

## Construction well underway on Golden Triangle Storage

Construction crews began work on the Golden Triangle Storage site in mid-May. After some initial environmental clean-up of waste associated with historic oil operations on the site, crews began work on the plant that will house the equipment needed to create the storage caverns. They have cleared and graded the area and begun laying the foundation.

At the same time, workers began preparing a foundation pad for the drilling rig, which arrived on site in late June. By late July, the rig was

ready to start drilling the cavern well, a process which will continue for several months. By October, we should be ready to take the next step and begin pumping water into the well to circulate underground and slowly dissolve the salt. Carefully monitored with the newest technology, the process will take approximately 18 months to create a cavern of the appropriate size and shape.

Meanwhile, other construction work, including disposal wells, pipelines, pumps and related facilities, is underway. ■



The approximately 150-foot-tall cavern rig is drilling a well deep into the Spindletop salt dome.



Golden augers "drilled" the symbolic first dirt for Golden Triangle Storage. Participating are (from left) AGL Resources Executive Vice President Hank Linginfelter; Jefferson County Commissioner Bo Alfred; Jeff Branick representing Judge Ron Walker; AGL Resources CEO John Somerhalder; Beaumont Mayor Pro Tem Audwin Samuel; City Councilmember Jamie Smith; Pivotal Energy Development President Dana Grams and AGL Resources Senior Vice President Ralph Cleveland.

## Groundbreaking kicks off storage project in style

More than 100 guests, including many of the area's political, business and civic leaders, joined the AGL Resources team to break ground on Golden Triangle Storage May 7.

The group mingled on the grounds of the Spindletop-Gladys City Boomtown Museum. Speakers included Pivotal Energy Development President Dana Grams; Jeff Branick on behalf of Jefferson

County Judge Ron Walker; Beaumont Mayor Pro Tem Audwin Samuel; and AGL Resources President, Chairman and CEO John Somerhalder.

Following their remarks, dignitaries and various team members took their turns with golden augers – symbolically drilling the first dirt for the project.

Golden Triangle's first phase will create two storage caverns deep

underground with 12 billion cubic feet of “working gas” capacity. The first natural gas cavern will be in operation in about two years.

In addition to enjoying lemonade and cookies, participants viewed information about Golden Triangle Storage and examined historic maps of Spindletop spanning the years from 1901 to today. The salt dome, source of Beaumont’s original oil boom and now home to energy storage facilities, continues to play a key role in the region’s economy.

City and county officials paid tribute to the economic benefits of the project and to AGL Resources’ community spirit and commitment to contributing to the region as a good corporate citizen. Company officials thanked the community for its support for the company and the project, predicting many years of a strong and growing relationship. 📍



*Jennet Toyjanova inspects pipe delivered to the Golden Triangle Storage site. The Lamar University engineering student is working as a summer intern for the project.*



*Jim Pitts (left), AGL Resources vice president of midstream operations, and Chief Inspector Wayne Marceaux inspect progress at the Golden Triangle Storage plant site.*

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## Lamar student gains hands-on experience

When Jennet Toyjanova starts her senior year at Lamar University in the fall, she’ll have more experience to add to her resume and a better idea of what area of civil engineering she’d like to pursue as a career.

One of two recipients of an AGL Resources scholarship, Toyjanova is spending the summer as an intern working on Golden Triangle Storage. Currently her job includes checking and tracking all equipment and material deliveries; assisting the chief, environmental, civil/utility and welding inspectors; and turning her hand to whatever is needed on site. She has made an educational trip to AGL Resources’ Jefferson Island Storage & Hub facility in Louisiana to learn more about natural gas storage operations.

The Turkmenistan native previously explored environmental engineering career options through an internship at the Total Refinery. A long way from her home in Central Asia, Toyjanova first came to Beaumont as a high school exchange student. She liked the area and so returned here for her college education.

“I’m learning a lot,” Toyjanova said. “It’s a fascinating project and gives me a chance to experience another area of civil engineering.” She noted that she plans to work a few years as an engineer after graduation and then consider attending law school.

“There are a lot of opportunities for a lawyer with an engineering background,” Toyjanova said. 📍



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