



Operators and Power Engineers Conference 2026

Invitation

As our profession evolves so does the educational needs of Plant Owners, Power Engineers, and Maintenance Professionals who operate and maintain our plants in a safe and environmentally responsible manner.

The Power Engineering Field is evolving every day, and the Operators and Power Engineers Conference is the best way to stay current with the changing environment we all find ourselves in. Being an operating engineer in a steam plant or refrigeration plant is not just about operating your plant, it's also about the staff who work in our plants and the maintenance involved in keeping them running safely. Our primary role is "Public Safety" which includes the safety of both our plant staff and the general public. We cannot do this unless our plants are maintained in a safe and operational condition.

Changes in our environment are affecting the way we do business, now and in the future. New technologies and regulations will have an impact on your business. From adapting to the changing work forces and attracting and keeping qualified staff..

The Operators and Power Engineers Conference is open to any Plant Owner, Owners Representative, Power Engineers, Operating Engineer or others who show a strong desire to expand their understanding of power engineering. This also includes, but is not limited to, Professional Engineers, Maintenance Personnel, Supplies or Government Officials who have a strong interest in public safety.

We strongly encourage you, as the Chief Power Engineers and Chief Plant Operators, to promote and encourage your owners, key operating staff, maintenance partners, etc. to attend this and future Education Forums.



The agenda will be finalized in September and sent out in the fall mail out. The core elements and presentation will not change, and we hope to add new and exciting elements that will interest everyone. We will continue to focus on

1. Government Regulation changes, both current and proposed
2. Government Regulatory bodies and their "Roles and Responsibilities"
3. Power Engineering Education (NSCC and Block Release)
4. Apprenticeship
5. SOPEEC & IPEC Updates
6. Learning Material Updates (what's new and what's changing)
7. Diversity in the Workplace
8. Plant Maintenance
9. New Technologies
10. Environmental Concerns
11. Changing Roles & Employment Opportunities for Power Engineers
12. Refrigeration Codes and Technology

We recognize that Refrigeration Plants may have been underrepresented in the past and we are trying to add more areas of interest for these sites. Keeping this in mind, we need greater representation from these plants. We strongly encourage participation from Refrigeration Plants so we can better understand the needs of plant staff.

We welcome all ideas for topics or presentations that you would like to see discuss at the conference. Ideas can be sent to OPEConferenceNS@gmail.com or you can contact us by phone 902-414-3781. Please include the contact information of the person interested in doing the presentation.

Sincerely your committee members: Sarah Lumsden, Shane Todd, Shawna Publicover, Jude Rankin, Jordan MacPhee, Jim Reid, Rick Deveau, Jennie Greencorn, Brendan Higby, Colin McElrea & Blair Saulnier.

Sarah Lumsden & Shane Todd

Chairpersons, 2026