



DGAC Winter 2026 Virtual Conference and Educational Event

January 14-15, 2026

All Times Shown as Eastern Time

Virtual Meeting
via
Microsoft Teams

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Schedule of Events

Subject to Change – We apologize for any disappointments in the final version

Wednesday January 14, 2026

Please Note: Times may vary based on agenda and meeting content.

Start Time		End Time	Speaker	Topic
All Times Shown as Eastern Time				
12:00 PM		12:05 PM	Del Billings, Emcee DGAC Technical Director	Call to order, Welcome and Introduction of Speakers
12:05 PM	-	1:45 PM	William Quade Acting Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety Aaron Mitchell Acting Deputy Associate Administrator, Policy and Programs Matt Ripley Acting Deputy Associate Administrator, Field Operations Shane Kelley Acting Director, International Program Matt Nickels Acting Director, Standards and Rulemaking	PHMSA/OHMS Session Presentations by key leaders from the Office of Hazardous Materials Safety (OHMS), Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT)

1:45 PM	-	2:00 PM	Break	
2:00 PM	-	2:45 PM	Mark Maday Staff Director Hazardous Materials Division Office of Technical Oversight Federal Railroad Administration	Federal Railroad Administration Hazardous Materials Division Update
2:45 PM	-	3:30 PM	Steve Webb Assistant International Program Director Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration Office of Hazardous Materials Safety U.S. Department of Transportation and Chair – Editorial and Technical Group	Vessel Transportation and IMO Update
3:30 PM	-	3:45 PM	Break	
3:45 PM	-	4:30 PM	Duane Pfund Outgoing Chair of UN TDG Sub-Committee and Senior Consultant Hazmat Safety Consulting	Observations on the work of the UN Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and the PHMSA International Standards Program
		4:30PM	Adjourn for the day (Reconvene tomorrow at 11:00 AM EDT)	

Thursday
January 15, 2026

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Start Time		End Time	Speaker	Topic
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11:00 AM	-	11:05 AM	Del Billings, Emcee DGAC Technical Director	Call to order, Welcome and Introduction of Speakers
11:05 AM	-	12:30 PM	BONUS TRAINING SESSION Using subpart C of part 171 <i>Authorization and Requirements for the Use of International Transport Standards and Regulations</i> With an emphasis on the applicability, conditions, and limitations for the use of the ICAO/IATA air transport requirements and the IMDG Code for shipments to, from, or within the United States. Presented by Vaughn Arthur DGAC	

12:30 PM	-	12:45 PM	Break	
12:45 PM	-	1:30 PM	Rick Boyle Radioactive Material Transportation Consultant – formerly of PHMSA's Radioactive Materials Office	Aligning IAEA Regulations to the UN Model Regulations
1:30 PM	-	2:15 PM	Keith Coyle Chief Counsel U.S. Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration	Activities and Program Priorities of the Office of the Chief Counsel
2:15 PM	-	2:30 PM	Break	Conference Adjourns – DGAC Standing Committee Meetings Begin at 2:45 PM EDT (see below)
DGAC Committee Meetings Please Note: the committee meetings listed below will share one Teams login which will be different from the login link for the conference sessions above.				
2:30 PM	-	3:30 PM	NARLA Meeting DGAC North American Regulatory and Legislative Affairs Committee	Chair: John Heater DGAC Members Only Please
3:30 PM	-	4:30 PM	INTEREC Meeting DGAC International Regulations Committee	Chair: Todd Strobel DGAC Members Only Please
		4:30 PM	Adjourn	
Save the Date! Upcoming Conferences (Tentative) May 20 – 21, 2026 September 30 – October 1, 2026				