

Regional Air Quality Council Optical Gas Imaging Camera Loan Program and Training

Fall 2014 - The Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC) is offering an optical gas imaging (OGI) camera and training sessions to assist industry, local governments, health departments, and university staff in voluntarily identifying and repairing gas leaks at oil and gas exploration and production facilities across Colorado. The camera, acquired via a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) grant from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), will be loaned out to *Qualified Users* on a first-come, first-served basis.

OGI Camera Training: October 13 - 15, 2014, the RAQC will be hosting a two-and-a-half day training course for potential *Qualified Users* for Level 1 Certification. *Qualified Users* are individuals employed by the oil and gas industry or local government/health department/university staff researching/regulating the oil and gas industry that are certified by the Infrared Training Center for Optical Imaging. Upcoming training will be held at the RAQC offices in Denver, CO.

Local government/health department/university staff will be offered the training for free while funding is available. Private company and consultant staff will be offered the training at a reduced cost of \$1,500 per participant. This is compared to a cost of approximately \$2,000, plus travel expenses, for individual training.

To register, visit <http://2014-raqc-ogicameratraining.eventbrite.com>. Space is limited to fourteen (14) participants and two (2) participants per private sector entity. A second training session is anticipated in spring 2015 based on level of interest.

OGI Camera Loan Program: The RAQC maintains a list of *Qualified Users* eligible to reserve the camera and coordinates the schedule of camera availability. A summary of leaks found and repaired through use of the camera, without reference to specific locations or entities, is also maintained by the RAQC. *Qualified Users* should contact Amanda Brimmer, Technical Program Manager, at abrimmer@raqc.org with any questions about the program or to reserve the camera.

