



SMRI **FALL**
2024

EDMONTON | CANADA
SEPTEMBER 21-25

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

All times in Mountain Daylight Time (MDT)

Saturday, September 21

8:00 AM – 12:30 PM **RESEARCH COMMITTEE MEETING**
1:00 – 4:30 PM **LEADERSHIP MEETING**

Sunday, September 22

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM **SMRI TECHNICAL CLASS**
Class #1: Solution Mining
Optional with additional charge; to be repeated Spring 2025 Conference
Class #2: Canadian Standards Association
Z341 Storage of Hydrocarbons in Underground Formations *Optional with additional charge*

Monday, September 23

8:00 – 10:00 AM **BUSINESS MEETING**
Members Only
10:30 AM – 5:00 PM **TECHNICAL PAPER PRESENTATION**
8:30 AM – 4:15 PM **FRIENDS AND SPOUSES FUN**
6:30 PM – 9:30 PM **MONDAY CONFERENCE EVENING EVENT**
Optional; additional charge

Tuesday, September 24

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM **TECHNICAL PAPER PRESENTATION**
9:30 AM – 3:30 PM **FRIENDS AND SPOUSES FUN**

Wednesday, September 25

7:30 AM – 5:00 PM **FIELD TRIP 1:** *Stream-Flo Group and Keyera Fort Saskatchewan*
FIELD TRIP 2: *C-Fer Technologies and ATCO Fort Saskatchewan*

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

IN-PERSON ATTENDEES

All conference attendees must be in the SMRI database and register online in advance, with payment required for confirmation. Non-technical guests must be registered as "guests" before finalizing the online payment. Event space is limited. The delegate registration fee includes access to Sunday Icebreaker, breakfast, AM/PM breaks, and Monday and Tuesday lunches. Registering after September 6 incurs a \$250 additional charge, subject to space availability.

REMOTE ATTENDEES

SMRI plans to broadcast the Edmonton meeting in a hybrid format. Technical Presentations will be live-streamed, with on-demand access later. The same platform as the Krakow event will be used, and details will be shared closer to the conference date. Virtual attendees must register separately with a link on the registration page. The remote delegate registration fee is the same as in-person rates, covering live feed broadcast, on-demand videos, and a file of all presented papers. Register before September 6 to avoid additional \$250 charge. *The Technical Class will be live-streamed only and not available on-demand afterward.*

conference pricing

MEMBER COST: \$725
(\$600 w/o Monday Night Event)

NON-MEMBER COST: \$1,225
(\$1,100 w/o Monday Night Event)

Discounts available for Class Instructors and one Speaker per paper. University students contact John Nadeau to apply for discounted registration (jnadeau@solutionmining.org).

registration dates

17 JULY
Member registration begins

15 AUGUST
Non-member registration begins

6 SEPTEMBER
Registration ends;
no refunds after this date

HOTEL & TRAVEL DETAILS

CONFERENCE HOTEL

The Westin Edmonton

10135 100 St NW, Edmonton, AB
T5J 0N7, Canada

[Click to Book Hotel](#)

SMRI RATE **RESERVATIONS**
\$165 CAD +1 780-426-3636

TRANSPORTATION

There are several ways to get to The Westin Edmonton:

1. By car/rental car, the airport is accessible from Alberta Highway 2 south of Edmonton.
2. Bus, train, tram, or Uber

OVERFLOW HOTEL

The Chateau Lacombe

10111 Bellamy Hill, Edmonton, AB
T5J 1N7, Canada
7-10 min. walk to the Westin

[Click to Book Hotel](#)

SMRI RATE
\$124 CAD Standard King
\$144 CAD Concierge King

RESERVATIONS
+1 800-661-8801

AIRPORT

Edmonton Airport (YEG) is 30 km south of downtown Edmonton along Alberta Provincial Highway 2; 30-min drive to downtown.



CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT



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TECHNICAL CLASS INFORMATION

TECHNICAL CLASS #1 Solution Mining

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 | 8 AM – 5 PM

The Technical Class, typically held on Sunday prior to the Technical Session, is designed to be an introductory course or refresher course for the variety of disciplines and management levels that work in the solution mining environment and with solution mined caverns. Solution Mining was chosen as the topic for the Technical Class for Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 based on a survey by SMRI leadership to members.

The SMRI has continued to be a leader in solution mining concepts with many research projects and technical presentations over the past 50 years. To outline this

historical knowledge and provide further insight into these concepts, the SMRI has proposed a tentative list of topics for the Technical Class including:

- Theories regarding leaching and modeling
- Geological impacts on control of mining/developing a leaching concept
- Mining of non-halite materials
- Well hydraulics, hanging string design, and flow rates
- Overview of simulation software (SALGAS, SANSMIC, UBRO4, & others)
- Various case studies

technical class registration fees

MEMBERS

\$400

MEMBER REGULATOR

\$200

NON-MEMBERS

\$650

NON-MEMBER REGULATORS*

\$400

STUDENTS

(SUBJECT TO SPACE)

*No Charge

The SMRI does include in the schedule of the Technical Class sufficient time for questions and open discussion during the sessions. Additionally, the structure of the session breaks and lunch breaks are great opportunities to continue the discussion with cavern peers.

FUTURE CONFERENCES

Spring 2025 | 27–30 April
Wilhelmshaven, Germany

Fall 2025 | 28 Sept –1 Oct
Wichita, Kansas, USA

Spring 2026 | TBD

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

Depending on research project estimated completion dates, it is possible there could be one oral research reports presented Monday morning at this conference. More information will be provided on the Conference Schedule in early-September.



TECHNICAL CLASS INFORMATION

TECHNICAL CLASS #2

Canadian Standards Association Z341 Storage of Hydrocarbons in Underground Formations

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 | 8 AM – 5 PM

technical class registration fees

MEMBERS

\$450

MEMBER REGULATOR

\$250

NON-MEMBERS

\$700

NON-MEMBER REGULATORS*

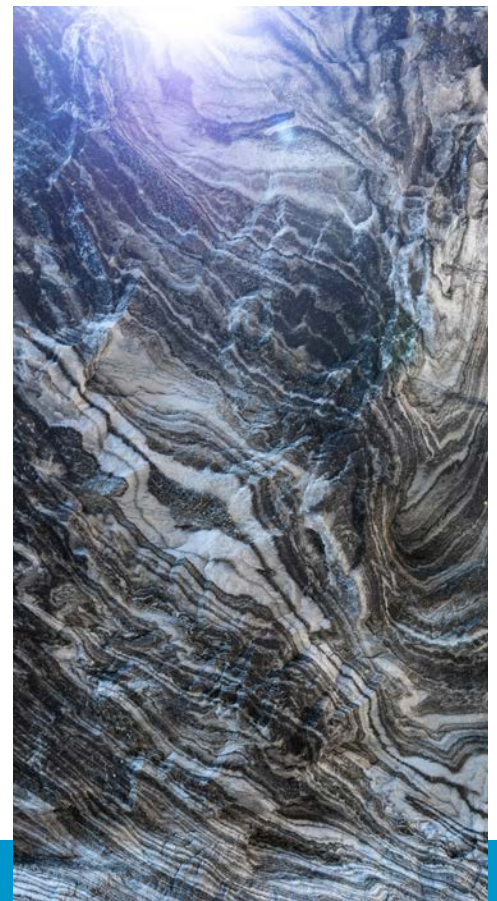
\$450

SMRI is hosting this one-day course that provides an overview of the CSA Z341 – 2022 Storage of Hydrocarbons in Underground Formations series of standards. It will summarize the standards' development, structure, and safety and environmental objectives. The course provides an understanding of hydrocarbon storage and oilfield waste disposal in salt caverns and reservoir storage systems. Covered in detail are the requirements from geological evaluation, drilling, completion, conversion, operation, maintenance, and testing to final abandonment of storage/disposal facilities. An overview of CSA Supplement Z341S1 Application to Hydrogen and Hydrogen Blends released in September 2023 will be included.

The participants will receive a booklet containing the training

materials and will be sent their electronic individual personalized electronic copy of the Z341 standard in advance. Participants may print a copy of the standard or bring their laptop to follow along in the course. A test will be provided to ensure participants are familiar with where to find information in the standard. Some speakers may present the local geology, overview of storage and disposal operations and operational experiences. Participants will be provided with a Certificate of Attendance.

The SMRI includes sufficient time in the schedule of the Technical Class for questions and open discussion. Additionally, the structure of the session and lunch breaks are great opportunities to continue the discussion with instructors and other attendees.





ICE BREAKER

Sunday, September 22 | 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Join SMRI friends for appetizers, wine, beer, coffee, tea, and soft drinks. It's a great way to kick off the Fall 2024 Edmonton Conference. No charge for delegates. \$50 fee for guests.

MONDAY NIGHT EVENT

Monday, September 23 | 6:30 – 9:30 pm
(optional)

\$125/person | Max. 300 guests

The Monday Night Event participants and guests will walk 6 blocks to Rogers Place, home of the Edmonton Oilers (Stanley Cup Division Champions) for the Monday Evening Event.

Registrants arrive Rogers Place for 6:30 pm cocktails and appetizers. A casual buffet "sports arena" dinner will follow. The Rogers Place event ends at 9:30pm, when all participants will need to exit the building. From the venue, feel free to walk back to the hotel or nearby restaurants and bars.



FRIENDS & SPOUSES

Monday: Fort Edmonton Park/Indigenous Peoples Experience/West Edmonton Mall

Monday, September 23 – 8:30 AM–4:15 PM | \$120/person
15 persons minimum or tour will be canceled; 25 max

The bus will depart the Westin Edmonton at 8:30am. Be in the lobby by 8:20 am. The group will begin the day at **Fort Edmonton Park**. Participants will explore life through the diversity of First Nations' and Métis peoples' histories, cultures, experiences, and perspective. **The Indigenous Peoples Experience** is an immersive and comprehensive exhibit. The exhibit explores the rich and beautiful cultures of First Nations and Métis Peoples while encouraging visitors to seek out the truths as lived by Indigenous Peoples before and after Canada became a country. (3 hour duration) After the experience, the bus will take participants to the well-known **West Edmonton Mall** for an afternoon of shopping, dining, or just walking around enjoying all the Mall has to offer. The bus will load at 4:15 for travel back to the hotel. (3 hour duration)

Tuesday: Sorrento's Cooking School & Muttart Conservatory

Tuesday, September 24 – 9:30 AM–3:30 PM | \$120/person
15 persons minimum or tour will be canceled; 25 max

The bus will leave the hotel at 9:30 am for a drop off at Sorrento's Cooking School. Here, enjoy a "Chat, Chop, and Chill" class. Eating your creations and imbibing in some bubbly will end the morning. Includes: Souvenir Apron, Recipe Cards, Cooking Class Instruction with a professional chef, Full serving staff, Meal at the end for everyone to enjoy their culinary creations. After the cooking class, load the bus for travel to the Muttart Conservatory. The Muttart Conservatory, one of Canada's largest indoor botanical collections, is nestled in the river valley. Discover the Pyramids and learn about more than 700 species of plants in 3 climate-regulated biomes. After time to explore, the bus will take tour participants back to the hotel (around 3:30pm).



WEDNESDAY TECHNICAL FIELD TRIPS

FIELD TRIP 1

Stream-Flo Group and Keyera Fort Saskatchewan

MAX CAPACITY: 50

COST: \$100 (*all inclusive of transportation, breakfast, and lunch*)

ANTICIPATED TIME: 7:30 am – 5:00 pm

This field trip will partner a half-day visiting the Stream-Flo Group facilities in the morning with and afternoon at the Keyera Fort Saskatchewan natural gas liquids processing plant. The morning portion will take you to the heart of wellhead, surface safety system, choke valve, check valve, ball valve, and data acquisition innovation. Spread across 1.5 million square feet and home to Stream-Flo, Master Flo, and Dycor, the Stream-Flo Group Edmonton campus contains bleeding edge technology and the brilliant minds behind it.

For the emergency shutdown enthusiast, part of the tour will focus on Stream-Flo's suite of SmartESD safety valves — the PwrESD and ESD-EHX — with visitors getting the chance to learn about this industry-proven, zero emission, surface safety valve that is coupled with Dycor's IIoT technology to provide an unmatched safety system for onshore well monitoring and emergency control, and which allows users to access their safety system in real time from anywhere in the world.

For the choke and control valve connoisseur, Master Flo's subsea, high pressure/high temp, 20K psi, and drilling choke expertise will be on full display with a chance to check out their Cv and erosion flow loops, and environmental chamber for low temperature testing.

Last but not least, the opportunity to dive into Dycor's leading data acquisition and monitoring solutions and unparalleled integration capabilities will also be available as part of this tour.

The Keyera Fort Saskatchewan natural gas liquids processing plant receives NGL feedstock from across Alberta and splits it into ethane, propane, butane and condensate. The facility includes eighteen storage caverns in the Lotsberg formation at 1870 m depth, the first of which was drilled in 1970. The tour will include the fractionation plant and the facilities that support cavern operations.

FIELD TRIP 2

C-Fer Technologies and ATCO Fort Saskatchewan

MAX CAPACITY: 50

COST: \$100 (*all inclusive of transportation, breakfast, and lunch*)

ANTICIPATED TIME: 7:30 am – 5:00 pm

This field trip will partner a half-day visiting the C-Fer Technologies facilities in the morning with and afternoon at ATCO's Fort Saskatchewan salt cavern storage operations. C-FER is a fee-for-service research subsidiary of Alberta Innovates that works in partnership with the global energy industry to advance safety, environmental performance and efficiency by providing full-scale testing services using a variety of large-scale testing systems that can combine load, pressure, temperature and fluid environments to simulate upstream and midstream operating conditions, as well as specialized engineering consulting services. The morning will consist of two parts: (i) a tour of the facilities, including an oil country tubular goods testing system that utilizes 100% hydrogen gas, thermal flow loops, and dynamic load frames; and (ii) a presentation summarizing C-FER's salt cavern storage research to-date (some of which was conducted for SMRI), including: Finite Element Analyses regarding salt creep and cavern stability, well deformation analyses using Multi-finger caliper data, risk assessments for cavern release events, corrosion logging tool and fiber optic monitoring evaluation studies, and commentary on technical gaps in the industry.

The afternoon will be spent in Fort Saskatchewan at the Salt Cavern Storage Operations of ATCO Energy Systems and ATCO EnPower. The tour will include a walking tour of Energy Systems facility with a presentation. Attendees will see the EnPower facilities by bus with presentations at multiple sites.





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