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## **NOVEMBER 19<sup>th</sup> PROGRAM TOPIC:**

***Constructing The Rockies Express Pipeline-North America's Largest Natural Gas Pipeline***

**Presented By:  
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Rockies Express Pipeline (REX) is a 1,679-mile natural gas pipeline system from Rio Blanco County, Colorado, to Monroe County, Ohio. The Rockies Express Pipeline System is a significant investment in the U.S. energy infrastructure and will help meet the nation's need for energy. At 1,679 miles, this project is one of the largest natural gas pipelines constructed in North America – and one of the most significant in the last 25 years. There is growing demand for safe, clean-burning natural gas in the United States. Additional pipeline capacity will be needed to deliver natural gas to end users. Rockies Express is being developed by Rockies Express Pipeline LLC, which is a joint development of Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, L.P.; Sempra Pipelines & Storage, a unit of Sempra Energy; and ConocoPhillips

**Crystal Heter** is a Senior Project Manager for Kinder Morgan and the Rockies Express Pipeline, LLC. Crystal has been working for Kinder Morgan for the past ten years and has held positions on several pipeline, compression, and gas processing projects for the company.

In her current position, Crystal is responsible for managing environmental compliance with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) on the 638-mile Rockies Express East (REX-East) pipeline project.

Prior to her work on the REX-East project, Crystal was a Project Manager on the REX-Entrega portion of the REX project beginning in January 2006. Crystal holds a Chemical Engineering and Petroleum Refining degree from The Colorado School of Mines in Golden, Colorado.



*By: Michael McAlister*

Greetings and welcome to the RMS section of the AACE:

Thanks to all of you for your attendance and interest in our section. We continue to show a steady increase in membership, however have not observed a large draw to the monthly meetings. I would like to encourage all RMS members to consider attending our next meeting. It is an opportunity to network, learn about another interesting case study in project controls, and (if you are looking) maybe find a good lead on a job. It is also an occasion to have a great meal, and fellowship with peers. We welcome any suggestions on how we can better serve the RMS membership. Is our current location adequate and convenient? What are some presentation topics or themes that you would like to see? Please contact me personally (anytime) as I would value your opinions and insight. The board will work to tailor to the need and expectations of the section.

We have a good size group (good luck to you all) sitting for their exams this month and look forward to adding significant value to our profession as these individuals achieve an accredited certification recognized around the world. As many of you know an AACE cert. is steadily becoming a requirement for applicants in our business unit, so consider how you can position yourselves for the future and submit your application for the spring exams in March 2010. Look for further communication on review classes and contact [carole.venters@jacobs.com](mailto:carole.venters@jacobs.com) with any questions.

The RMS website has recently undergone a complete makeover and intends to provide many new links and resources to our section. Please bare with us as we include these additions and upgrades and provide feedback (remember this is your local connection so any support and / or participation is greatly appreciated) Check it out and see what you think  
<http://www.aacei.org/rms/>

The board has been developing a few ideas, programs and incentives. To briefly touch on these areas of interest: Study groups, classes for exam testing and continuing education, awarding a scholarship and sending a member to the annual meeting this year in Atlanta. We look forward to delivering these items and will inform you as to timelines and requirements. Thanks again for your time and Support, see you all at the meeting.

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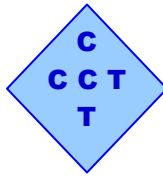
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## AACEI CERTIFICATION CORNER

Currently, AACEI offers **SIX** Certification Exams, including the CCE/CCC (Certified Cost Engineer/Certified Cost Consultant), CCT (Certified Cost Technician), PSP (Planning & Scheduling Professional), EVP (Earned Value Professional), CFCC (Certified Forensic Claims Consultant) and CEP (Certified Estimating Professional). Additional information regarding any of these certifications can be found on the AACEI Website ([www.aacei.org/certification](http://www.aacei.org/certification)). This website provides a description for each of the available Certifications as well as on-line applications. Suggested study materials for each exam are also listed on this website.

The Rocky Mountain Section (RMS) of AACEI will be hosting a fall 2009 Exam on **November 7, 2009**. The deadline for applying to take one of the offered AACEI Exams in November has already passed; however, I have not heard if anyone has requested to take their exam in Denver. RMS will also be offering the Spring Exams on **March 6, 2010**. The early deadline for application is December 21, 2009 and late application deadline is January 5, 2010.

Several people have asked if we offer any Review Classes for these exams. If enough interest is shown, four review classes will be offered in late January/early February covering Cost/Estimating, Earned Value, Scheduling and General Economics. **A different review class will be held each Saturday (January 23 - February 13) from 8:30 am until 3:30 pm with a working lunch included.** Each class will cost \$50, with early registration (December 31, 2009) or \$65 due day of class. Suggested Study materials are listed on the AACEI website and may be ordered online via AACEI Bookstore. Be sure to log in with your AACEI Membership to receive your member discount online.

If you have any questions or would like more information regarding why you might want to take one of the AACEI certification exams, please feel free to contact Carole Venters, Certification Chairperson, at [carole.venters@jacobs.com](mailto:carole.venters@jacobs.com) or 303-462-7195.

