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Micah Backlund, CSP
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“HSE in the Oilfield: Past, present and future”

DATE: Wednesday, October 6
TIME: 7:00 pm
PLACE: OSU Student Union Ballroom (Room 265)

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About the presentation:

Mr. Backlund, the HSE Director for H&P, will be with us to provide an overview of HSE in the Oilfield: Past, present and future. How the HSE profession has evolved from the wildcat era, into the TRIR based approach of the 1980's, Safety by Design in the 2000's, and on to a Safety culture focused on preventing Serious Injuries and Fatalities (SIF). Finally, he provides insight into the future of HSE and environmental, social, and governance (ESG) management.

About your speaker:

Micah Backlund, CSP, Micah Backlund is the HSE Director for Helmerich & Payne US Land Operations. His responsibilities include providing HSE Support to districts' management team, drilling rigs, trucking, maintenance and casing running operations. Backlund worked for DOW Chemical, BASF and the Department of Energy prior to working for H&P. He started with H&P as a Health Safety & Environmental (HSE) Field Rep in 2006, providing HSE Support to H&P's FlexRig project in Houston. In June of 2008, Micah moved to Tulsa as an HSE Specialist. In that role he supported US land and International Operations. In 2010, Backlund relocated to Bakersfield, CA and served as the HSE Specialist for H&P California Land operations. In response to H&P's significant growth in the West Texas and New Mexico operations, Micah was assigned to those operations as the HSE Manager for West Texas and California operations in 2013. In April of 2019 Mr. Backlund was promoted to HSE Director of US Land for H&P. Throughout his career Backlund has been actively involved in the International Associate of Drilling Contractors and has presented at numerous industry conferences including the OSHA O&G, IADC HSE Conference. He has also served as an adjunct professor for a community college in the Houston Area, teaching Safety Management. Backlund earned a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science and his Masters of Business Administration at the University of Houston at Clear Lake. He has been a CSP since 2008. He currently resides north of San Antonio, Texas with his wife Jennifer and their 5 children.