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Subject: Panel Discussion on Gas Cavern Operating Pressure Ranges

As part of the Spring 2005 meeting in Syracuse, the Solution Mining Research Institute (SMRI) sponsored a panel discussion on “Operating Pressures in Solution-Mined Gas Caverns”. The invited panelists, presented in the table below, represented engineering, operations, research, project development, and rock mechanics experience and interests from North America and Europe. The presentations of each of the panelists are attached to this memorandum. This group of presentations provides an excellent perspective on the issues associated with establishing gas cavern operating pressure ranges.

**Spring 2005 SMRI-Sponsored Panel Discussion Panelists
 Operating Pressures in Solution-Mined Gas Caverns**

Panelist	Specialization
Charles Chabannes	Engineering/Operations
Gerard Durup	Research/Operations
Jack Gatewood	Operations/Development
John Osnes	Rock Mechanics
Heiner Ribbeck	Operations
Kurt Staudtmeister	Rock Mechanics

The SMRI is fortunate to have been able to convince each of the highly experienced and talented panelists to participate as invited panelists and we sincerely thank them for their participation. I am certain that if any of you have any questions about any of the presentations, the presenters will be happy to answer them.