s deliverables which addressed goals, objectives and PPDM member/non-member participation.

