Crude Oil Quality Association

Moody Gardens Hotel and Convention Center, October 14-15, 2026

Wednesday, October 14th: Location: Moody Ballroom

1:30pm – 3:00pm: COQA Executive Board Meeting (open only to board members)

3:00pm – 3:30pm: COQA Advisory Board Meeting (open to representatives of annual member companies)

3:30pm - 4:00pm: **Gulf Coast Quality/Hydrocarbons Lab Initiative** (newly proposed subcommittee, open to all)

4:00pm – 5:00pm: ~~**Light Sweet Crude Subcommittee**~~ (cancelled – check back for schedule updates)

COQA Opening Reception

5:00pm - 7:00pm: Garden Cay Room (at Moody Gardens)

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Thursday, October 15th: Location: Moody Ballroom

7:30am:	**Breakfast Buffet**
8:15am:	Introductions to COQA Galveston
8:30am:	**Evan Howell,** *Managing Editor – Americas Crude Oil*, **S&P Global** Gulf Coast Crude Oil Markets and Global Supply/Demand
9:00am:	**Amit Patel,** *Sr. Industry Technical Consultant*, **Nalco Water** **&** **Graylon Williams,** *Sr. Industry Technical Consultant*, **Nalco Water** The Nightmare of H2S Scavenger-Derived Polymers: How MEA dithiazine (or polythiomethylene) enter the crude unit and create water system foulants
9:30am:	**Christian Schröder-Holzhacker,** *Product Manager*, **Eralytics GmbH** Combined Vapor Pressure and Density Testing of Crude Oil
10:00am:	**Networking Break** AmSpec.

10:30am: **Tom Ramsey,** *Chief Commercial Officer*, **America First Refining**
New Brownsville Refinery Construction, Infrastructure, and Quality Initiatives

11:00am: **Pooja Bhatt,** *Regional Manager - Chemical Analysis*, **Analytik Jena**
&
Randy S. Rarig Jr., *R&T Advisor: Refining Solutions Global Physical Analysis, Bayport Analytical Research & Quality*, **Ketjen**
Improving Sodium Analysis in Crude when using ASTM D7691

11:30 – 1:30pm: **COQA Italian Luncheon at Palmetto Osteria**
(transport provided)

1:30pm: **Mohith Velamala,** *Energy Specialist: Oil*, **BloombergNEF**
Conflict in Iran and the Impact on Short and Long term Crude Oil Markets

2:00pm: **Jim Enterkin**, *Senior Scientist*, **Phillips 66**
Fit for Purpose Elemental Analysis Methods – Evaluating ASTM D8252 XRF for Crude Oil NI & V

2:30pm: **Paul Giammatteo,** *President*, **4IR Solutions**
Assay Grade Crude Characterization using Online NMR

3:00pm: **Networking Break**

3:15pm: **Shawnna Ryder,** *Manager Program Analyst*, **U.S. Department of Energy**
US SPR Quality and Quantity Update

3:45pm: **Meghan Conan,** *Manager, Instructor-Led Training,* **ASTM International**
ASTM Training Tools for Crude Oil Quality Measurement and Testing

4:00pm: **Darren Shelton,** *Vice President,* **Moran Shipping Agencies**
History of the Houston Ship Channel and Crude Oil

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