

SPE's Oil and Natural Gas Book Appeals to All Ages

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We all recognize the importance of educating children about the role of energy in their lives. The challenge has been in providing information about energy, science, and technology that is both fun and understandable for precollege students. One of the stumbling blocks is that there have been few suitable books on our industry geared for younger audiences.

SPE's Energy4me program is filling that gap with a new book that members can enjoy sharing with their children and grandchildren, and that teachers can use in the classroom. Called *Oil and Natural Gas*, the book was produced jointly by SPE and DK Publishing, which publishes the well-known "Eyewitness" nonfiction book series. *Oil and Natural Gas* uses a rich graphic format with short text items that will appeal to middle- and high-school students and that is sophisticated enough for adult audiences. Even the youngest elementary students can get lots of information by looking at the pictures.

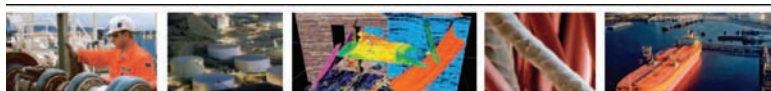
The hardcover book addresses the history of oil, as well as where oil and natural gas come from, how we get it out of the ground, and the many products that come from petroleum. In addition, the book contains chapters on technology, careers, alternative energy sources, how the industry protects the environment, and examples of projects that improve the quality of life around the world.

The goal was to present up-to-date information about oil and natural gas in a balanced and comprehensive way that will be suitable for classroom use. In fact, we plan to provide the book to teachers in the energy education workshops sponsored by SPE and by other industry groups.

You can help us get books into schools. Each SPE member who makes a classroom presentation can receive a copy to present to the school's library. All you have to do is fill out a form on the www.energy4me.org website.

The book is also for sale. SPE will offer bulk discounts for the purchase of 17 or more books (17 books come in a carton) at a cost of USD 10 per book by ordering through the www.energy4me.org website. Individual books may be purchased on Amazon.com.

The Energy Information Committee is very excited about this new resource. Please send your feedback and ideas on using the book to energied@energy4me.org.



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