

NEWS ALERT



Cortec® Gets a Grip on the Natural Gas Industry



Cortec's participation in the 8th Gas Power Conference, November 7th-8th in Philadelphia, PA, was a time to get a better grip on the natural gas industry both in terms of understanding and reaching the market. The conference was a way to stay abreast of changes in the natural gas market as power generation shifts more and more toward solar, hydro, and wind energy. Natural gas production will not go away but will eventually focus on other uses besides energy.

During the conference, Cortec® Director of Energy & Engineered Solutions, Jim Holden, participated in a panel that discussed major hurdles to natural gas production and use in the future. One of the big issues that came up was the impact of corrosion. With many high publicity failures from corroded oil and gas transmission lines, any new plans for pipelines are required to have a detailed corrosion mitigation plan in the future.



Holden also gave his own presentation on “The Forgotten Assets” and the importance of properly protecting them from corrosion. He emphasized how facilities such as power plants, pumping stations, or wellheads might purchase spares and leave them unprotected and forgotten in a warehouse. By the time they go to replace a failed part, the spares are often in worse shape than the component being replaced. Holden explained that this “results in increased downtime, lost productivity, and depending on what the failure is, a loss of goodwill in the community.”

Attendees showed a good response to both the panel discussion and the presentation. There were also many good conversations with booth visitors — from a university geologist interested in discussing downhole applications with Cortec® R&D, to several contacts made with energy companies who want to have further discussions on how Cortec® can benefit them.

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