



## Central Florida Section 2026 St Pete Beach Conference

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June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026

### Session 2

- 7:30**                    **Coffee, Juice, Pastries, Fruit**
- 7:55**                    **Welcome, Session Chair**
- 8:00**    **25.2.1**    **TBD**  
Allison Belgard, BASF
- 8:30**    **25.2.2**    **Removing the Blinders: High Value Expansion Joint Inspections During Sulfuric Acid Plant Outages**  
Gary Gerba, Interep
- 9:00**                    **Break**
- 9:15**    **25.2.3**    **Beyond Replacement in Kind: Optimizing Steaming Equipment Replacements in Sulfuric Acid Plants**  
Rachel Thapalia, Elesent/MECS
- 9:45**    **25.2.4**    **Leak Detection and Dewpoint Measurement in Sulfuric Acid Plants**  
Cal Lockert, Ohio Lumex
- 10:15**   **25.2.5**    **“I Love it When a Plan Comes Together” A Lithium Americas Update**  
Mickey Jones, Lithium Americas & Steve Puricelli, EXP
- 10:45**                    **Break**
- 11:00**   **25.2.6**    **Platinum Promoted Honeycomb Catalysts- A Versatile Technology for Sulfuric Acid Production**  
Johannes Hofer, Alexander Sigg, Michael Felsberger and Paul Piantino, P&P
- 11:30**   **25.2.7**    **Enhancing Reliability in Sulfuric Acid Plants**  
Patrick Speltincx, Elesent/MECS
- 12:00**   **25.2.8**    **Details Matter, Materials Analysis**  
Chemetics
- 12:30**                    **End of Year Remarks, Engineer of the Year Award Presentation**