Application of Ecosystem Services for Oil and Gas Field Infrastructure Development

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The regulatory environment is changing at a pace similar to that of land use change. A robust suite of ecosystem services is available to permittees and their environmental consultants. This session will define ecosystems services and their application to obtain project permits for unavoidable impacts to wetlands, streams and habitats. The presentation will include an update on wetland and stream mitigation and endangered species offsets.

Bio:

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