

4th Annual

THE CONNECTED WORKER ENERGY

2025 Post Event Report

“

It was great to see common work being done in other operating companies; having a chance to have in-depth conversations on it was invaluable.”

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IN 2026

EVENT OVERVIEW

The **4th Annual Connected Worker Energy Summit** hosted an incredible 3 days of learning, knowledge exchange, debate, and collaboration. From hands-on workshops, and inspiring panels to **26+ real-world operator case studies** and dedicated networking opportunities, attendees were hard-pressed to find a better space for breakthrough ideas, actionable solutions, and industry impact.

The event brought together **250+ Energy & Industrial digital leaders** to discuss the connected worker solutions that can enhance collaboration, optimize asset performance and increase productivity across frontline operations. The energy industry is transforming fast with digital technologies, and the emergence of data analytics and AI was a hot topic of conversation as organizations look to identify the best use cases across their operations to unlock new levels of productivity.

Thank you to all attendees, inspiring speakers and sponsors for joining us and showcasing the best the industry has to offer. **This Post Event Report is your go-to guide to delve into what took place at the summit.**

On behalf of the team, we hope to see you at one of our events soon!



Doug Power

Conference Director

The Connected Worker Summit Series



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Great forum for meeting like-minded peers across industries. I always enjoy attending. Already looking forward to the next one.”

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5 KEY TAKEAWAYS FROM THE SUMMIT:

1

Aligning your Connected Worker Strategy with Business Objectives

To achieve maximum value from your digital transformation initiatives, it is essential that you align your connected worker strategy with business objectives and key goals if you want to drive meaningful improvements across your operations.

2

Digital Adoption & Change Management

Digital transformation initiatives are a costly investment, but some fail to realize the expected returns and move beyond pilot phase. This highlighted the need to build change management capability across your transformation projects and clearly communicate the benefits to your workforce if you want to drive successful user adoption.

3

Data Governance and Data Quality

If you want to realize the benefits of data analytics and AI, as a starting point it is essential that you have a data governance plan in place. Many organizations have siloed data sets with a lack of interoperability across multiple systems. Until you create a single point of truth with reliable and quality data you will not be able to leverage data analytics and AI to unlock measurable business benefits.

4

AI & Generative AI

Our speaker panel discussed how AI and GEN AI solutions can boost plant performance, improve worker productivity and reduce downtime, to name but a few. However, many of our audience are in the early stage of their AI journey and were looking to understand how to develop a framework that can be leveraged for trialing AI tools, how do you identify your first use case and how do you prioritize which projects to start with.

5

Learning through Failure & Fostering a Culture of Innovation

Our speaker panel discussed the common mistakes that companies make during the strategy and implementation phase that can stop projects moving beyond pilot phase. They emphasized the importance of embracing failure as a learning opportunity and empowering employees to take risks and experiment even when things go wrong.



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THOUGHTS FROM OUR DAY-1 CONFERENCE CHAIR

Michael Muilenburg, Senior Manufacturing Peer Group Leader and Instructor, **Manufacturers Alliance**

I HEARD THESE STATEMENTS AT THE LAST EVENT ...

“

This is great, but we're not doing any of this.”

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I found a vendor, an expert, or a peer that can help.”

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We don't have a strategy, but we are starting with one application.”

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We've been on the journey for a while, but now we are preparing to go big.”

“

Our deployment failed, but we are re-grouping and ready to start again.”

“

This year, I feel we started closing those gaps and building more connections. There was a focus on getting started with essential solutions and some unique applications. Also, sorting out the IT and hardware challenges of connectivity and cyber-security. There were insights into AI and data management and change management. The human element was a strong theme along with delivering measurable business results.

At the end of Day 1, I reflected on the quality of speakers, the professionalism, the presentations, and the ability to navigate through the questions from the attendees... Two words came to mind: COLLABORATION and EFFICIENCY.

I walked away being even more inspired to drive EXCELLENCE through adoption and scaling of connected worker solutions. And I am already looking forward to Connected Worker Manufacturing where I expect to hear more about great progress and success. See you there.”

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2025 AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS:

KEYNOTE PANEL: 'Increased Workforce Collaboration + Productivity = Greater Profit.' How Connected Worker Solutions make this a Reality



Partha Chatterjee,
Director, Energy, Data and AI,
MRE Consulting



Kimberly Williams,
Vice President, Syrup
Manufacturing,
Coca-Cola



Nav Chawla,
Head of Digital,
Civitas Resources



Pankaj Singh,
Chief Enterprise Architect,
Murphy Oil Corporation



Joe Carroll,
Chief Information Officer
& Head of Cybersecurity,
CITGO

PANEL DISCUSSION: Advancing Operations Transformation with Data and AI



Todd Taylor, Director IT,
Motiva Enterprises LLC



Craig Ferguson, Director
Wells, TechnipFMC



Jason Sidhu,
Director, Natural Gas IS
Solutions,
TC Energy



CASE STUDY: Connecting Our Workforce to Data in the Field for Improved Response Time Efficiency and Reduced Downtime



Adam L. Ballard,
Technology Advisor for
Autonomous Field of the Future,
Hess Corporation

CASE STUDY: Realizing our Vision of Real-Time Assurance: Reducing Risk and Increasing Confidence in Well Execution



Ben Randell,
Product Line Manager – Assurance,
Chevron



PANEL: Smart Operations Need Smarter Cybersecurity: Protecting your Operational Assets



PANEL CHAIR:
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CISO/CIO,
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Systems Manager CISSP,
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Durgesh Kalya,
BTN PCT Automation – OT
Security/Network Expert,
Covestro



Bem Anjous,
Chief Information Security Officer,
Noble Corp

2025 AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS:

CASE STUDY: Staying Safe, Staying Hydrated: Deploying Connected Hydration Solutions



Kathryn Underhill,
Digital Scout/Project Manager,
Chevron Technology Ventures



Louisa Reid,
Digital Technology Scout,
Chevron Technology Ventures



Santiago Cepeda,
HSE Manager,
Chevron



Mike Wasik,
Occupational Health Programs
Advisor,
Chevron

CASE STUDY: Enhancing Asset Performance, Simplifying Operations, and Boosting Efficiency with Digital Twin Technology at Covestro

- Simulating the management of assets to forecast potential scenarios
- Integrating engineering and operations data to aggregate asset data and create digital twins
- Gaining complete asset visibility to drive enhanced decision-making and opex



Bharat Marwaha, P
rocess Data Analytics & Condition
Monitoring Lead,
Covestro

CASE STUDY: Overcoming Integration Complexities and Poor User Adoption during Digital Transformation Projects



Mark Bohn,
Former Vice President,
Transformation and Enterprise
Portfolio Management,
Western Midstream

CAMPFIRE SESSION: Creating a Culture that Embraces Innovation and Drives Successful User Adoption



Jan Shumate,
Director, Worldwide
Engineering &
Construction Solutions
and Corporate
Manufacturing
Automation Center of
Excellence,
Eastman



Darin Powell,
Senior Business
Architect,
Boeing



Mark Prosser,
Industrial Mobility
Product Manager,
ExxonMobil Joliet
Refinery



Michael Muilenburg,
Senior Manufacturing
Peer Group Leader
and Instructor,
Manufacturers
Alliance

CLOSING KEYNOTE: "The work remains the same. What changes is how we participate in getting the work done"; Combining Knowledge AI and Data AI to form Automated Reasoning



Ron Norris,
Innovation & Transformation Leader | AI Visionary |
Business Growth Strategist



AUDIENCE STATS



Speakers



Sponsors



Attendees

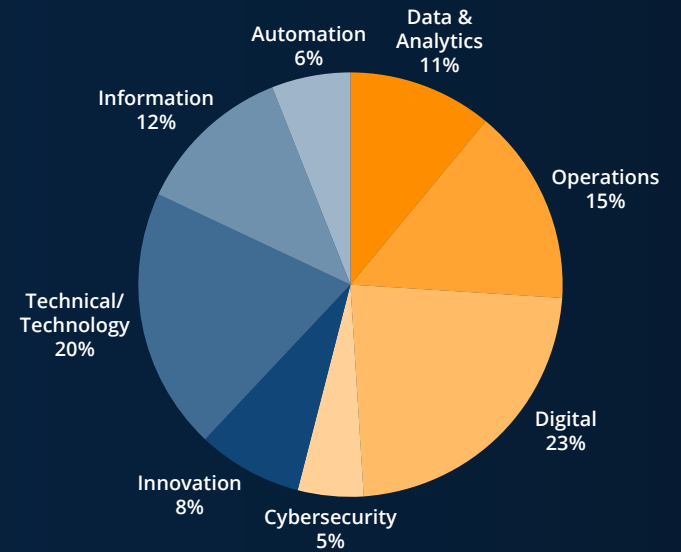


Companies

Seniority



Job Title / Function Responsibilities



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“DON'T JUST TAKE OUR WORD FOR IT...”

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A huge thank you to the Oil & Gas IQ team, for flawless execution of the event!”

Global Tech & Strategy Leader, **Civitas Resources**

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Great exchanging ideas and notes with thought leaders, innovators, product companies, experts and practitioners.”

Principal, Data Analysis, **Shell**

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It was a great event again this year!”

Former Director of Innovation, **Georgia-Pacific LLC**

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It was truly amazing, meeting new people in the connected world and AI space at The Connected Worker Summit Series.”

OT Security/Network Expert, **Covestro**

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It provided with a great view of best practices and what I could implement in our Connected Worker initiative.”

Digitalization Manager, **Constellation Brands**



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By sharing what others in the industry are doing in the area as part of conferences like this, it truly helps other users like us to compare where we are at and to drive action in the direction where industry is heading.”

Principal Engineer, Projects & CapEX, **Celanese**



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It was a fantastic week full of networking, learning, keynotes, and panels. A great opportunity to learn about new technologies, stay abreast of industry trends, and benchmark in a neutral setting

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I enjoyed the conference and thought, overall, it was done well. The event had a good balance of talks, panels, and networking time.”

Senior Principal Digital Architect, **ExxonMobil**

“It has showed me how basic our digital offer is in front of what is available in the market.”

AVP of Sales Downstream NA, **Nalco Water an Ecolab Company**

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We had an incredible time at the 2025 Connected Worker: Energy Summit! The energy in the room was contagious, with insightful conversations and active engagement with attendees from across the industry.”

Detect Technologies

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Incredible first day at the Connected Worker Energy Summit—great conversations, new perspectives, and a shared focus on empowering the frontline. Excited for what’s ahead!”

FLX Systems



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THE CONNECTED WORKER ENERGY



March 24 – 26, 2026 | Norris Conference Center (CityCentre), Houston, TX

The **5th Annual Connected Worker: Energy Summit** is returning in March 2026! Over 3 days, 200+ senior energy and digital leaders from across the energy sector will join us to get inspired, make connections, learn, and be entertained. Leaders will get hands-on with the essential solutions they need to gain real-time visibility into field and plant-critical activities, and improve how frontline workers track, monitor, and collaborate on operational processes, improving their accuracy, efficiency, and safety

Registration is now open – head to the event website to secure your place!

 **REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN**

Interested in sponsoring the 2026 Connected Worker: Energy Summit?

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Houston, TX

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 Norris Conference Center (CityCentre),
Houston, TX

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