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# Upstream Oil & Gas Fundamentals

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*Understand the upstream petroleum industry, from exploration through appraisal, reserves recognition, development and production to the sales transaction point*



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## Why You Should Attend

Join EMI for an introduction to the upstream petroleum industry. This course will introduce you to the formation of oil and gas, then move on to how exploration and reservoir engineering activities bring the oil and gas to surface, and finally end up with at how the surface facilities operate just ahead of the sales transaction point. You will learn about risks, technologies, investment decisions and operations in one of the world's most important industries.

## What You Will Learn

The course leads attendees through thirteen sessions of material covering exploration through appraisal, reserves recognition, development and production to the sales transaction point. Key terminologies and concepts are developed using numerous examples. Attendees will learn fundamental petroleum geology and exploration principles which provide the foundation for drilling, reservoir development and production concepts. At each step we will consider the differences between on and offshore activities and conventional and unconventional resources.

The course is taught in a format that reveals the economics and risk management decisions that are inherent in the industry. Actual examples from industry will be used to illustrate decision processes. We'll deliver a high-level view of the technologies employed by the industry, giving even the non-technical attendee a feel for the business. Ample time will be provided for Q&A and interaction with the instructor with 30-plus years of industry experience.

### Special focus on:

- The four requirements for an oil and gas reservoir
- Land lease acquisition and obligations of the operator
- Exploration program planning and goals
- Geologic risk and how it is quantified
- Drilling and how a well is planned
- Vertical vs. directional vs. horizontal drilling choices
- The importance of appraisal work
- What are the key issues in determining how a field is developed
- Definitions of proven, probable and possible volumes
- Reservoir engineering to optimize the recovery
- Special techniques to recovery more oil, i.e., waterflooding, miscible gas injection, polymer-surfactant injection and thermal processes
- Where petroleum economics impacts the discovery-appraisal-development-production stages
- The theory of peak oil production ... why prices are going upward

## Course Times

8am - 4pm, September 30  
8am - 4pm, October 1

## Venue Location

### Regus Conference Center

Denver Place  
999 18th Street, Suite 3000  
Denver, CO 80202  
Phone: 303.534.6060

## Registration Fees

1st delegate: \$1,995  
2nd delegate: \$1,795  
3rd delegate: \$1,600

Fee includes full course, expert instruction, course materials, continental breakfast & lunch.

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## Who Should Attend

This course is an excellent introduction to new employees in the upstream industry, introducing them to concepts, terminology and relationships that can take years to learn on their own. People who work on the periphery of the upstream: service companies, suppliers, refiners and pipeliners will find that these sessions clear up many of the uncertainties and confusions that exist. Investors, analysts and regulators will gain insight into the risks and rewards of the business as well as how to interpret press releases and annual reports that detail significant events in an often-times arcane language.

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## CPE Credits



This course earns 13 CPE credits. EMI awards credit hours towards CPE and Certified Purchasing Manager status (CPM).

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## About Your Instructor - Jeffrey Nelson

Jeffrey Nelson has more than 25 years international and domestic experience in commercial, managerial, technical and consulting roles, primarily at Mobil Oil and at ExxonMobil. His areas of expertise include: new business and market development, asset management, strategic planning, sales and supply management, and global strategic sourcing management.

Jeff holds a Master of Science in Geology from Duke University and an MBA in Finance from Southern Methodist University. His international work and travel experience includes more than 50 countries in North and South America, Europe, Africa, and the Asia-Pacific.



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## Course Syllabus: DAY ONE

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### Session 1: Petroleum Formation and Geology

This session addresses the making and trapping of crude oil and gas. Key insights are the four components of a commercial deposit: source, migration path, reservoir and trap.

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### Session 2: Exploration Geoscience Techniques

Geoscience offers many techniques to detect potential oil and gas reservoirs prior to Drilling. We consider how geologists, geophysicists identify exploration targets and then work with landmen to acquire the mineral rights to drill and produce.

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### Session 3: Geologic Risk and Exploration Economics

At this stage, the company is exposed to geologic risk, i.e., were the four keys in place at the right time to create a commercial accumulation. Probability distributions are constructed to indicate the potential for a dryhole, a discovery, a commercial discovery, or the next super-giant field.

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### Session 4: Appraisal Drilling and Petrophysics

Now that the exploration team has found something with exploration, management must decide whether to spend more capital to appraise and develop. More drilling must occur to determine the volumetrics of the reservoir, its productivity and how oil and gas might flow from rock matrix to wellbore.

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### Session 5: Reserves

The discovery is ready for prime-time and the announcement to shareholders and the world that the company has a new asset. The SEC has particular rules for discussing the asset in highly technical terms which will indicate the value of the opportunity. Key insights here are how to determine what is Proven versus what is Probable and Possible in terms of reserves and production.

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### Session 6: Field Development Considerations

Every oil and gas reservoir is unique. From the reservoir rock distribution, through the saturation of oil and gas in the rock pores, to the type of hydrocarbon and its distribution in the reservoir, ultimately to the surface and the environment into which the oil and gas will flow on its way to market. Key insights in this session are optimal development plans that produce the “last dollar of profit in the reservoir, not the last molecule of oil and gas.”

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### Session 7: Development Drilling

The industry, both on and offshore, has made remarkable advances in drilling in the last 40 years. Key insights in this session are well planning including vertical, directional and horizontal drilling and stimulation techniques to increase the surface area where the wellbore contacts the reservoir.

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### Session 8: Oil Reservoir Engineering and Production Forecasting

This session addresses how engineers interrogate an oil reservoir, analyze its performance and make adjustments to how it is being depleted in order to maximize recoveries for the capital investments. Key insights are how early production performance is used to develop sophisticated models of flow in the reservoir.

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### Session 9: Natural Gas Reservoir Engineering and Production Forecasting

Similar to the prior session on oil reservoirs, this session addresses how engineers, analyze a gas reservoir’s performance and make adjustments to how it is being depleted. Key insights are how production performance is used to increase natural gas liquids production and “blow down” the reservoir in a uniform manner.



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## Course Syllabus: DAY TWO

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### Session 1: Waterflooding for the Probable Oil Reserves

Probable reserves are volumes that primary production cannot recover due to rock properties, low reservoir energy or economic constraints on the number of production wells affordable. Waterflooding is an old and very effective tool in the reservoir engineer's bag of tricks to push more oil out of the rock matrix and into the wellbore.

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### Session 2: Enhanced Recovery Techniques for Possible Oil Reserves

Possible reserves are mobile oil volumes that are not possible to move to the wellbore due to rock or oil properties without an extra effort. The industry has developed a number of injection methods, including miscible gas, polymer-surfactant and thermal flooding to encourage more oil production. The key insights in this session are the principles of each method and how one is chosen over another for implementation.

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### Session 3: Surface Operations

Once the hydrocarbon has reached the surface there are several processes that prepare it for transportation. Oil requires a fairly simple process but natural gas can be quite complex and require midstream operations to maximize its value. After the hydrocarbon is prepared it enters the transportation system. Key insights from this session are the surface processes required to prepare for transportation and the manners in which oil and gas go to market.

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### Session 4: Transportation

Oil must be refined before it can be used as a fuel or feedstock to chemical plants while natural gas goes directly to the burner tip. This session discusses the infrastructure required to get the hydrocarbon to market, including pipelines, oil tankers and LNG.





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### Discount for Additional Attendees

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### Enrollment Information (Please Print Clearly)

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