



June 26, 2026

University of Houston Clear Lake

MORNING

- 8:00 – 8:45 AM** Welcome, Registration & Networking
- 8:45 – 9:00 AM** Opening Remarks (Aegisflash, LPI, local host)
- 9:00 – 9:30 AM** Lightning 101: Stay Safe, Stay Protected | Lightning Protection Institute
Kelley Collins
- 9:30 – 10:00 AM** Keynote 1: Building a Resilient Grid: Growing Electrical Infrastructure, Risk and Protective measures (Bryan Holland/TBD)
- 10:00 – 10:30 AM** Keynote 2: Global trends in lightning protection and standards (Mitchell Guthrie)
- 10:30 – 10:45 AM** *Morning Break*
- 10:45 – 11:15 AM** Keynote 3: Risk of electrical surges to critical infrastructure and surge protection practices (Ron Hotchkiss) (TBF)
- 11:15 – 11:30 AM** Sankosha Introduction of product series relevant to the critical infrastructure.
- 11:30 AM – 12:00 PM** Panel Discussion: “What Texas industries and US Communities need from lightning protection today”
(Kelley Collins, host)

AFTERNOON

- 12:00 – 12:45 PM** *Lunch and Networking*
- 12:45 – 1:15 PM** Weather Trends and Consideration to Mitigate Risks
Chris Vagasky - University of Wisconsin - Madison
- 1:15 – 1:45 PM** Technical Session: Design and installation best practices (NFPA 780, IEC 62305)
 - From Risk to Resilience: Why Lightning Risk Assessment is the First Step in Protection Design (Aegisflash)
 - Case Studies: Data centers, hospitals, and Oil and gas
- 1:45 – 2:15 PM** *Q&A / Open Discussion*
- 2:15 – 2:30 PM** An Overview of Sankosha’s Surge Protective Devices
- 2:30 – 2:45 PM** TBD (Mary Ann Cooper)
- 2:45 – 3:00 PM** Closing Session: Roadmap for ongoing collaboration, training, and follow-up activities



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