

NGC Fires up Tobago Science Expo

There was excitement in Tobago over the past week as the Tobago House of Assembly hosted the island's second annual Tobago Science Expo at the Lowland's Mall. The Science Expo was implemented to give Tobagonian students an opportunity to showcase projects in the areas of science and technology and participate in a variety of science-based competitions.

The National Gas Company (NGC) was invited by the THA's Department of Education to host a booth at the Expo in order to educate the students on the importance of the natural gas industry to Trinidad & Tobago.

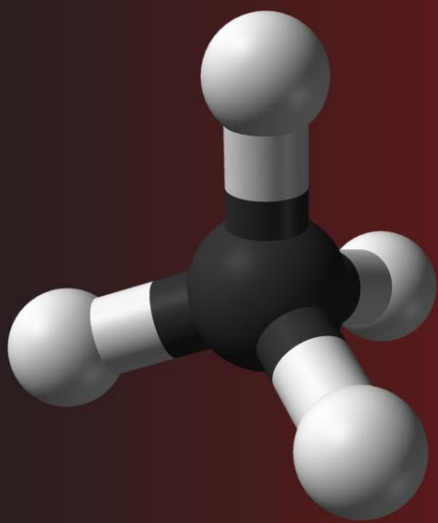
In keeping with the Expo theme of "Science for All," NGC developed its exhibit as a 3-part DVD lesson plan called, Applying Science and Technology in the Natural Gas Industry.

The first lesson, called "Down to Basics," showcased how natural gas is formed, the make-up of an atom and the basic hydrocarbon composition of natural gas.

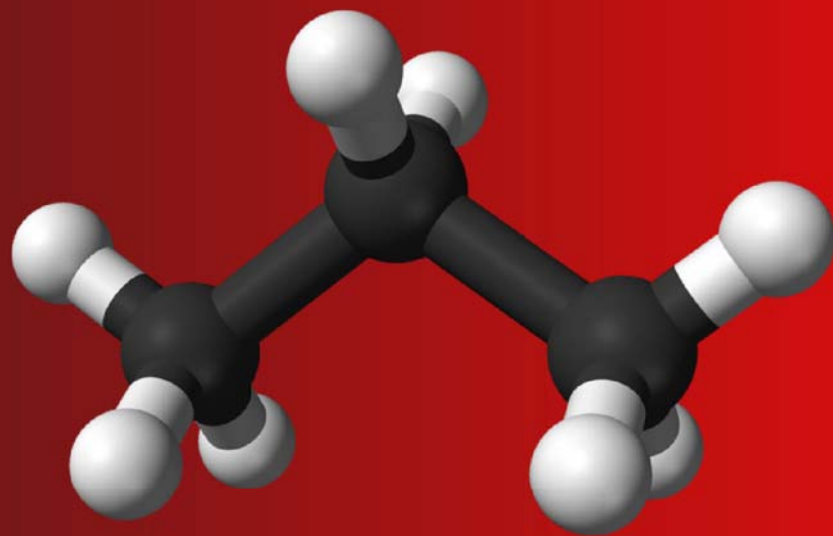
The second lesson, "So What's the Use of Natural Gas?" explained how natural gas is processed and discussed natural gas' importance as both a feedstock and a fuel.

The final and third lesson, called "Transporting Natural Gas & the Planned Tobago Pipeline," dealt with one aspect of NGC's core business - the distribution of natural gas and the construction of gas pipelines, in particular the Tobago pipeline.

Over the course of the week-long expo, NGC's Public Education Team was able to interact with up to 9 Secondary Schools, 14 Primary Schools, 2 Learning Centres, 1 Trade School and numerous curious onlookers. Altogether, the NGC booth attracted a total of 566 participants, 80% being students. The success of the booth was measured by administering a short multiple choice quiz to determine how much the participants learned at the booth, and retention was recorded at an impressive 91.25%.



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