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**Sent:** 3/1/2018 9:47:15 PM  
**To:** API Press [Press@api.org]  
**Subject:** News release: API supports new EPA NSPS amendments and calls for proper review of air emissions guidance

# NEWS

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## API supports new EPA NSPS amendments and calls for proper review of air emissions guidance

WASHINGTON, March 1, 2018 – API issued the following statement regarding today's release of the EPA's amendments to its oil and gas air emissions standards and the proposed withdrawal of EPA's 2016 emissions guidance (Control Technique Guidelines), and calls for sound science and proper review.

"We welcome EPA's technical modifications to its NSPS OOOOa rule and the proposal to withdraw the CTGs, which will provide regulatory certainty for our industry," Senior Director of Regulatory and Scientific Affairs Howard Feldman. "We are hopeful EPA makes additional improvements to ensure that its rules are science-based and cost-effective. Ozone concentrations and methane emissions are down significantly and air quality continues to improve thanks in part to increased use of domestic natural gas and industry investments in advancing technology."

According to EPA data, industry has reduced methane emissions from natural gas production 16.3 percent from 1990-2015, while natural gas production increased 55 percent. Spending in the natural gas and oil industry to improve the environmental performance of its products, facilities and operations totals \$322 billion since 1990. Between 2000 and 2014, industry invested about \$90 billion in new zero- or low-emissions technologies – more than twice that of the next closest industry sector and nearly as much as the federal government. Total U.S. emissions of VOCs have already decreased by 41 percent since 1990 under the current rules.

"API supports EPA following the science and also recognizing the results that state and federal regulations already achieve," said Feldman. "EPA's data show that as U.S. oil and natural gas production has increased, industry has been reducing methane emissions. These trends are indicative of what our industry has achieved, primarily due to industry leadership, expanded voluntary efforts and technological innovation, which will continue to help to improve the environment and bolster our nation's energy security."

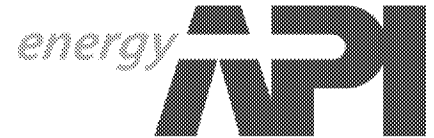
"Congress also has an opportunity to ensure that states and businesses are protected from duplicative and burdensome regulations and we are hopeful that they will enact legislative proposals that improve the implementation of the ozone standards while fully maintaining the nation's commitment to protecting public health and reducing emissions."

API is the only national trade association representing all facets of the oil and natural gas industry, which supports 10.3 million U.S. jobs and nearly 8 percent of the U.S. economy. API's more than 625 members include large integrated companies, as well as exploration and production, refining, marketing, pipeline, and marine businesses, and service and supply firms. They provide most of the nation's energy and are backed by a growing grassroots movement of more than 40 million Americans.

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## **Florida Petroleum Council: Offshore Exploration Beneficial to Florida's Economy and Jobs**

TALLAHASSEE, February 8, 2018 – Florida Petroleum Council Executive Director David Mica today pointed to Florida's significant economic opportunity to safely and responsibly develop Florida's offshore energy resources in advance of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management public hearing on the Interior Department's proposed five-year offshore natural gas and oil leasing plan.

"The inclusion of Florida in Secretary Zinke's offshore plan is critical to enabling Floridians to reap the long-term benefits of affordable and reliable U.S.-produced energy and specifically secure Florida's long-term economic future with new tax revenue, new jobs and new industries to support energy development," said Mica. "Today's BOEM hearing is the first step in gathering public input on the plan, while advancing a forward-looking energy strategy for our state."

"The Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf has not been surveyed in more than thirty years, and with rapid advancements in safety and assessment technologies in the past decade, we can safely and accurately determine what energy potential exists off our coasts."

"Gathering data on our long-term energy resources is a critical step in strengthening our national security and making America energy self-sufficient in the long-term."

"Developing affordable and reliable U.S. energy also supports many industries across our state, such as tourism, restaurants, and commercial fishing operations. It creates opportunities for high-paying jobs, investment, and revenue for public education and modernizing our infrastructure."

The Florida Petroleum Council is a division of API, which represents all segments of America's oil and natural gas industry. Its more than 625 members produce, process, and distribute most of the nation's energy. The industry also supports 9.8 million U.S. jobs and 8 percent of the U.S. economy. Learn more at [www.api.org](http://www.api.org).

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**Subject:** RE: Signing Ceremony 3/13 11:30am

Perfect. Thank you so much Paul - we're looking forward to seeing Tim and Andy tomorrow morning. Thank you for including your press team - Tate and I will help coordinate with our press team.

Daisy C. Letendre  
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-----Original Message-----

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**CC:** Riley, Barbara [Barbara\_Riley@afandpa.org]; Fuqua, Chuck [Chuck\_Fuqua@afandpa.org]  
**Subject:** RE: Connect

Hi Tate: Great to connect with you! I am copying my colleagues Barbara Riley (who leads on our press releases on regulatory improvements such as air permit streamlining), as well as Chuck Fuqua (who leads our communications department). Barbara's phone number is (202) 463-2587.

Best regards,

Paul

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From: Bolen, Brittany [mailto:bolen.brittany@epa.gov]  
Sent: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 2:19 PM  
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Noe, Paul <Paul\_Noel@afandpa.org>  
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## **CPC applauds state Senate for voting down anti-energy bill that would compromise security and fiscal health of Colorado**

DENVER, March 7, 2018 – The Colorado Petroleum Council testified today before the Senate Agriculture, Natural Resources, & Energy Committee in opposition to House Bill 18-1071, legislation that would have slowed or even potentially halted energy development in Colorado and decreased revenue to the government. The bill was rejected by the Senate committee with bipartisan support.

“Democrats and Republicans in the state Senate were right to reject this destructive bill as it would circumvent our judicial system and erode the checks and balances that underpin our state’s democracy,” said Tracee Bentley, executive director of the Colorado Petroleum Council. “This bill also would have threatened the fiscal health of our state with substantial financial impacts, which are not reflected in the current fiscal note.

“Our state should not rewrite the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission’s mission at the request of out-of-state, out-of-touch activists, who hope to transform every permitting decision into protracted litigation, costing the state millions to defend administrative and judicial appeals, not to mention millions more in lost tax and royalty revenues due to permitting delays.”

The bill, HB 18-1071, erroneously states that the Court of Appeals decided “that oil and gas development is not balanced with the protection of public health, safety and welfare.” The 2-1 decision reached by the Court of Appeals is based on the premise that the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) misinterpreted their statutory authority when rejecting a rulemaking petition that sought an indefinite moratorium on oil and natural gas activities in the state. The court clearly states it “does not address the merits of whether the commission should adopt the petitioners’ proposed rule.” The court decision is currently being appealed to the Colorado Supreme Court, an appeal that was unanimously approved by the COGCC, which is represented by the Colorado Attorney General.

“Ultimately, the petitioners in this case hope to persuade the COGCC to ban oil and natural gas development in Colorado, in conflict with state law and policy,” said Bentley. “The state Senate saw through this ruse and rightly voted against this ill-conceived legislation. The state’s natural gas and oil industry embraces working with all stakeholders as we continue to use the highest standards and safety practices possible in providing Colorado and the rest of the country affordable and dependable energy produced here in Colorado.”

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Jerry and Tim are on the list now.

Thanks so much!

-Stephen

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Great! Stephen will add you.

On Mar 9, 2018, at 3:15 PM, Hunt, Tim <Tim\_Hunt@afandpa.org> wrote:

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**Location:** The Heritage Foundation  
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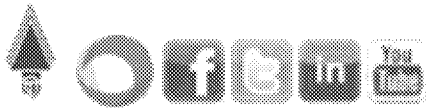
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Tate: Thank you so much – I really appreciate your kind invitation! Unfortunately for me, I am out of town at an annual meeting on Monday, and so is my CEO, Donna Harman. However, my colleagues Tim Hunt and Jerry Schwartz would love to attend. Tim is an air regulation and NSR reform expert, and Jerry is a water regulation expert. I am copying them both so they can confirm directly.

I look forward to seeing you at the next available opportunity!

Best regards,

Paul

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Paul- hope you can make it!

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Good morning!

You and two additional guests are invited to an off-the-record discussion with EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt on "President Trump's Deregulatory Agenda at EPA - Year 1 Highlights."

Key items to discuss include:

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Good Afternoon,

Michael Tadeo here from the American Petroleum Institute. This afternoon at 2pm, Willie Chiang, Plains All American Pipeline Executive Vice President, COO and incoming CEO, will be testifying before the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Trade. The focus of the hearing is the product exclusion process surrounding the administration's latest actions to impose import tariffs on steel.

In case you missed it, the U.S. Department of Commerce recently rejected a request by Plains for an exemption to the administration's 25 percent tariff on imported steel that would be used for its Cactus II pipeline that would bring oil from West Texas to the U.S. Gulf Coast.

I would like to flag three excerpts from Chiang's written testimony (attached).

On the process for product exclusions:

*"As it exists, the 232 process has multiple flaws. One significant flaw is that the current 232 exclusion process does not allow for an applicant to effectively engage in the Department of Commerce's exclusion review process. It also provides limited due process or transparency for applicants. Due to the opaque nature of the process, we can only assume that Commerce's determination is based on a review of a combination of the objectors' submissions, which appear to not be required to be substantiated, and other undisclosed data by staff – without interaction with the applicant."*

Chiang cites the negative impacts that come with increased tariffs and the current trade policies being pursued by the administration.

*"Without changing a number of aspects of the way the Section 232 steel tariffs and related exclusion request process have been implemented, the tariffs will result in significant negative unintended consequences to national security, American energy dominance and balance of trade. America's pipeline system is critical infrastructure and must be expanded. Without the above recommended changes, the Section 232 process may chill this development by delaying projects or making them altogether uneconomical while negatively impacting American jobs."*

Chiang concludes his testimony calling on Congress and the administration to exempt line pipe from tariffs and quotas.

*"Recognizing that line pipe represents approximately five percent of the total volume of steel imports, we also ask that Congress and the Administration consider exempting line pipe from steel tariffs and quotas until the U.S. steel industry is able to build the capability and capacity to timely manufacture the line pipe required to meet America's energy production growth."*

Chiang's full testimony is attached and if we can be any help to you as you cover this, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thank you.

Michael Tadeo

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**WRITTEN TESTIMONY**

**WILLIE C. CHIANG**

**PLAINS ALL AMERICAN PIPELINE**

**U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS  
SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRADE**

**“PRODUCT EXCLUSION PROCESS FOR SECTION 232 TARIFFS ON STEEL”**

**JULY 24, 2018**

Chairman Brady, Chairman Reichert, Ranking Member Pascrell and members of the Committee, my name is Willie Chiang, Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer and a member of the Board of Directors of Plains All American GP, LLC. I have also been named as the incoming CEO effective later this year.

I appreciate the opportunity to testify regarding the Section 232 tariff exclusion process, including the Commerce Department’s recent denial of our exclusion request for 26-inch high-frequency welded<sup>1</sup> (HFW) line pipe that will be used to construct the Cactus II pipeline system. This new 26-inch diameter, 550-mile crude oil pipeline system is a critical infrastructure project that will help enable production growth in the Permian Basin region of west Texas and New Mexico.

**About Plains**

Plains All American Pipeline is a U.S.-based midstream energy company with nearly 3,400 employees across the United States. We operate one of the nation’s largest and most integrated networks of midstream energy infrastructure, with ownership of more than 13,000 miles of active crude oil pipeline in the United States, more than 85 million barrels of liquids storage, 25 crude oil or natural gas liquids rail terminals and five marine terminals. In 2017, Plains handled approximately 4.5 million barrels of crude oil per day in the U.S. We also have sizable pipeline and midstream facilities operations in Canada, managed by our more than 1,450 Canadian colleagues.

Plains All American Pipeline is committed to domestic infrastructure investment. During the past 20 years, we have invested more than \$12.5 billion in new North American energy infrastructure to support energy production growth, contributing to U.S. energy independence and national security. With safety as one of our core values, we are committed to designing, constructing, operating and maintaining pipelines in a safe and reliable manner, as well as to meeting or exceeding regulatory standards.

We are an American company headquartered in Houston, and we are proud to source more than 85 percent of our capital investments domestically. We support policies that encourage

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<sup>1</sup> The HFW manufacturing process may also be referred to as Electric Resistance Welding (ERW).

domestic production of steel, just as we have a preference for the domestic production of energy. However, currently steel imports are essential given the lack of domestic availability for certain products.

When the Section 232 tariffs were introduced in March 2018, we proceeded with the exclusion process for the Cactus II line pipe we had ordered months earlier in December 2017. The specific pipe specification required by the project is not manufactured in the U.S., requiring us to order it from overseas. We were disappointed that the Commerce Department rejected our request for tariff exclusions and, as I will testify, our experience with the exclusion process has revealed significant flaws in the implementation of Section 232 for steel tariffs.

In addition, we appreciate the support of a number of elected officials who understand the challenges we and others in our industry face due to the imposition of the Section 232 tariffs and support our position. In particular, we would like to thank Chairman Conaway and his eight Texas House delegation colleagues, as well as Senator Cornyn and Texas Governor Abbott for their support of our concerns. We also appreciate your Committee's interest and your willingness to devote a hearing to this important topic.

#### **Summary of Policy Recommendations**

On March 7, 2018, more than 100 members of Congress, including several members of this Committee, sent a letter to President Trump expressing concern over steel and aluminum tariffs and setting forth four critical elements that should be considered in the 232 exclusion request process. These observations were prophetic as we are now dealing with certain of the same concerns identified in the letter.

It is essential that Congress help rectify flaws in the way Section 232 tariffs and the exclusion request process have been implemented. We believe by making certain improvements to the Section 232 process, Congress and the Administration can achieve President Trump's objectives for revitalizing the steel industry while promoting U.S. energy dominance.

We believe our experience with the Department of Commerce's process and the unique market conditions surrounding our applications will provide useful insight for the Committee as it conducts its oversight. We propose the following recommendations to improve the Section 232 process:

1. Exempt international steel orders placed prior to the imposition of tariffs and quotas.
2. Exempt critical infrastructure project components from tariffs and quotas.
3. Recognize technical decisions regarding product specifications must be made by individual companies, not the U.S. government.
4. Ensure companies receive due process in the exclusion request procedures.
5. Consolidate exclusion requests by project or purchase order instead of requiring individual filings for nearly identical products.

Implementing these enhancements would better balance the Administration's objectives of steel revitalization and the pursuit of energy dominance. Alignment of these goals is critical to avoid significant unintended consequences that could undermine important progress towards realizing American energy independence, strengthening national security and improving the balance of trade.

On a related matter, I would like to highlight the importance of avoiding absolute quotas on steel imports and will expand on this later in my testimony.

Using as an example our experience in seeking a steel tariff exclusion for our Cactus II pipeline project, I would like to provide more detail on our recommendations to improve the Section 232 process. Understanding the current status of the Permian Basin and the importance of our Cactus II pipeline project to the Permian Basin's continued growth is critical to understanding the detrimental effects of a flawed 232 steel tariff process on the interests of both our company and our country.

### **The Permian Basin**

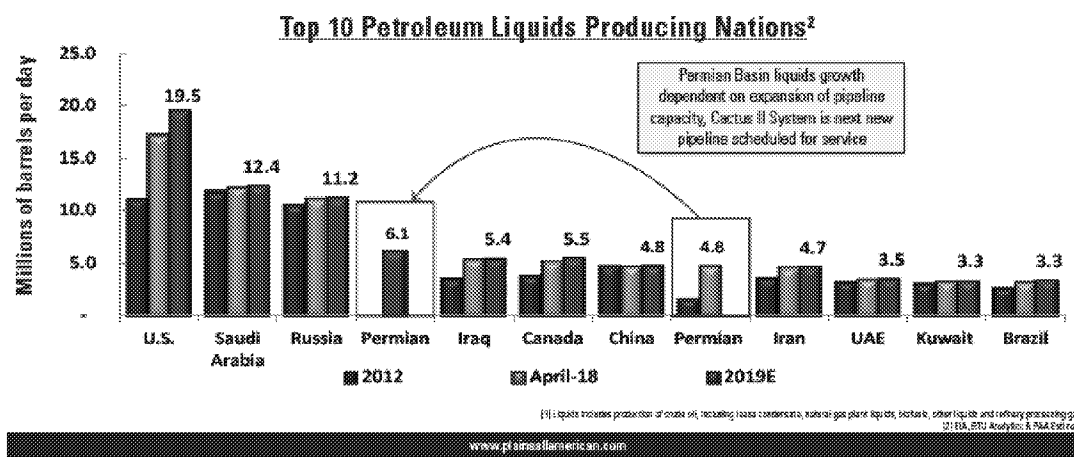
Located in west Texas and southeastern New Mexico, the Permian Basin is the largest oil play in America, the fastest growing crude oil basin in the world, and by far the largest driver of current and projected future U.S. energy production growth. If it were a country by itself, the Permian Basin would already qualify as the 7<sup>th</sup> largest petroleum liquids producing country in the world.

Permian Basin energy production growth benefits job creation, national energy security and the balance of trade. However, crude oil production growth in the Permian Basin is being threatened by the very fact that it is rapidly outpacing available pipeline takeaway infrastructure. As a result, we expect, within the coming months, there will not be enough pipeline takeaway capacity to move forecasted volume growth, forcing crude oil production to be shut-in or moved by rail and long-haul truck. These alternative transportation methods are much more costly and are limited in their ability to service projected production growth.

Timely construction of proposed pipeline infrastructure in this region is critical to ensure adequate pipeline capacity that will sustain Permian production growth. If sufficient pipeline infrastructure, including our Cactus II Pipeline system, is built within the next 18 months as planned, it is anticipated the Permian Basin will surpass China, Canada and Iraq to become the fourth largest liquids petroleum producing region in the world.

## **Permian Basin Driving U.S. Energy Dominance**

- \* U.S. is now world's most dominant petroleum liquids<sup>1</sup> producer**
  - ✓ Supported by new pipeline capacity, Permian Basin production volumes alone could surpass China, Canada and Iraq
  - ✓ Comprises ~17% of current world demand; expected to comprise ~19% of 2019 world demand
- \* Permian Basin driving U.S. energy dominance**
  - ✓ If treated as a country, Permian would currently be 7<sup>th</sup> largest producer, could grow to 4<sup>th</sup> largest in 2019, pipeline capacity permitting
  - ✓ More than 55% of U.S. petroleum liquids growth is driven by the Permian Basin



### The Cactus II Pipeline System

Our Cactus II project is a new 26-inch diameter, 550-mile, crude oil pipeline system that will be constructed between the Permian Basin and Corpus Christi. Approximately 80 percent of the \$1.1 billion project cost is comprised of U.S. material and labor and will support more than 2,600 construction jobs.

Cactus II will enable the transportation of nearly \$15 billion per year of crude oil, benefiting the regional and national economy. With an initial in-service date that is currently projected for the fall of 2019, Cactus II will ultimately provide nearly 700,000 barrels per day of crude oil transportation capacity, helping overcome a major limitation to continued Permian Basin production growth.

### Cactus II Steel Procurement Process

The line pipe we utilize in our construction projects must meet exacting specifications. Our original project scope envisioned a 24-inch Outside Diameter (OD), HFW pipeline, and we later increased the size to 26-inch HFW pipe due to customer demand. The 2-inch increase in diameter allows for a nearly 20 percent increase in pipeline capacity.

In 2017 we requested quotes from pre-qualified U.S. and foreign mills to manufacture the required diameters of HFW steel pipe for our Cactus II pipeline in lengths ranging roughly from 70 to 76 feet. These pipeline integrity- related specifications were required to limit the number of girth welds and the length and location of seam welds. We specified HFW pipe because it is consistent with the vast majority of the pipelines we have constructed and because our maintenance and operations processes and practices are largely based on this specification.

Notably, American mills either did not bid for the project or submitted alternative specifications for the 26-inch pipe option that were not acceptable for Cactus II's project design. In fact, the lack of U.S. production capability for the pipe subject to this exclusion request was confirmed in recent testimony by a domestic pipe mill chief executive, who acknowledged he was not aware of any U.S. mill capable of creating 26-inch pipe with the HFW manufacturing technique that meets this project's specifications. This same executive reiterated the same point in a letter of objection to our 232 exclusion request, stating "no U.S. mill can produce 26-inch pipe in HFW."

As a result, in accordance with our project schedule, we placed our initial line pipe order in December 2017 with a mill located in Greece, well in advance of the Section 232 Presidential Proclamation in March 2018. The steel is arriving in multiple shipments, which started earlier this month and will continue through the end of this year.

#### **Cactus II Application for Section 232 Exclusion Decision and Denial**

After the March 2018 imposition of the Section 232 25 percent tariff on steel, Plains submitted the necessary tariff exclusion requests to the Department of Commerce for approximately 550 miles of 26-inch, OD, HFW pipe from Corinth Pipeworks (CPW).

On July 13<sup>th</sup>, the Department of Commerce posted its decision memo, denying our request for tariff exclusion for Cactus II line pipe. The denial of our request appears to be based on an analysis by the International Trade Administration (ITA) that "*the product... is produced in the United States in a sufficient and reasonably available amount and of a satisfactory quality.*" Although we have sought to receive the supporting data generated by the ITA through multiple avenues, we have not yet been provided with that analysis.

#### **Flaws in the 232 process**

As it exists, the 232 process has multiple flaws. One significant flaw is that the current 232 exclusion process does not allow for an applicant to effectively engage in the Department of Commerce's exclusion review process. It also provides limited due process or transparency for applicants. Due to the opaque nature of the process, we can only assume that Commerce's determination is based on a review of a combination of the objectors' submissions, which appear to not be required to be substantiated, and other undisclosed data by staff – without interaction with the applicant.

Furthermore, there is no formal process for the applicant to rebut objector comments. In our case, several domestic mills posted comments claiming they could produce acceptable substitutes to Plains' order in satisfactory quality and quantity on the last day of the 30-day comment period. As a result, these comments were posted and made available to Plains only

after the comment period had closed, effectively eliminating any opportunity to rebut the comments during the comment period. Plains did submit a rebuttal to the domestic mills' objections directly to staff at the Bureau of Industry and Security of the Department of Commerce, but we still do not know whether our rebuttal was considered in the exclusion request review process. Additionally, we are unaware of an opportunity to appeal the exclusion request denial.

The process is also reportedly challenged by a backlog of more than 20,000 exclusion requests and associated documents needing attention in a limited window of time. As this number climbs, it is possible that projects may begin to face delays due to the uncertainty of tariff assessments if the Commerce Department is unable to process these exclusion requests in a fair and timely manner.

### **Recommendations to Enhance the Section 232 Exclusion Request Process**

Congress and the Administration should consider the following changes to improve the 232 exclusion request process:

#### **1. Exempt international steel orders placed before the imposition of tariffs and quotas.**

The U.S. government should seek to ensure its policies do not reach back in an "ex-post facto" manner and violate the sanctity of capital investment decisions that were made based on laws and rules in effect at the time the investment decision was made. In addition to the fact that these infrastructure projects are critical to national interest, they are privately financed, and the economics of these projects factor into a company's decision to approve the construction of a project. Imposing a 25 percent tax on one of the most significant contributors of the project cost – after the business decision has been made to proceed – is unjust and may pose a risk to the completion of energy projects critical to our national interest.

Specific to the pipeline industry, the investment decisions for pipeline infrastructure projects are made months in advance of receiving the first line pipe from a steel mill. In the case of Cactus II project, Plains ordered pipe in December 2017 from a steel mill in Greece, months ahead of both the decision to impose steel tariffs (March 2018) and the date that the implementation of those steel tariffs began to affect EU imports (June 2018). We are now dealing with a major unexpected, unjust retroactive tax that affects the project's economics.

Ironically, the denial of our exclusion request provides no relief to the U.S. steel industry. We have already begun to receive shipments of the steel, so even if we were able to substitute product specifications, it is too late to cancel our order from Greece and shift it to a U.S. mill without incurring substantial economic loss and major delays in the schedule, a timeline which is critical to maintain in order to support continued Permian Basin production growth. The denial of this tariff exclusion merely punishes an American company for developing a project that supports our national interest.

The Greek steel mill will receive its payment as contracted, and unless our exclusion requests are reconsidered/approved, the Cactus II project will incur a punitive tax of approximately \$40 million, yet the U.S. steel industry will receive no benefit.

Retroactive application of new policies to investment decisions and purchase orders already made adds uncertainty to our economy and will inevitably result in delayed investment decisions and slow job creation.

As referenced in the May 7<sup>th</sup> letter from members of Congress to President Trump, grandfathering orders for imported steel placed prior to the imposition of the tariff would rectify this injustice, restore business certainty for orders made prior to the imposition of the 232 tariffs and could relieve some of the exclusion request backlog faced by the Department of Commerce.

**2. Exempt critical infrastructure project components from tariffs and quotas.**

The Department of Homeland Security has identified energy pipelines as part of our nation's critical infrastructure, and the availability of line pipe is essential to help the Trump Administration achieve its objective of energy dominance. In fact, President Trump's March 28, 2017, Executive Order states: "The safe, reliable transportation of crude oil via pipeline and other modes of transportation enhances U.S. energy independence and national security."

In line with other goals of this Administration, the Section 232 process should make accommodations for projects that are deemed critical infrastructure or supportive of the national interest. In this light, the Commerce Department should exclude line pipe, which is critical to supporting U.S. energy production growth, from tariffs and quotas.

At a time when the Administration and Congress are working to try to introduce a major publicly financed infrastructure bill, such privately financed projects that clearly serve the national interest should be encouraged, not unjustly taxed. In addition, other critical pipeline infrastructure has been recognized by three executive orders of the President to ensure their expedited completion in the name of the national interest as critical energy infrastructure.

According to the American Petroleum Institute, line pipe currently amounts to approximately five percent of the total volume of steel imports. Congress and the Administration should consider exempting line pipe from steel tariffs and quotas until the U.S. steel industry is able to build the capability and capacity to timely manufacture the line pipe required to meet America's energy growth.

**3. Recognize technical decisions regarding product specifications must be made by individual companies, not the U.S. government.**

Every day at Plains, we are focused on safe, reliable and responsible operations. Our company has developed stringent pipeline specifications to aid us in this effort. One way pipeline companies like Plains remove variables and decrease risk to the community and the



environment involves selecting the right type of pipe and the right mill for a project. It is important that the pipe conform to our specifications, which meet or exceed regulatory and industry standards, and have been developed over decades of experience constructing and operating pipelines. For Plains, HFW pipe has been the backbone of our pipeline construction program for 20 years, so everything from our field crew's experience to our operational and maintenance procedures are geared towards HFW pipe.

Plains has specific design, construction and operating standards, as well as integrity, inspection and maintenance programs based on decades of experience and exacting internal standards. Our engineers have intimate knowledge of the specific requirements of the Cactus II pipeline system. ***After conducting a comprehensive analysis of the project route, required capacity and operating dynamics, Plains engineers determined the Cactus II Pipeline would require 26-inch HFW pipe.*** Because no U.S. mill can produce 26-inch pipe in HFW, our 232 exclusion request should have been granted by the Commerce Department on this basis. Instead, in our exclusion review process, the Commerce Department apparently disregarded our company's long-standing technical requirements and expertise and concluded on its own that a different pipe specification would suffice for the Cactus II project.

When evaluating an exclusion request, it is critically important for the Commerce Department to evaluate the specific technical specifications each industry requires of its steel components, as opposed to merely reviewing the availability of domestic products that, in its own opinion, could serve as a substitute. In its decision to reject the Cactus II exclusion request, the Commerce Department erroneously determined, without seeking input or clarification from Plains, that line pipe manufactured to another specification is an appropriate substitute for the HFW line pipe our engineers specified for the Cactus II pipeline. A technical decision such as this must be made by individual companies that are accountable and responsible for the safe, reliable and responsible operations of their assets. The government should not dictate a critical line pipe specification decision we have to live with for the multi-decade life of the pipeline.

Having the government impose this tariff without taking the unique requirements of the project into account is akin to having government dictate what type of pipe we use – or suffer a tax (or in this case a retroactive punitive tax).

#### **4. Ensure companies receive due process in the exclusion request procedures.**

The opaque nature of the 232 exclusion process, the inability to state our case and the lack of an opportunity to appeal the Commerce Department's decision – due process flaws that do not exist with respect to most other government procedures – should be rectified to ensure petitioners receive appropriate due process.

The current 232 process lacks transparency. A petitioner's ability to state its case is limited to the submission of a standardized form and supporting electronic documentation. No forum is provided for interaction with those determining the merits of either the petitioners' or the objectors' arguments. In addition, there is no opportunity to respond to objections – even if the objections contain incorrect information, such as was the case with

our exclusion application. The opportunity to respond to on-the-record claims made against Plains, before the Commerce Department staff renders a decision, is a key aspect of due process. In our case, despite multiple inquiries, the Department of Commerce has not provided any information on the basis for its decision to reject our tariff exclusion request.

The existing 232 process for steel tariffs does not allow the submitting company to testify before a committee to request a product exclusion or for a trade association to testify and request relief on behalf of an industry. This is something allowed in the U.S. Trade Representative Section 301 tariff exclusion process.

The Department of Commerce should review the Section 301 tariff exclusion process as it evaluates potential process enhancements. The 301 process provides a notice and comment period that allows for meaningful public engagement. During this time, interested parties have the opportunity to testify before an interagency committee and submit comments and answers to questions regarding the proposed list of tariffs. In some cases, tariffs on proposed products have been removed from consideration. Only after this level of engagement and consideration are 301 tariffs levied on certain products.

Additionally, the 301 exclusion process offers the ability for trade associations to submit requests on behalf of the petitioner beyond just the importer of record. Plains believes this level of engagement at the outset could have helped alleviate situations such as this, where tariffs have been placed on a product for which there is no domestically available substitute.

Finally, from a due process perspective one of the most unjust aspects of the 232 process is the absence of a formal appeal process. While petitioner's request are sometimes denied without prejudice to the right to refile the request, this right is of limited value given that the process lacks transparency and there is no discernable standard for how decisions are made.

**5. Consolidate exclusion requests by project or purchase order instead of requiring individual filings for nearly identical products.**

Currently, companies must file separate tariff exclusion requests, on a case-by-case basis, for each and every different type of steel it imports. This means companies must file new requests every time they import the same product and file multiple requests for all the different steel components required for a project. This creates a great deal of work both for companies and the Commerce Department.

For instance, one of our other Permian Basin pipeline projects (a smaller project, but one that is mission critical to ensuring timely growth in the Permian Basin) required six exclusion requests to address multiple possible interpretations of Customs agents for the same pipe. Consolidating these requests would help reduce the backlog of more than 20,000 requests and related filings the Commerce Department is currently addressing in the 232 process.

### **Absolute Quotas Pose an Even Worse Threat**

On a related matter, I would like to highlight the importance of avoiding absolute quotas on steel imports. Potential absolute steel import quotas present even more significant variables that could deny projects such as the Plains Cactus II project access to line pipe, even if a 25 percent import tariff is paid. If quotas were enforced on the EU, we may not be able to receive the steel we ordered prior to tariffs or potential quotas being put in place.

We appreciate and support the Administration's efforts in support of fair trade, but the Administration's position of requiring absolute quotas in exchange for country exclusions from tariffs, such as the KORUS agreement with South Korea, would jeopardize U.S. jobs and energy production growth, a key national security objective and a major driver of American economic prosperity.

Additional absolute quotas would risk stopping projects in their tracks – eliminating U.S. jobs and curtailing continued energy growth. Limiting the amount of steel available for critical infrastructure projects like crude oil pipelines is unworkable. Receiving only 80 percent of required materials for a pipeline is like receiving 80 percent of the materials for a bridge: it is zero percent effective. Furthermore, steel amounts to approximately 20 percent of a pipeline's project cost. Generally, the other 80 percent of the project cost, includes such items as labor, other materials, engineering, transportation and land acquisition, all of which is typically sourced domestically. A quota would indeed prevent the importation of steel, but it also would prevent the investment of the balance of the capital for that project. Absolute quotas create uncertainty, cause delays or even cancellations for critical infrastructure projects, and must be avoided.

### **Unintended Consequences of the Tariff**

In closing, Mr. Chairman, we need to find a way to promote both energy production and our steel industry – not pit one against the other. I want to stress Plains All American supports the efforts of achieving fair trade and strengthening the U.S. steel industry. However, without changing a number of aspects of the way the Section 232 steel tariffs and related exclusion request process have been implemented, the tariffs will result in significant negative unintended consequences to national security, American energy dominance and balance of trade.

America's pipeline system is critical infrastructure and must be expanded. Without the above recommended changes, the Section 232 process may chill this development by delaying projects or making them altogether uneconomical while negatively impacting American jobs.

Recognizing that line pipe represents approximately five percent of the total volume of steel imports, we also ask that Congress and the Administration consider exempting line pipe from steel tariffs and quotas until the U.S. steel industry is able to build the capability and capacity to timely manufacture the line pipe required to meet America's energy production growth.

Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify. I welcome the opportunity to respond to your questions.

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# NEWS

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## API welcomes new proposal to fix venting and flaring rule

WASHINGTON, February 12, 2018 – API issued the following statement regarding the release of the Bureau of Land Management’s (BLM) new proposed rule addressing methane emissions related to oil and natural gas production.

“We welcome today’s announcement by the BLM as an important step towards our shared goal of reducing emissions,” said API Upstream and Industry Operations Group Director Erik Milito. “We are supportive of smart regulation that is effectively tailored to BLM’s authority to prevent waste and conserve resources, an objective that our industry shares. We are hopeful that the new proposed rule will strengthen our nation’s energy renaissance, our economy and environmental stewardship.

“Effective energy policy can bolster the achievements of industry best practices and innovations along with cost-effective state and federal efforts that are already providing strong environmental leadership. This successful combination has led to a decline of 16.3 percent in methane between 1990 and 2015, according to the 2017 EPA U.S. GHG Inventory report, at a time when natural gas output increased 51.9 percent. This is in addition to the U.S. leading the world in reducing carbon emissions, which are now near 25-year lows.”

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# NEWS

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## Colorado Petroleum Council supports new flowline safety rulemaking

DENVER, February 13, 2018 – The Colorado Petroleum Council said it supports the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) rulemaking that will strengthen the commission's infrastructure flowline regulations and update the 811 "one-call" safety program. The 811 program gives property owners one number to call to notify all utilities operating in an area to come mark their submerged lines prior to commencing any digging operations.

"We are committed to continuous improvement in performance and safety, with an ultimate goal of zero incidents," said Colorado Petroleum Council Executive Director Tracee Bentley. "By strengthening these rules, Colorado will have the most stringent flowline safety regulations in the country; while at the same time promoting the importance of following a safe digging process to homeowners and professional excavators."

The new regulations are comprehensive and cover every kind of flowline in use throughout Colorado, ensuring safe design and construction while also setting integrity testing requirements tailored to the different kinds of flowlines. Operators' efforts to promote public awareness will follow the strategic objective in the American Petroleum Institute's 2017-2019 Pipeline Safety Excellence Strategic Plan and 2016 Performance Report to "promote innovative approaches to enhancing damage prevention." The report details that initiative and industry's acknowledgement of areas for improvement and where challenges remain; highlights the public benefits of pipelines; and explains the extensive protections taken by pipeline operators to protect the public and the environment.

"The oil and natural gas industry will continue to invest in the latest technologies to help drive advances in pipeline safety technology, strengthen emergency preparedness and response planning, and encourage the adoption of holistic pipeline safety management systems," said Bentley. "Innovation in the pursuit of safety benefits our work force and protects the communities and the environments in which we operate."

"As called for by the Commission, CPC and its members will participate in a stakeholder group to evaluate technologies to locate older flowlines and detect leaks from underground flowlines. We look forward to working with the Commission staff, local governments, and landowners as part of this process."

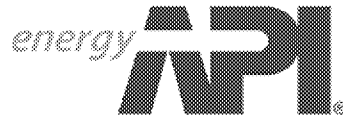
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## **API: Tariffs hurt workers, consumers, American energy dominance**

WASHINGTON, July 25, 2018 – API highlighted the devastating impacts of the administration's tariffs on imported steel and other goods at today's hearing before the U.S. Trade Representative on section 301 tariffs.

"The administration's tariffs on steel and other imported goods stand in the way of increased job creation and economic growth," said API Senior Advisor for International Policy Aaron Padilla. "Section 301 tariffs affecting approximately 100 products – including pumps, pump parts, motors, rotors and stators, valves, fluids, drill collars, and lithium batteries - are already hurting the natural gas and oil industry.

"Further, expanding the current list of 301 tariffs would cause disproportionate economic harm to the U.S. natural gas and oil industry as it would not be possible to relocate quickly the sourcing of these products and still meet the industry's exacting product reliability specifications and standards.

"We share the administration's own goal of promoting American energy dominance, but it has become clear that the implementation of import restrictions on imported steel and other products undermines domestic energy production. Further, increasing the costs of American energy production will hurt America's national security and American consumers who have benefited from affordable energy. We hope that the administration will reconsider these tariffs that will without a doubt harm our nation's energy interests at home and abroad."

[Padilla's full written testimony is available on the API website.](#)

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## **Colorado Petroleum Council welcomes mill levy increase to ensure necessary funding for COGCC**

DENVER, February 12, 2018 – The Colorado Petroleum Council (CPC) issued the following statement in support of the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission's (COGCC) mill levy increase to secure much needed funding for the Commission to ensure adequate staffing and timely review and approval of applications for safe and responsible energy development in Colorado.

"Ensuring necessary funding for the COGCC budget is an important step forward to ensure consumers can continue benefitting from Colorado's growing energy sector," said CPC Executive Director Tracee Bentley. "The COGCC faces a mounting workload and increasing backlog. Even standard, uncontested spacing and pooling applications face month-to-month continuations. These delays impair the ability of operators to manage their drilling programs and plan investments.

"We applaud today's decision to ensure that regulators have the resources needed to complete proper permitting reviews and to fulfill their responsibilities to provide proper oversight of energy projects across the state."

Every one-tenth increase in the mill levy generates approximately one million dollars of revenue for Colorado. The mill levy increase approved today is projected to increase the ending fund balance to almost six million dollars by fiscal year 2018-19. Ensuring appropriate staffing can help to safeguard effective regulation to the benefit of the industry, taxpayers and consumers.

"The natural gas and oil industry supports more than 232,900 jobs, provides nearly \$23.1 billion in wages and contributes nearly \$31.4 billion to the state's economy. We look forward to continuing to work with the COGCC and all stakeholders in support of safe and responsible development of Colorado's oil and natural gas resources."

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The following release, "[API supports new EPA NSPS amendments and calls for proper review of air emissions guidance](#)", went out to news media.

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**API supports new EPA NSPS amendments and calls for proper review of air emissions guidance**

WASHINGTON, March 1, 2018 – API issued the following statement regarding today's release of the EPA's amendments to its oil and gas air emissions standards and the proposed withdrawal of EPA's 2016 emissions guidance (Control Technique Guidelines), and calls for sound science and proper review.

"We welcome EPA's technical modifications to its NSPS OOOOa rule and the proposal to withdraw the CTGs, which will provide regulatory certainty for our industry," Senior Director of Regulatory and Scientific Affairs Howard Feldman. "We are hopeful EPA makes additional improvements to ensure that its rules are science-based and cost-effective. Ozone concentrations and methane emissions are down significantly and air quality continues to improve thanks in part to increased use of domestic natural gas and industry investments in advancing technology."

According to EPA data, industry has reduced methane emissions from natural gas production 16.3 percent from 1990-2015, while natural gas production increased 55 percent. Spending in the natural gas and oil industry to improve the environmental performance of its products, facilities and operations totals \$322 billion since 1990. Between 2000 and 2014, industry invested about \$90 billion in new zero- or low-emissions technologies – more than twice that of the next closest industry sector and nearly as much as the federal government. Total U.S. emissions of VOCs have already decreased by 41 percent since 1990 under the current rules.

"API supports EPA following the science and also recognizing the results that state and federal regulations already achieve," said Feldman. "EPA's data show that as U.S. oil and natural gas production has increased, industry has been reducing methane emissions. These trends are indicative of what our industry has achieved, primarily due to industry leadership, expanded voluntary efforts and technological innovation, which will continue to help to improve the environment and bolster our nation's energy security."

"Congress also has an opportunity to ensure that states and businesses are protected from duplicative and burdensome regulations and we are hopeful that they will enact legislative proposals that improve the implementation of the ozone standards while fully maintaining the nation's commitment to protecting public health and reducing emissions."

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Hi Tate,

We hope you can join us for happy hour next Thursday! Please RSVP before NOON tomorrow.

## National Energy Resources Organization



# WHEELS UP

## Happy Hour

Thursday, August 2, 2018

5:00 – 7:00 pm

**NRECA Townhouse**

**208 A Street, NE**

**Washington, DC**

**(By Invitation Only)**

**Please do not forward.**

**RSVP:** [ExecutiveDirector@NationalEnergyResources.com](mailto:ExecutiveDirector@NationalEnergyResources.com) or 703-548-1764

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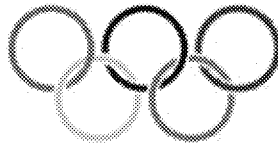
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**Subject:** Invitation to NERO Happy Hour / Reception

Hi Tate

You are invited to NERO's Olympic Happy Hour / Reception on Thursday, February 22. We hope you can make it! Please **RSVP by Monday, 2/19.**

Gentle reminder to all invitees: Invitations to NERO events are *not transferable*. Please do not forward.

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## 2018 WINTER NEROlympics Happy Hour

### Thursday, February 22, 2018

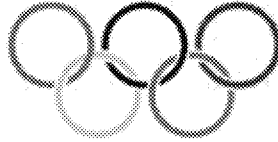
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**Washington, DC**

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## ***IN CASE YOU MISSED IT***

### **What They Are Saying: Concern grows among U.S. businesses and consumers about the impacts of tariffs**



*As New Tariffs Take Hold, More See Negative Than Positive Impact for the U.S.*  
"Americans' views of the new tariffs between the United States and some of its trading partners tilt more negative than positive, a new Pew Research Center survey finds." - John LaLoggia, Pew Research Center



#### *Trump's Tariffs Are Going To Make Your Food More Expensive*

"Tariffs tend to make almost no one better off and—thanks to the ability of other countries to retaliate—make most everyone worse off. They hurt those who engage in commerce—producers, employers, sellers, consumers, and taxpayers alike—at home and abroad." - Baylen Linnekin, Farm-to-Consumer Legal Defense Fund



#### *Trump's Tariffs Are Taxes on Americans*

"Tariffs are taxes on Americans. Higher tariffs increase the cost of products exported into the U.S., raising prices for families and for businesses that rely on imports. Tariffs also invite retaliatory tariffs making it harder for American businesses to do business overseas.

This is far from hypothetical. Significant economic harm results from tariffs, such as the recent announcements by Mid-Continent Nail Corporation and Harley-Davidson that they will lay off workers or move production offshore." — Alex Hendrie, Americans for Tax Reform & Kip Eideberg, Association of Equipment Manufacturers





On the Front Lines of a Trade War, U.S. Chemical Manufacturers Hone In On Solutions

"In addition to thousands of chemical products, nearly \$90 billion in planned, steel-intensive, new chemical manufacturing facilities are also vulnerable to the administration's tariffs and quotas on steel and aluminum. In fact, these tariffs are being implemented at the worst possible time for the U.S. chemicals industry." – Ed Brzytwa, American Chemistry Council

## FINANCIAL TIMES

Trade War Winners and Losers Grapple with Trump Tariff Chaos

"As application for requests on tens of thousands of products have flooded in, many companies said they were finding the bureaucracy frustrating and the decisions bewildering. Winners and losers are being chosen seemingly arbitrarily by the government, they complain, distorting markets and disrupting supply chains. Meanwhile, a backlog of decisions continues to grow." – Ed Crooks, Energy Reporter



Goldman Sachs says US furniture manufacturers Restoration Hardware, Williams-Sonoma could get hit in latest round of tariffs

"Manufacturers are facing reduced profits or passing the higher prices on to consumers, analysts led by Matthew Fassler said in a research note published Wednesday." – Amelia Lucas, Reporter

## Bloomberg

Trump's Misguided Trade War

"...the president's actions are increasingly hazardous to the U.S. economy's health. If implemented, the tariffs — taxes paid in the end by U.S. consumers — would hurt American firms and households more than they'd hurt the Chinese. The latest ones would be applied in part to finished goods such as electronics and sneakers, directly raising prices for U.S. consumers (even before China's government chose to retaliate, as it probably would)." – Editorial Board

## The Washington Post

Trump's Tariffs On Mexico Are Causing Layoffs In The United States

"And so trade restrictions aimed at preventing U.S. jobs from heading to Mexico and elsewhere have instead hampered a Mexican company's multimillion-dollar effort to create jobs in the United States — an unintended consequence of Trump's trade war that demonstrates the difficulty of attacking trading partners without hurting workers at home." – Editorial Board



Trump's And China's Tariffs Could Do Permanent Damage To Soybean Farmers

“There are at least two potential moves that China could make to inflict long-term damage to U.S. soybean farmers. The first is to increase its domestic production. China only produced about six weeks of what it needs so it is very dependent on imports. However, as the government has done before, it will probably subsidize and incentivize farmers to grow more soybeans, which would negatively impact U.S. farmers.” – Chuck Jones, Technology Stock Analyst

## **CHICAGO SUN-TIMES**

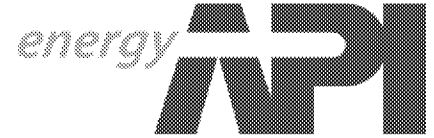
### *Trump's Trade War with China Is Beating Illinois Silly*

“Virtually every independent analysis, including those by conservative think tanks and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, concludes that tens of thousands of American workers are likely to lose their jobs as a direct consequence of Trump's trade war, and another two million workers are at risk indirectly of being unemployed. Whatever job gains Trump might claim, such as in Granite City, they will be swamped by job losses elsewhere.” – Editorial Board

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## **API: Energy infrastructure critical to nation's consumers, workers, environment**

WASHINGTON, February 12, 2018 – API President and CEO Jack Gerard welcomed President Trump's commitment to promoting our nation's energy infrastructure as the White House released its infrastructure legislative outline.

"Promoting our nation's energy infrastructure could help bring more affordable energy to American consumers, more jobs to American workers, and a better environment to communities across the country," said Gerard. "It's estimated that private investment in our nation's energy infrastructure could amount to a total of \$1.3 trillion and support 1 million jobs per year through 2035. This private investment along with the administration's proposal to stimulate \$1.5 trillion of investment in America's infrastructure is critical to powering our economy and the nation past the impossible.

"Further, efforts announced today to promote certainty in the permitting process that is driven by sound science are critical to ensuring that Americans can continue to benefit from increased production and use of the energy they demand every day. As the infrastructure conversation advances, we look forward to our continued work with the administration and Congress on efforts that will allow communities across the country to fully benefit from American energy."

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**Cordially invites you to attend the  
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# **Dan Brouillette**

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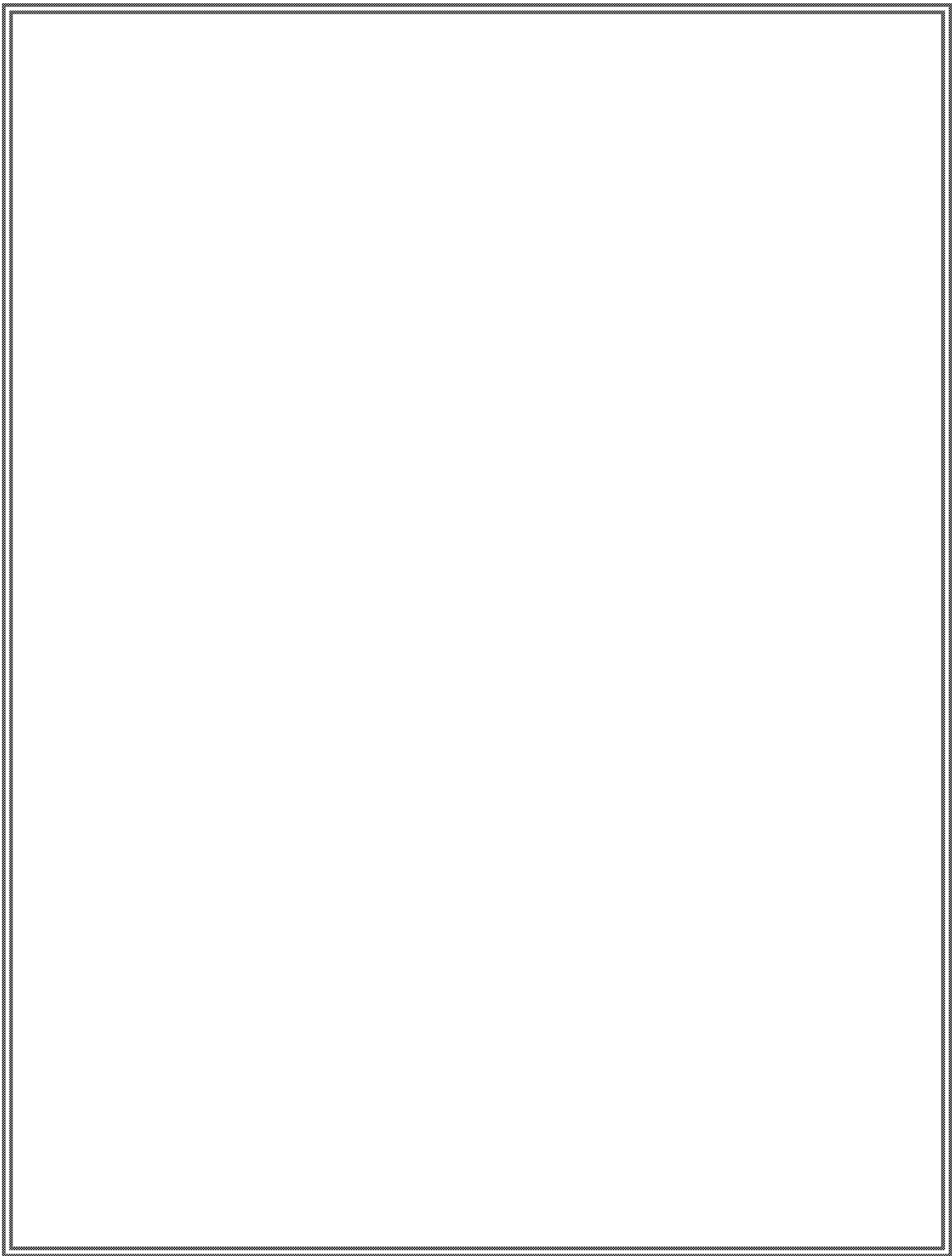
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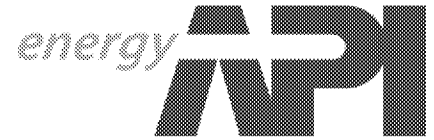
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## **API: Natural gas is critical to a reliable, resilient electric power system**

WASHINGTON, February 6, 2018 – API released the following statement highlighting the positive impacts that natural gas brings to power generation and corrected the record following testimony by nuclear energy advocates at today’s House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee hearing.

“Our nation’s electric grid is as reliable as it has ever been as data during the recent cold snap indicates,” said API Market Development Group Director Todd Snitchler. “Creating false narratives about unfounded reliability concerns and advocating for subsidies that benefit one fuel type over another only hurt efforts to improve the reliability and resilience of the electric grid.

“Further, competitive electricity markets are best suited to determine how to value individual fuel sources and their reliability characteristics and natural gas earned its share of the market. Bailing out and subsidizing one fuel type to the detriment of another is bad policy and even worse for consumers. Even NextEra Energy, a utility with multiple nuclear plants in its fleet, has recently stated that subsidies for nuclear power would distort the energy markets.

“Natural gas is critical to the reliability of our nation’s electric power system. This affordable and abundant resource provides the flexibility needed to meet the ever-changing demands put on our power system and to incorporate increased amounts of renewable sources of power generation. As the resilience discussion continues, we look forward actively participating in the conversation to ensure that consumers across the country can keep receiving the benefits of clean, reliable, affordable, natural gas.”

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## **CPC disappointed in House Vote, urges Senate to protect Colorado from reckless legislation**

DENVER, February 9, 2018 – Colorado Petroleum Council Executive Director Tracee Bentley criticized the Colorado House of Representatives approval of legislation by a vote of 34-30 that could slow or even halt energy development in Colorado and decrease revenue to the state.

“Today’s action is an attempt to sidestep the legal process and ban safe and responsible energy production in Colorado. Altering the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission’s mission for the bidding of keep-it-in-the-ground activists from out-of-state could cost the state tens of millions of dollars in lost tax and royalty revenues as well as slow economic activity generated by the over 300 companies and hundreds of thousands of jobs supported by Colorado’s oil and natural gas industry. Our industry alone contributed more than \$31 billion to the state’s economy in 2015. Ignoring the positive impacts that the industry provides throughout the state is a discredit to the workers who live in our communities and the families who depend on these energy resources to heat their homes and fuel their transportation.

“We urge lawmakers in the Senate to reject this legislation as the underlying premise behind the petitioner’s request for rulemaking is ultimately to persuade the COGCC to ban oil and gas development in Colorado, a result plainly contradicted by state law and policy.”

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## API President and CEO Jack Gerard to Depart in August

WASHINGTON, January 17, 2018 – After 10 years running one of Washington’s most influential associations covering all aspects of the oil and natural gas sector, API President and CEO Jack Gerard announced he will not make another long-term commitment to API and will step down when his current contract ends in August 2018. Until then, he will continue to direct the association’s work and assist in the search for a new CEO.

“Serving the oil and natural gas industry during this historic time, when an American energy renaissance has made the U.S. the world’s leading producer and refiner of oil and natural gas, has been among the most fulfilling professional experiences of my career,” said Gerard. “We have accomplished what few would have imagined: important public policy victories at all levels of government, and a revitalized association that has expanded globally and added significant strength to its advocacy capabilities. I have served for 10 years at API, which is the longest tenure of my career. I’m ready for my next challenge and want to ensure that API will have time for an orderly transition to plan for its next decade.”

Since Gerard joined API in 2008, association membership grew by almost 50 percent and added members from every sector of the industry. The organization tripled its growth in global markets where it promotes safety through standard setting and best practices, including expansions to Singapore, Dubai and Rio de Janeiro, and the industry’s public policy influence improved dramatically at the local, state and federal level. During his tenure, Gerard built an effective grassroots network comprised of 45 million voters with representation in every congressional district who communicate with their elected officials on energy issues.

“Jack has been an extraordinary leader for the oil and natural gas industry during a time of challenge and opportunity,” said API Chairman and ExxonMobil CEO Darren Woods. “He has unified our industry, expanded our global reach, heightened our effectiveness, and navigated a number of significant public policy challenges to a successful conclusion, including: the end of the crude oil export ban; the preservation of a pro-development and refining tax and regulatory framework; and the creation of a Center for Offshore Safety, dedicated to safety in offshore operations. Jack has built a solid foundation from which we will continue to grow. We will miss Jack tremendously because of his significant accomplishments over the years. Our focus will now be on the search for a successor who will build on Jack’s achievements.”

Gerard joined API after serving as president and CEO of two large trade associations – the National Mining Association and the American Chemistry Council. He worked for almost a decade in the U.S. Senate and House. He is active in several civic organizations, including as an Advisory Board member and past chairman of the National Area Council of the Boys Scouts of America, a board member and former co-chair of The

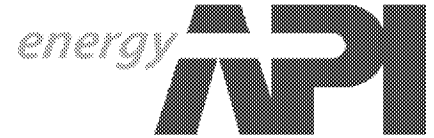
George Washington University's Graduate School of Political Management, and chairman of the board of directors for the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute.

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## **API: Repealing duplicative BLM rule allows more effective regulation**

WASHINGTON, December 29, 2017 – API welcomed today's announcement by the U.S. Department of the Interior on the decision to revoke the 2015 Bureau of Land Management rule regulating hydraulic fracturing activities on federal lands.

"Today's announcement means that the BLM can work with the states and tribal governments – not against them – to encourage responsible investment on federal lands, create jobs, and promote America's energy security," said API Upstream and Industry Operations Group Director Erik Milito. "Adding a layer of duplicative federal regulations does not improve on the success of existing state and federal regulations. If the rule were allowed to continue, development in several states, such as New Mexico, Colorado, and Wyoming, could have been especially hard hit with slowed permitting and limited access to public lands, stunting economic growth and pushing away jobs.

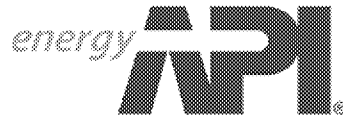
"State regulators and tribal governments have provided strong environmental stewardship, and advancements in industry technology, including horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing, are providing safe and responsible ways to develop our nation's energy resources. In fact, greater use of natural gas helped cut U.S. carbon emissions from energy consumption in 2016 to their lowest level since 1992."

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## **API: June marks highest ever production of U.S. crude oil & natural gas liquids**

WASHINGTON, July 19, 2018 – Today, API released its monthly statistical report for June of 2018 highlighting that U.S. production of crude oil and natural gas liquids hit its highest level ever. In June, production of crude oil hit 10.7 million barrels per day (mb/d) and production of natural gas liquids hit 4.2 mb/d.

“Record production U.S. crude oil and natural gas liquids last month highlighted the strength of our nation’s energy renaissance,” said API Chief Economist Dean Foreman. “U.S. oil production has supplied all of the growth in global oil demand so far this year and helped compensate for production losses in some OPEC nations. With continued increases in drilling activity, the U.S. is poised for further production increases in natural gas and oil. Unfortunately, increasing tariffs on steel and other components that are vital to our industry’s infrastructure and operations have emerged as a key challenge. For the energy renaissance to continue, the U.S. natural gas and oil industry critically needs policies that advance energy infrastructure around the country as well as the access of U.S. energy to global markets.”

Highlights from the June 2018 statistical report:

- U.S. petroleum demand year-to-date at its strongest since 2007.
- Domestic refineries ran at their highest percent capacity utilization rate in June (96.6 percent) since 2005.
  - Refinery throughput hit a new record of 18 mb/d.
- With the record refinery throughput, U.S. petroleum inventories held steady as an accumulation of refined product stocks more than offset the drawdown in crude oil stocks.
- Solid economic and energy market fundamentals also underpinned the strongest U.S. petroleum demand since 2007, at 20.6 mb/d.

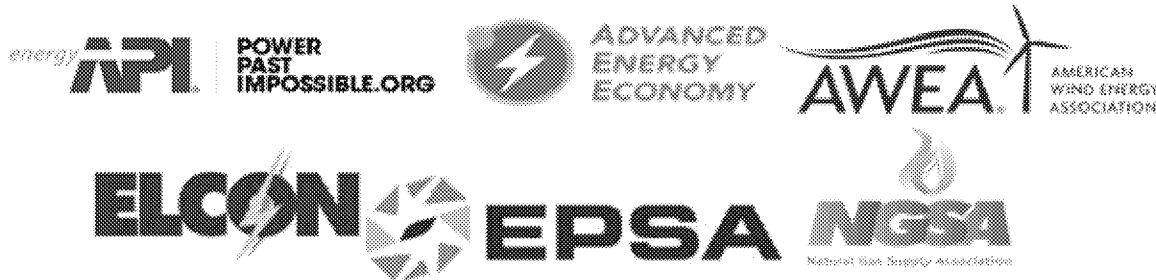
For more information on the monthly reports, please visit the [API website](#), where the reports are now available to [view and share](#).

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## Proposed coal, nuclear power plant bailout could exceed \$34 billion in new costs on taxpayers or consumers

*Annual cost of \$16.7 billion to support all coal and nuclear plants could rise to \$35 billion annually if owners are granted return on investment, raising total cost to \$70 billion over two years, according to Brattle Group analysis, for no discernible improvement to nation's electric grid*

WASHINGTON, July 19, 2018 - Today, API along with Advanced Energy Economy, the American Wind Energy Association, the Electricity Consumers Resource Council, the Electric Power Supply Association, and the Natural Gas Supply Association released a new study to estimate the cost of the Trump Administration's proposed plan to bail out uneconomic coal and nuclear plants across the country. The study was commissioned by the trade associations listed above and completed by The Brattle Group.

Looking at a range of out-of-market payment options to keep the national fleet of coal and nuclear plants available for operation – and not counting the additional cost of actually generating electricity from the facilities – The Brattle Group provided the following estimates of direct costs:

- **\$16.7 billion per year, or roughly \$34 billion for two years** as proposed, if every coal and nuclear plant in the country were given a uniform (\$ per unit of capacity) support at the level of the average financial shortfall experienced by such plants;
- **\$9.7 billion to \$17.2 billion annually, or roughly \$20 billion to \$34 billion** over two years, if only those plants now facing shortfalls were given payments sufficient to cover their operating losses; or
- **\$20 billion to \$35 billion annually, or \$40 billion to \$70 billion total**, if power plant owners were also granted a return on their invested capital in addition to payments for operating shortfalls.

"The magnitude and range of these estimates indicate the significant impact of yet-to-be determined policy design parameters and the uncertainty of the scope and impact of those choices on cost," the report notes before concluding: "Arresting the retirement of uneconomic generating assets in the current market environment will likely prove quite costly."

**Todd Snitchler, American Petroleum Institute Market Development Group Director (API):**

"Today's report shows that bailing out uneconomical coal and nuclear plants could conservatively cost \$17.2 billion per year. Further, bailouts of coal and nuclear plants around the country could raise costs on American consumers and fundamentally hurt the administration's goal of American energy dominance throughout the

world. Affordable, reliable natural gas has earned its share of the electricity markets which is why it has become our nation's top source of U.S. electricity. The natural gas and oil industry is committed to strengthening national security and is playing a leading role in reducing our decades long dependence on foreign energy but government mandates forcing consumers to buy coal and nuclear power does nothing advance the security of our nation's electric grid."

**Malcolm Woolf, Advanced Energy Economy Senior Vice President of Policy, (AEE):**

"Giving aging power plants that are not needed to keep the lights on \$34 billion just to exist – that's money for nothing. It's too high a price to pay when advanced energy resources and competitive markets can provide the necessary services to keep our grid affordable, reliable, and secure. Independent assessments confirm that these power plants – most of which are decades old – are not needed to ensure reliability or security. We urge the Trump Administration to abandon, and Congress to resist, this exercise in crony capitalism, which comes at the expense of American businesses, families, and economy."

**Amy Farrell, American Wind Energy Association Senior Vice President for Government and Public Affairs (AWEA):**

"This report sheds light on how costly the Administration's coal and nuclear bailout could be. The \$10 to \$35 billion this policy would take from American taxpayers to keep failing businesses open each year for the next two years is just the down payment – this misguided bailout would also completely upend the competitive electricity markets that are delivering billions in consumer savings. That's a steep price to pay in an era of U.S. energy abundance, when independent regulators and grid operators agree that orderly power plant retirements do not constitute an emergency."

**John Hughes, Electricity Consumers Resources Council President and CEO (ELCON):**

"This report clearly shows that proposals to prop up coal and nuclear resources will needlessly raise the cost of electricity and hamstring U.S. manufacturers to compete in increasingly competitive domestic and international markets. I fear, however, the impact is underestimated and that the actual impact on consumers will be worse."

**John E. Shelk, President and CEO, Electric Power Supply Association (EPSA):**

"The cost estimates in this report for the impact of potential federal payments to DOE's preferred resources should be an eye opener and a wake-up call. Cost matters, period. Cost matters legally because the Federal Power Act requires that only just and reasonable, non-discriminatory rates be charged for wholesale electricity. Cost also matters economically because it affects the broader economy. There is too much at stake for competitors and consumers alike not to strongly oppose the unprecedented market intervention that is being considered."

**Dena E. Wiggins, Natural Gas Supply Association President and CEO (NGSA):**

"We hope that federal policymakers will reject this short-sighted measure to bail out old and economically failing power plants at a direct cost to consumers that could exceed \$17 billion for every year it's in place - with no improvement to reliability. Policymakers should be even more deeply troubled by the longer-term consequences that went unquantified in the study, such as the harm the bailout would do to the competitive power markets that have brought economic and environmental benefits to all Americans. Policymakers should recognize that this is bad policy that hurts consumers, competition and choice and instead allow the competitive market to work."

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## Scott Pruitt's Reformation

By Kevin Williamson

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The challenge at the EPA is deeper than policy

Des Moines — Scott Pruitt likes coffee. Seriously likes it. He's all riled up and hopped up and caffeinated and talking 100 mph in front of a group of rural electrical co-op officers in Iowa and if we're all telling the truth here seeming just a little bit overstimulated this midmorning in Des Moines when he stops to intone the praises of the glorious steaming cup of coffee he's holding in his hand, obtained from a Scenic Route Bakery down the road. "The problem is that I keep talking, so I don't get to drink it, and I have to keep heating it up." And talk and talk he does, letting his coffee go tepid again, intoning his speech with a lawyer's emphasis on certain words that crop up repeatedly in his description of his mission as the Trump administration's EPA boss: ephemeral and intermittent, for all those drainage ditches and pasture puddles the Obama administration insisted were Waters of the United States — "WOTUS" for short; fanciful, for this and other interpretations of federal statute; and two words that he will repeatedly arrange in opposition to describe what he's up to and the fundamental conflict of visions that is the reason he is (perhaps second after Betsy DeVos) the member of the Trump team who gets most irritatingly up Democrats' noses: stewardship and prohibition.

Stewardship, Pruitt says, is making responsible use of our national blessings, including our natural resources: "Feed the world and fuel the world," he says, over and over. But the Left — and the EPA, which has long been dominated by it — is not interested in stewardship. It's interested in prohibition, in a lot of Thou shalt and a whole heck of a lot more Thou shalt not. "You have two different approaches, two different worldviews, two very different sets of assumptions," Pruitt says.

"One side says we exist to serve creation," he explains. "The other side says creation is there for us to use and manage to the benefit of mankind. Those are competing ideologies, and they drive decision-making. They drive regulation. If you are of the side that says we exist to serve creation, then you have no trouble putting up a fence and saying Do not use. Even though people may starve, may freeze, though developing countries may never develop their economies. That's something they're comfortable doing, and I think that's wrongheaded."

He shies away from characterizing this as a religious point of view but will allow that it has a deep ethical component. And he doesn't always shy away from the religious overtones, either: He says he is "prayerful" that a reasonable bipartisan consensus on the environment might emerge, and he jokes with a friend later in the day that the difficulties of his job put him in mind of the Book of Joshua: "Choose this day whom you will serve."

Seen from that point of view, what Pruitt is up to at the EPA isn't just reform — it's a Reformation. And he'll preach that gospel up and down I-35 at a number of Iowa events on a bright December day, from the electrical co-op convention to a smaller event at a nearby cattle ranch to a public appearance with Kim Reynolds, the charismatic new governor of Iowa, a Republican and the first woman to hold the job.

But you're probably wondering what the head of the EPA is doing on a tour of Iowa, which is one of those places you usually hit when you're running for president, and nobody seriously thinks Scott Pruitt is running for president.

They think he's running for governor of Oklahoma.

Since his swearing-in last February, Pruitt has made a pretty good tour of the country, touching down in more than 30 states and meeting with people he describes in the invariably saccharine language of modern politics as "stakeholders," which is to say, the people most directly affected by what it is the EPA does all day, about which there has been some dispute — a fair amount of it initiated by Scott Pruitt when he was the attorney general of Oklahoma, in which position he sued the agency on many occasions. There are a few federal agencies — EPA, Education, and Labor prominent among them — toward which the Left takes a proprietary interest, and from the time of Pruitt's nomination his critics insisted that the fact that he had so often sued the agency in an attempt to rein in its regulatory ambitions was in and of itself disqualifying. The unspoken argument there (usually unspoken — not always) is that anybody who is anything other than a progressive crusader cannot legitimately serve as the administrator of the EPA, because the EPA exists to undertake progressive crusades. The same argument is leveled at DeVos, a frequent critic of federal education policy and of the underperforming unionized monopolies that have made the Cleveland public schools what they are.

Pruitt takes a different view. He is, he says, doing the same thing as EPA administrator that he was doing in litigation against the EPA as attorney general in Oklahoma: trying to get it to do its job, to stay within its legal authority, and to abide by the rule of law. Contrary to the cartoon version of him generally offered up in the press, Pruitt in many ways desires to lead the EPA to take stronger positions on some environmental problems, especially air quality. "We still have a lot of work to do on clean air," he says. "The problem is that for the past decade we've been so focused on CO2 that we've let a lot of other things slide." Regulating the greenhouse gas as "air pollution" was a cherished and ultimately failed priority for the Obama administration, and, in Pruitt's view, this took attention away from more ordinary concerns, such as industrial emissions and smog. "People come to me and say, 'Why don't you do this?' or 'Why don't you do that?' And some of those I would. But Congress hasn't given us statutory authority. If you want to change the policy, you have to change the law."

For example, Pruitt's buddies in Iowa — he seems to know everybody by name and to have had long relationships with many of the people he's meeting — would love to see some changes in the ethanol rules, because the corn-fed economy of Iowa is mad for moonshine. The ethanol industry is characterized by an insane mix of subsidies, mandates, and regulations. Most American gasoline contains 10 percent ethanol, but some of it is 15 percent, which retailers can sell most of the year — but not in the summer. Senator Chuck Grassley of Iowa, along with three corn-state colleagues, has been holding hostage an unrelated energy measure (relaxing Obama-era methane-emission restrictions on drillers) until he gets his way on ethanol. Pruitt is positioned to cut that Gordian knot by simply issuing a year-round waiver on 15E, as the 15 percent-ethanol-blend gasoline is known. That would make his farm-state friends very happy, and it would also be a potential boon to his oil-and-gas allies back home in Oklahoma.

But he isn't sure he can do it. The administrator of the EPA is himself an endangered species: a Washingtonian who cares whether he actually technically has the power to do what he wants to do.

"I very much hope we can get there, but it's a matter of whether the statute permits it or not," he told a farm-lobby group earlier this year. The issue is still under consideration. And there's a lot more on the Trump administration's agenda that's of keen interest to Iowa ethanol producers. Right at the very moment the Trump administration is threatening to undo NAFTA, the government of Enrique Peña Nieto has moved to allow the sale of 10E gasoline in Mexico, where ethanol had been capped at 5.8 percent of gasoline blends. Mexico's state-run oil company produces a

little bit of ethanol as the result of other petroleum-related activity, but Mexico — which already is the top foreign consumer of U.S. corn — imports much of its ethanol. Guess from where?

It may very well be that Pruitt giveth but Wilbur Ross taketh away.

Pruitt's in an awkward position as I stalk him around Iowa. He gets a lot of bad press, and even if he laughs it off — "It's only the New York Times," he says with a smirk when asked about former New Jersey Republican governor Tom Kean's column calling for his dismissal — he's obviously mindful of the damage the media can do. At the same time, his boss is famously jealous of the spotlight, and good press can be a problem for a member of Donald Trump's administration — especially good press from National Review, a magazine that dedicated a special issue to arguing that Trump is unfit for the office he currently holds. Pruitt, a deeply intelligent man and a natural politician, surely must be mindful of this. But nobody thinks that serving as chief of the EPA is going to be the end of his career in public life — or that he wants it to be. And he does seem to enjoy the heck out of politicking, the glad-handing and the interviews and the standing ovations (of which there are more than one on this particular day in Iowa) and the posing for pictures: "I've always been short of stature," he says while lining up for press shots with a group of local worthies. "But that's helpful for a politician — I'm always in the front of the picture."

Pruitt, who is not yet 50 years old, has been a politician for a long time, having served in the Oklahoma state senate before being elected attorney general. Oklahoma has a part-time legislature, which left him a fair amount of time for his law practice and his great passion outside of politics: baseball. He owned Oklahoma City's Triple-A affiliate, which was part of the Texas Rangers organization, and he says it was an attractive business: The major-league affiliate picks up most of the payroll, the players and manager, but the local owner gets the sponsorship money and the concessions. When he's asked by a friendly interlocutor what he wishes the reliably critical news media would report about him, he answers: "That I batted .300 for Kentucky." I ask for a fact check on that. "I did a little better, sometimes." A natural politician with roots in the energy business who owned a baseball team? He shrugs off comparisons with George W. Bush. "Other than that . . ."

He didn't summer in Kennebunkport. He came up hard in Kentucky, with teenage parents and tight finances, and he spent a great deal of time with his grandfather, a Teamster. He played baseball at Kentucky on a scholarship, but that ran out after his sophomore year, at which point he transferred to Georgetown — not the prestigious university in Washington, but a small Baptist liberal-arts college in Kentucky. Around that time, it started to sink in for him that baseball was not going to be his future, and he settled on the idea of law school but took two bachelor's degrees first. There was an opportunity at the University of Oklahoma law school, and he's been singing "Boomer Sooner" ever since.

Oklahoma was good to him, and instead of a politician's blue suit and solid tie he sports a rich guy's wardrobe — fine dark sports coat, expensive-looking tie, big watch — along with a rich guy's confidence. But he remembers a very different milieu back in Kentucky, and he seems genuinely ticked when he talks about progressive do-gooders who never think about what their policies would do to the grocery and electric bills of people struggling to keep it together financially.

"The mindset is very arrogant and very elitist," he says. "And who benefits? The elite. The folks who can least afford those kinds of decisions pay the most. Go look at Ceausescu's Romania. They regulated the wattage of bulbs and told you when to turn out the lights. You know why? Because they wanted to reserve power for the elite."

Which is to say, he speaks fluent Trumpkin, and his allies in Iowa are, as is typical with populists, a mix of down-home and serious money. At a local farmhouse, he's served a very Iowa-looking lunch — meat and potatoes and gravy, rolls and butter, green beans, salad, shortbread, and some local Norwegian-American cream roll that everybody raves about, all of it presented by the blue-jacketed young ladies of the Future Farmers of America, overseen by a caterer wearing a jacket emblazoned with the eternal words of wisdom: Mind your own biscuits and life will be gravy. They say grace, and a Secret Service guy dressed down for the occasion (meaning brown shoes instead of black) hovers discreetly off stage right. There's more security at the door. A veteran of untold numbers of rubber-chicken political dinners, Pruitt puts his head down and eats like he means it when someone else takes the floor, but he more than holds up his side of the conversation. These people did not come for idle chitchat. His hosts and their guests are far from what people who don't

know much about Iowa farmers would imagine Iowa farmers to be like: They are serious beef and commodity producers who are overseeing millions of dollars in capital and who have detailed questions and complex public-policy concerns. There is a positively Hayekian exchange about policy uncertainty regarding ethanol-volume obligations and interpretive conflicts between statutes and regulations. This is Pruitt's element, and he respects his hosts enough to forgo pretending that there are easy answers to their concerns or that they're going to get everything they want — even if he were personally inclined to give the Iowans their way on every jot and tittle, he's serious about hewing to a conservative interpretation of his legal power.

That's an ongoing concern. And for that reason, his regulatory-reform agenda is moving slowly. WOTUS and the Clean Power Plan are going to be reformed — there are executive orders to that end — but none of that has actually happened yet, as Pruitt's EPA slowly works through what its statutory authority is, what's consistent with the law, and what's reasonable. As Pruitt points out, it isn't as though the plan is to replace the current interpretation of WOTUS with nothing. "We aren't deregulating," he says. "We're regulating in accordance with the law." The United States is out of the Paris agreement, thanks in no small part to Pruitt's countervailing influence on the president, who nearly was convinced by his daughter and son-in-law to break his campaign promise to quit the global-warming accord. Pruitt has ended the "sue and settle" process under which the EPA effectively outsourced regulation to activist groups and paid them for the courtesy, and he has barred, as an obvious conflict of interest, parties receiving EPA grants from serving on EPA advisory panels. He is rhetorically sharp, but his administration so far has been far from slash-and-burn.

And that's worth understanding about Scott Pruitt. His critics may dismiss him as a creature of oil and gas, as an ogre who is willing to see the water and air despoiled in the service of his corporate allies, but he is in fact a true believer. He's serious about this rule-of-law stuff. He's the last thing the Left expects to see in a Trump appointee: principled.

Which is not to say he isn't squirrely. He's plenty squirrely. After he's done with his public events, we meet for more of that coffee he was talking about: His tippie is called the "Honey Bee," and it's a concoction of espresso, honey, and cinnamon. "You're going to like this," he promises. He talks easily and with great command of the relevant policy details but is extraordinarily guarded about many things. Strangely, he refuses to answer the question when I ask him whether he actively sought his current job as administrator of the EPA or the Trump administration came to him. He doesn't seem like the sort of man who'd be ashamed of a little hustle, but the question momentarily interrupts his equanimity. "It . . . was . . . a conversation," he says. "A process."

Well, isn't everything? Presumably, Pruitt's taciturnity on the question is an artifact of his having been a Jeb guy rather than a Trump guy early on. But there's no question that Pruitt is fully on the Trump team now.

He is genuinely excited about the possibilities we have for improving the environment. He speaks at some length about Disney's arrangement with Harvest Power, an alternative-power company that takes the Magic Kingdom's food waste and uses it to generate electricity that it sells back to Disney. "What was even more impressive was to spend time with the Disney employees, because they understand that this is purposeful." That's another one of those words he keeps coming back to: purposeful. "A lot of times, we think of recycling as being charitable without realizing it can be purposeful, that it can truly contribute something. For example, over 20 percent of our landfills in this country are food waste. That's a lot. If we made progress with respect to how we deal with food waste in a more productive way, it would have a tremendous impact on the environment." He is unsparing in his assessment of the Obama administration, which he views as having been so strangled by its ideological commitments that it not only deformed the EPA but also failed to achieve any number of realistic, near-term environmental goals. He has been visiting Superfund sites and insisting that the involved parties come up with plans to get them "mediated," as they say, meaning cleaned up and detoxified enough that they're no longer on the long list of permanent federal environmental emergencies.

"If you look at the previous administration's environmental record, I would be hard pressed to point to any successes. If their goal was to use their authority to pick winners and losers in the marketplace and shut down sectors of the economy, they were prevented ultimately" — by a lot of lawsuits filed by Scott Pruitt and others — "but they made progress toward that end. But you look at air-quality standards, water quality, land remediation, the Superfund sites, they did not achieve very much." There is, he says, an opportunity for bipartisanship. "The criticism of Paris was as

strong on the left as it was on the right. You're going to allow China to skate until 2030? Allow India to skate until 2030? It was all a bumper sticker, and that's all it was. The previous administration was all talk, very little action. We're trying to focus on results. We're going to get results on land remediation under Superfund. What's so radical about that? We're going to focus on air quality and measure that every single day. What's so radical about that?" Though he doesn't put it exactly this way, what Pruitt really objects to is repurposing environmental policy as industrial policy, as backdoor central planning. Alternative fuels and clean energy are all good and fine, but the Obama administration's Clean Power Plan wasn't about that: It was about bankrupting the coal industry. "Generation-shifting is not at all consistent with the authority given to the agency," Pruitt says.

And there is the question of what Robert Higgs calls "regime uncertainty."

"We have private-property rights here," Pruitt says, warming to his subject. "Those folks who have natural gas, coal, other resources — that's their asset. They own the mineral rights. The United States government does not. Should we be able to use our authority to take that natural resource away? It's not just a philosophical discussion. It's also recognizing that private-property rights and the self-governing principles that we have lived under as a country are actually the greatest asset we have to improve environmental outcomes. You look at countries that are top-down, like China or former Communist countries: How do they do with the environment? Not very well." But it's a different world in the Asia of today. "India's going to use its natural resources. China as well. Our goal should be to partner with them and export our technology and innovation to help them. We can also export hydraulic fracturing and horizontal drilling to help them understand how to get to those resources." Exporting fracking: You can see why Al Gore is probably not going to send Scott Pruitt a big bouquet of flowers for Valentine's Day.

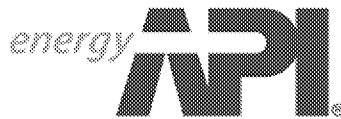
Not that Pruitt is going to notice. He lives in a different and much more concrete world: so many acres of corn, so many tons of food waste, so many cubic feet of natural gas. He returns to stewardship-versus-prohibition.

"There are two tracks to the dialogue. One track is more granular in the sense that we talk about process, statutory authority, rule-making, those sorts of issues. There should be much more understanding, in my view, of how those things should work. We can't just say, 'Well, the Clean Air Act in Section 111 doesn't give us the authority to do this, but we think it's the right thing, and so we're going to do it anyway.' There ought not to be any departure on things as fundamental as the rule of law. But when you talk about the other issue" — the question of whether we were made for creation or creation was made for us — "we need to have that discussion. What do we as a culture, as a nation, believe about this? And that's the question I've been asking everywhere I go."

Where he's going next is an interesting question, too.

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## Colorado Petroleum Council to Host Annual State of Colorado Energy Luncheon

*U.S. Deputy Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt and Former U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar to Join API President & CEO Jack Gerard for a Discussion on Colorado's Present and Future Energy Industry*

**DENVER, July 23, 2018** – The Colorado Petroleum Council, a division of the American Petroleum Institute, today announced details of its upcoming annual State of Colorado Energy Luncheon. The gathering, scheduled for Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, will feature U.S. Deputy Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt, former U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar, and American Petroleum Institute President & CEO Jack Gerard. Tracee Bentley, Executive Director of the Colorado Petroleum Council, will moderate the discussion.

"American energy production is safer and more technologically advanced than ever before, and Colorado has been a leader in driving this remarkable progress," said API President and CEO Jack Gerard. "Colorado's oil and natural gas industry supports an impressive 230,000 jobs in the state, while employing among the most comprehensive safety regulations in the nation. Colorado families and communities have benefitted tremendously from Colorado's achievements in recent years."

The luncheon's panelists will assess a diverse range of issues, from political opportunities and challenges within the industry, to the effects and economic impacts of assorted regulatory measures.

"We are excited to have speakers who represent the instrumental voices in the nation's still emerging energy renaissance, all with strong connections to Colorado and the Mountain West," said Colorado Petroleum Council Executive Director Tracee Bentley. "Energy costs are lower, government resources to help fund schools and infrastructure are fuller, and jobs and opportunity have never been more attainable."

"This industry takes its commitment to environmental stewardship seriously and emissions from power generation are at their lowest point in a quarter century. Meanwhile, the U.S. is leading the world in natural gas and oil production and Colorado's economy is benefiting."

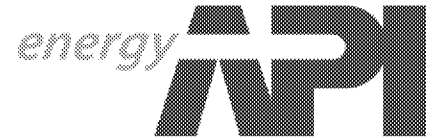
Just last month, the Colorado Petroleum Council released a [study](#) on the role that oil and natural gas play in Colorado's economy and way of life. In addition to creating over \$30 billion in annual economic impact for the state, the industry generated over \$1.2 billion in government revenue. From education, to public health, to new infrastructure, read the report for more information on how Colorado's energy industry has enhanced Coloradans' quality of life.

The Colorado Petroleum Council is a division of API, which represents all segments of America's oil and natural gas industry. Its nearly 620 members produce, process, and distribute most of the nation's energy. The industry supports 10.3 million U.S. jobs and is backed by a growing grassroots movement of more than 40 million Americans.

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## **API: Removing Eastern Gulf from OCS 5-year plan is premature**

WASHINGTON, January 10, 2018 – API President and CEO Jack Gerard released the following statement on Interior Secretary Zinke's announcement to remove the Eastern Gulf of Mexico from the recently released five-year offshore oil and natural gas leasing plan.

"This announcement is premature. Americans support increased domestic energy production, and the administration and policymakers should follow the established process before making any decisions or conclusions that would undermine our nation's energy security. The ability to provide affordable energy for consumers and meet the growing domestic and global demand depends on the ability to safely and responsibly explore and develop our offshore energy resources, including in the Eastern Gulf of Mexico.

"The Gulf of Mexico is the backbone of our nation's offshore energy production and restricting access to the Eastern Gulf puts hundreds of thousands of jobs at risk across the country and along the Gulf Coast, particularly in Florida, Alabama, Louisiana, Texas, and Mississippi. Not only that, but securing reliable sources of energy helps fuel other industries like tourism, especially in states like Florida that relies on more than 200 million barrels of gasoline and diesel each year to fuel its economy.

"The fact is offshore operations are safer today than ever before. Advanced technology, safety standards, best practices, and regulations are designed to protect workers, the environment and marine life. Since 2010, more than 100 standards were created or strengthened, including for improved safety and environmental management, well design, blowout prevention, and spill response to ensure we have the best protections and highest safety measures in place. And not only have offshore operations coexisted successfully with industries like commercial and recreational fishing and tourism for decades, but our industry and the U.S. Department of Defense work together to ensure all offshore operations take place without any impact to existing or future military activities."

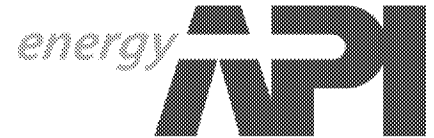
API is the only national trade association representing all facets of the oil and natural gas industry, which supports 10.3 million U.S. jobs and nearly 8 percent of the U.S. economy. API's more than 625 members include large integrated companies, as well as exploration and production, refining, marketing, pipeline, and marine businesses, and service and supply firms. They provide most of the nation's energy and are backed by a growing grassroots movement of more than 40 million Americans.

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## **API's Jack Gerard delivers the 2018 State of American Energy speech**

WASHINGTON, January 9, 2018 – API President and CEO Jack Gerard delivered the following speech at today's 2018 State of American Energy event. Below are Gerard's remarks as prepared for delivery. [To view the remarks online, please click here.](#) Also, to view the video that was debuted at today's event, [click here.](#)

***2018 State of American Energy  
API President and CEO Jack Gerard  
January 9, 2018***

Thank you, Marty, for the introduction. Happy New Year and welcome [all of you] to the American Petroleum Institute's 2018 State of American Energy luncheon. And welcome to the nearly one thousand watching us LIVE online at [powerpastimpossible.org](http://powerpastimpossible.org).

Before we begin, I want to recognize a few of the distinguished guests with us here today. Welcome to Senator Joe Manchin of West Virginia, House Natural Resources Chairman Rob Bishop, and House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Greg Walden. Let's give these Congressional leaders a round of applause.

I'd also like to recognize the congressional and administration staff members, who made time to be here.

Welcome to the President of the Navajo Nation, Russell Begaye, and to Roger White Owl from the three affiliated tribes of North Dakota. I want to recognize Eric Dean, the International President of the Iron Workers Union of the AFL-CIO – representing our Building Trade partners. Thanks for being here, Eric.

I'd like to acknowledge Noble Corporation Chairman, President, and CEO David Williams. David has served as a Member of API's Board and Executive Committee, and we appreciate him taking the time to join us today. Welcome to our many API member companies for joining us and to my distinguished colleagues who lead other trade associations, think tanks and non-profit groups – we are grateful to have your support.

The video we just saw captures the central role natural gas and oil play in our modern quality of life. We encourage you to share it online using hashtag #SOAE2018 and view it on my Instagram account – @jackgerardapi.

I want to recognize three of the individuals spotlighted in our report and in our video, who have joined us today.

Leslie Fangue of Plains All American

Colleen Faber of Anadarko Petroleum and  
Eric Holderby of Halliburton Corporation

Please stand – let's give them a round of applause.

They and the more than 10 million women and men whose jobs are supported by the development, transportation, refining and use of natural gas and oil are at the heart of this year's report. Their stories, their grit, and innovation are why natural gas and oil are making possible what was dismissed as impossible just a short time ago.

With the start of another year, we take a moment to reflect and look at where we've been and where we're going. Here in 2018 we continue to push the limits as high-tech innovators and power past the world's greatest challenges. This innovation-centered mindset pushes boundaries that lead to breakthroughs. It is essential to the cleaner, safer, and more secure energy future we all seek.

Consider what was previously thought impossible. We've taken the nation from energy scarcity to energy abundance. From making products abroad to a rebirth of U.S. manufacturing.

From energy as a major pocketbook issue to lower gasoline, diesel, electricity and home heating costs. And today we are increasing energy development as we're contributing to lower greenhouse gas emissions – a reality many believed was implausible, if not impossible.

Industry innovation and technological breakthroughs are why the U.S. is the world's largest producer of natural gas, oil and refined products.

We are a high-tech industry – analyzing a tremendous amount of data in real time to head off impacts and incidents. We are identifying trends and constantly improving our accuracy and efficiency. We develop and deploy the most advanced systems, infrared devices, fiber optics and drones to ensure safety around the clock. And we've deployed technological advances throughout the supply chain. From 3D mapping and petrophysics to machine learning and sensor technology. We are powering positive change in reliability, safety and environmental performance every day through technology and innovation.

The result has led to an unforeseen manufacturing revival, lower consumer costs, and greatly reduced carbon and other air emissions. At the same time, production and refining have increased significantly. We are in the midst of transformational progress. And it is happening quicker, cleaner and safer than ever before because of natural gas and oil.

Today, U.S. economy-wide CO2 emissions are at near 25-year lows. For the past 10 years, energy-related carbon dioxide emissions have fallen in 43 states. Health and environmental improvements have been dramatic with the nation's key air pollutants declining 73 percent since 1970.

Some have raised the question of methane emissions – an area we have been focused on mitigating for years. Methane emissions have declined even as natural gas production has soared, and the industry is leading to further that progress.

Last month we launched the Environmental Partnership to accelerate reductions in methane and VOC emissions from U.S. operations. Already 28 of the largest U.S. producers of natural gas have signed on. Our efforts will report emissions reduction progress and facilitate collaboration to build on the industry's strong record of emissions reductions to date.

Industry innovations have done more than lower emissions and unlock new energy resources, they have also reduced the cost of energy for Americans. In 2015, lower energy costs led to an extra \$1337 in the average household budgets. And according to AAA, motorists saved nearly \$550 at the gasoline pump over 2014 due to growing U.S. oil production.

America's manufacturing resurgence is also fueled by abundant, affordable and reliable natural gas and oil. U.S. manufacturers of steel, chemicals, refined fuels, plastics, fertilizers and other products – many of whom are represented here today – enjoy an advantage over foreign competitors. In 2017, the economy added more than 170,000 manufacturing jobs.

We welcome the administration's focus on building infrastructure to keep pace with America's energy and manufacturing resurgence. Too often, the infrastructure conversation is limited to highways, roads and bridges - which rely heavily on government funding.

In addition to that traditional infrastructure focus, consider the potential for energy infrastructure investment. According to a recent study, private investment in U.S. energy infrastructure is a more than \$1 trillion proposition and could support more than 1 million jobs per year through 2035. By expanding our focus beyond traditional infrastructure and considering the great opportunity of energy infrastructure investments, we could potentially double the economic benefits of infrastructure in this country.

And this isn't just about the dollars and cents. Getting the policy right on energy infrastructure will lead to greater reliability, safety, security, and affordability.

Lower energy costs, job opportunities and continued environmental progress strengthen the communities where we operate – the places our employees call home.

One of the best ways we strengthen communities is by providing high-paying careers. Average pay in the natural gas and oil industry is nearly \$50,000 higher than the U.S. average salary. The energy industry offers life-changing careers that lead to thriving communities and help to address broader societal challenges.

Our industry is attracting and retaining the next generation's best and the brightest. As many as 1.9 million job opportunities are projected in the oil and natural gas and petrochemical industries by 2035. A recent study shows that women and minorities, including African American and Hispanic workers, will fill nearly 40 percent of those positions. And the contributions of millennials, who make up one-third of the oil and natural gas industry's workforce today, are projected to grow.

In fact, later this week, API will release a new study that finds that millennials will be nearly 41 percent of our workforce – a 20 percent increase – by 2025. By harnessing this generation's unshakable confidence in a better future and use of technology, the industry is positioned well to address tomorrow's greatest challenges.

Our companies and their employees also help build and improve communities where we live and work by promoting education opportunities, engagement with charitable organizations and other initiatives that strengthen our neighborhoods. A good example is last year's hurricane events. The resilience of energy infrastructure in the Gulf region helped to mitigate the storm's impact on refining capacity, fuel supply and electricity. But more importantly the resilience of our people helping their neighbors showed the true spirit, character and central role of the industry in thousands of communities.

The industry's primary focus is and always will be safety – it is the bedrock of industry operations. In fact, API was established nearly 100 years ago as a standards institute. Today we have more than 700 standards, which are cited thousands of times in state, federal, and international regulations to protect workers and communities. Few are aware that API has global operations in Asia, the Middle East and Latin America from which we advance these high standards around the world. Our ANSI-accredited process relies on more than 7,000 experts including regulators and local specialists, who are constantly improving our safety standards, incorporating new technology, and tracking data to improve operations and maintenance.

Building a better future takes energy, and natural gas and oil are central to continued progress.

To do this, we favor policies that promote entrepreneurial innovation, driven by markets, to continue the positive transformation of the American energy landscape.

We appreciate that both the administration and members of Congress from both parties recognize the benefits of domestic energy abundance and its role in national security.

The recent cold snap highlighted the difference between policymakers and regions that embrace American energy abundance and those that do not. New Englanders have been subject to some of the highest electricity costs in the nation – well above the national average – because of resistance to infrastructure development. This is despite the fact that they are living adjacent to abundant, affordable, reliable and clean natural gas in the Marcellus Shale region. In contrast, in Ohio, electricity prices held steady or even declined even during peak demand.

We need policies that put consumers first. Policies that allow for private investment to safely build infrastructure to meet the energy demands of everyone, every time, everywhere.

We look forward to working with the administration, the Congress, and with state, local and tribal leaders to advance environmentally responsible domestic energy production on and offshore.

The administration's newly released five-year plan considers new areas for development in the outer continental shelf. It represents a bold acknowledgement of the industry's advancements in technology to safely access U.S. energy resources.

We commend the president and congressional leaders for their leadership on pro-growth tax reform. This historic modernization of the tax code will allow the natural gas and oil industry to continue building on the millions of jobs we support and billions we invest into the U.S. economy each year. Our industry supported \$1.3 trillion of the U.S. GDP, \$714 billion in earnings for U.S. workers in 2015, and contributed more than \$70 million every day to the U.S. Treasury.

We also look forward to working with the administration and Congress on trade policy. Global trade flows have played a critical role in America's energy renaissance – spurring economic growth and investment and creating American jobs.

North America provides a great example of integrated and interdependent energy markets that benefit all three trading partners. And NAFTA has been critical to that success. NAFTA makes energy more affordable and improves opportunities for U.S. companies in Canada and Mexico. As the administration continues negotiations with Canada and Mexico, we urge them to seek modernization in ways that maintain these benefits.

In the year ahead and for years to come, we seek to create an enduring regulatory environment. We support regulations that give consumers access to reliable and affordable domestic energy and build on the industry's core commitment to safety. We support streamlining the permitting process and reinforcing a market-based approach that puts the American people first.

The nation's energy policies must also take into account today's market realities. We support ending or significantly reforming the Renewable Fuel Standard. Forcing higher ethanol blends into the fuel supply hurts consumers and is incompatible with many car engines. America's energy reality in 2018 is vastly different from when the law was enacted a decade ago.

Another policy – like ethanol mandates – that some say favors a solution in search of a problem is the government's potential intervention in the organized electricity markets. We support FERC's decision yesterday and urge policymakers and regulators at the state level to resist the temptation to intervene in a marketplace that ensures reliability and affordability.

As the 2018 elections approach, it is our view that we must all stay focused on solutions for the American consumer and work together regardless of political party. The stakes are high, and together we are bringing the benefits of our nation's energy renaissance to all. From supporting more jobs and lower energy costs to ensuring clean air and water, energy is not a partisan issue.

We share a common vision for our future: one that includes clean, reliable and abundant energy, economic prosperity and continued environmental progress.

As the video demonstrates, the natural gas, oil and refined products industry is focused on powering the future. The fact is we always have been, even if most didn't know it. Meeting global energy demands requires constant innovation, unconventional creativity and a commitment not to be satisfied with the status quo or to accept what others consider impossible today.

We hope you'll join us in this commitment. Thank you for your time.

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Well it may be a great song by the [Zac Brown Band](#) (IMHO) or a great subject line that made you open this email, but I wanted to make sure you had our latest blog post on the resiliency of clean, reliable, and affordable natural gas that has allowed millions of Americans across the country to cope with these cold (frigid) temperatures. In the post, we also note the challenges that come to regions like New England that oppose pipeline infrastructure.

THE WINTER SOLUTION BENEATH OUR FEET: NATURAL GAS

By Todd Snitchler, API Market Development Group Director

Take a look and I hope you all have a great (and warm) weekend.

And as always if I can be helpful to you, please don't hesitate to reach out.

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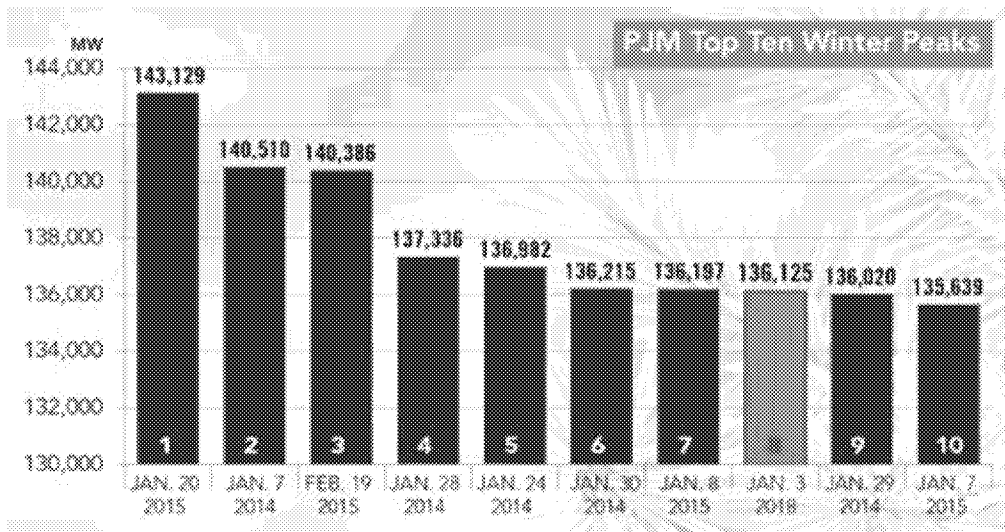
THE WINTER SOLUTION BENEATH OUR FEET: NATURAL GAS

By Todd Snitchler, API Market Development Group Director

America, the most prosperous, energy-rich country in the world, shouldn't leave any of its citizens at the mercy of freezing conditions, potentially risking human tragedy, when the solution is literally right below our feet.

With parts of the country in the grips of the most significant cold snap since 2014, now is a good time to examine how people are coping with deep-freeze conditions, as well as certain realities in the power supply space.

First, looking at the country as a whole, the power grid has handled the stresses of the extreme cold temperatures well. Because of the lessons learned from the extreme cold spell in early 2014 and the rapid response of grid operators to address challenges exposed then, more capacity is online and available to meet the demands of customers. This week in PJM, the regional transmission organization serving parts of the Middle Atlantic and upper Midwest, the region had one of its 10 highest winter peak demands:



Second, and in sharp contrast to PJM's prices, in ISO-New England we're seeing what happens to prices when there is insufficient infrastructure to bring much-needed natural gas to customers. Natural gas prices in New England, just 100 miles from Pennsylvania's Marcellus natural gas play, were as much as 10 times the cost of natural gas in PJM.

Opponents of natural gas pipelines and natural gas in general, including New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, have been fighting tooth and nail to oppose more pipeline capacity into New England. With the temperatures we're seeing, this opposition puts lives in danger and is incredibly misguided. The issue isn't just price, it is the significant risk to families and businesses when they can't secure energy to heat and power their homes and businesses. Whatever your position on natural gas, no one – regardless of socioeconomic status – should be at risk of freezing when affordable, clean fuel is available.

Third, all fuel types have their challenges in times of extreme weather. Entergy's Pilgrim nuclear power station in Massachusetts had to shut down due to transmission line issues, taking 680 MW of generation off the system and making irrelevant the claimed advantages of having fuel onsite.

Meanwhile, natural gas-fired generation has been reduced and replaced by fuel oil in New England for two key reasons: (1) demand for residential heating in times of extreme cold reduces available volumes of natural gas to generate electricity, and (2) insufficient natural gas infrastructure – including constrained pipeline capacity, underutilized liquefied natural gas import capability and the lack of natural gas storage – to provide sufficient volumes of natural gas to meet **both** the heating and power generation demand.

Many of the dual fuel generators in ISO-NE are burning fuel oil to generate power because they cannot secure sufficient supplies of natural gas. The extended fuel oil burn times can then create issues under ISO-NE emissions limitations, adding further stress to grid operations.

Pressure by environmental extremists, among other factors, has resulted in the closure of nearly all coal-fired plants in New England, eliminating coal as an option for generating power. This makes the need for sufficient natural gas infrastructure and supply even more critical in times of stress.

Those who favor a 100 percent renewables future and are working to block needed pipeline infrastructure cannot solely dictate our nation's path forward. Commonsense tells us that we are not yet anywhere near a 100 percent renewables generation scenario, and that cold weather is a fact of life in certain parts of the country.

Let's be clear: An enhanced natural gas infrastructure system to deliver safe, clean and reliable natural gas would keep people safe from dangerously cold weather, via home heating and power generation, and be a necessary complement to renewables-based generation portfolios. As we've discussed before, natural gas is essential to the growth of renewables in power generation.

Counting on future technological advancements and ambitious aspirational goals is one thing, but it doesn't help those in need of heat and electricity *today*. Ensuring the health and safety of people exposed to harsh, life-threatening weather conditions should always come first. People on all sides of this energy issue should acknowledge today's realities to find a workable path forward that's not an either/or choice – and that doesn't put lives in danger.

No American should be put in jeopardy because of a lack of heat and electricity. The answer lies right beneath our feet.



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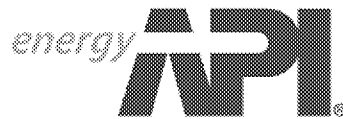
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Thank you for your message. I am away from the office on December 14 and 15, but I will be checking my email regularly and will respond as soon as I am able. If you need immediate attention, please contact Ben Norris (norrisb@api.org, 202-682-8251) or Mara Zimmerman (zimmermanm@api.org, 202-682-8253).

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## **API Michigan: The safety, health and protection of people, the environment and communities are the top priorities for the natural gas and oil industry**

LANSING, Mich., July 19, 2018 – API Michigan released the following statement, reiterating that the safety of pipelines and the important role they play in the efficient transportation of energy, on the same day that the Michigan Petroleum Pipelines (MTU) released its report, “Risk Analysis for The Straits Pipelines,” for public comment.

“Safety is a core value embedded in the oil and natural gas industry’s operations culture, and we are committed to working with the state of Michigan and all stakeholders on safely and responsibly meeting the daily energy needs of the people of Michigan,” said API Michigan Executive Director Peter Langley. “Building new pipeline infrastructure throughout the state and ensuring the safety of critical pipeline infrastructure like Enbridge’s Line 5 are critical to ensuring that Michigan families and businesses can safely and efficiently access affordable and reliable energy.

“The theoretical scenarios in the report do not account for existing safety and contingency plans for natural gas and oil infrastructure. Any analysis should include pre-existing contingencies and capture preparedness and response activities that would be associated with a release. Projects do not exist in a vacuum and assessments like this ignore the regulatory and permitting process and how pipelines have been thoroughly studied, reviewed, assessed and discussed – by government agencies, the oil and natural gas industry and all stakeholders.

“Pipelines are one of the most efficient ways to safely deliver the energy that Americans use every day, from the gasoline that fuels our transportation system to the life-saving medical devices made from liquid petroleum products, to the clean natural gas that is used to generate much of the electricity for our nation’s homes, manufacturing plants, hospitals, and schools. Line 5 is in Michigan’s interest, supporting 20,000 Michigan jobs on average annually and contributing \$49 billion to the state’s economy through 2035.”

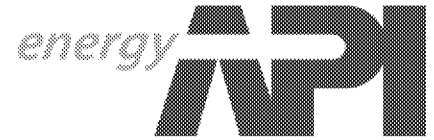
API continues to develop and revise critical standards and recommended practices following the accreditation process of the American National Standards Institute—or ANSI. Specifically, API has developed a number of standards to address pipeline safety in close coordination with subject matter experts from industry, government, academia and the broader stakeholder community. Additionally, API has developed standards and best practices to ensure operators plan for and are prepared for scenarios not unlike those described in this report.

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## **API welcomes DOT action to promote safety of rail tank cars**

WASHINGTON, December 5, 2017 – API today welcomed action by the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) to rescind a requirement that tank cars be equipped with electronically-controlled pneumatic (ECP) braking systems. Given the lack of evidence in favor of ECP braking systems, API urged the agency to pursue other efforts that would improve rail safety.

“Safety is a core value throughout the entire natural gas and oil industry,” said API Midstream and Industry Operations Group Director Robin Rorick. “The safety impacts of ECP brakes are marginal at best and mandating implementation of these systems ignores concerns about their reliability, availability and intrinsic safety while various other braking technologies have been proven reliable and effective.”

Recently, ECP systems have been called into question by several government agencies including the GAO and National Academies of Sciences finding that DOT’s testing and analysis underlying the rule was lacking. In recent comments submitted to the U.S. Department of Transportation related to the agency’s updated regulatory impact analysis, API detailed the problems with the ECP braking requirement and called on the agency to revoke the rule. These comments are available on the API website.

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**Subject:** For your info

FYI ———

Dear EEA Co-Chairs:

We want to first thank ALEC for the opportunity to present and debate the merits of a resolution calling for the review of the EPA's Endangerment Findings. It is an important policy debate on government regulation and our freedoms.

ALEC is noted as an organization that allows for the free flow of ideas and open discussion of its principles of limited government, free markets and federalism.

We appreciate the opportunity to continue to work on issues that aid in the education of state legislators.

The final decision on this issue will be made by the Trump Administration. So, at this time, we respectfully withdraw the resolution.

Sincerely,

Representative John Piscopo, CT  
Bette Grande, The Heartland Institute

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Whether you are recessing or not, we hope you will join us for one more happy hour! Please RSVP by Noon on 7/26. Hope to see you there!

## National Energy Resources Organization



# WHEELS UP

# Happy Hour

Thursday, August 2, 2018

5:00 – 7:00 pm

**NRECA Townhouse**

**208 A Street, NE**

**Washington, DC**

**(By Invitation Only)**

**Please do not forward.**

**RSVP:** [ExecutiveDirector@NationalEnergyResources.com](mailto:ExecutiveDirector@NationalEnergyResources.com) or 703-548-1764

You will receive an email confirming receipt of your RSVP.

*Please Note: Counsel has advised that under House and Senate rules, this event is a “widely attended event”. Under these rules, only NERO may extend invitations to House or Senate Members or staff to attend this event. Individual members of NERO are not permitted to extend invitations. Violations of these rules may result in criminal liability.*

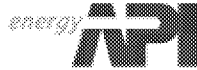
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## **API launches new initiative to advance industry collaboration and innovation on methane and environmental performance**

**Tuesday, December 5, 2017  
11:00 a.m. ET**

Please join executives and leaders from the American Petroleum Institute (API), Shell and Pioneer Natural Resources for a press briefing call to share information about a new initiative of the U.S. natural gas and oil industry. Industry has shown tremendous progress in advancing environmental objectives and this new platform brings the industry together to continue that trend.

**There will be a question and answer session for reporters.**

**What:** Press call on new industry-led initiative to continuously improve environmental performance

**Who:** Erik Milito, Upstream and Industry Operations Group Director, American Petroleum Institute  
Greg Guidry, Executive Vice President for Upstream Americas Unconventionals, Shell  
Mark Berg, Executive Vice President of Corporate/Vertically Integrated Operations, Pioneer Natural Resources

**When:** Tuesday, December 5, 2017  
11:00 a.m. ET

**Phone:** (800) 374-2418  
**Conference ID:** 6996539

Media **MUST** RSVP to [porterr@api.org](mailto:porterr@api.org) or by calling API media relations at 202-682-8114 to join the call.

This event is open to credentialed media only.

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**Subject:** Introduction

Mark,

Good evening to you. I wanted to introduce you to Tate Bennett on our team. She runs our office of Public Engagement and is absolutely brilliant at what she does. She is hopeful to connect with you some time tomorrow on a couple items.

Hope you are well!

Millan

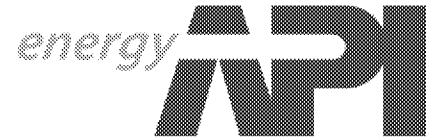
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**To:** API Press [Press@api.org]  
**Subject:** NEWS: API looks forward to working with full roster of commissioners at FERC

# NEWS



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## **API looks forward to working with full roster of commissioners at FERC**

WASHINGTON, December 7, 2017 – API released the following statement as today marks the first time since 2015 that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) is operating with a full roster of commissioners - Neil Chatterjee, Richard Glick, Cheryl LaFleur, Kevin McIntyre and Robert Powelson.

“FERC’s important work to evaluate and approve much needed infrastructure projects, including natural gas pipelines and LNG facilities, is critical to lowering energy costs for consumers, supporting millions of jobs across the country, and improving the environment,” said API Midstream and Industry Operations Group Director Robin Rorick. “We look forward to working with the agency’s full roster of commissioners on efforts to promote increased energy infrastructure projects around the country.”

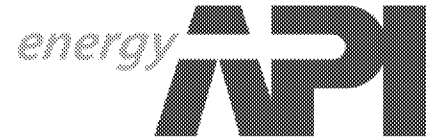
“Restoring FERC to a full roster of commissioners is a great step to helping ensure that consumers can continue benefitting from competitive electricity markets,” said API Market Development Group Director Todd Snitchler. “We look forward to engaging on this and other market issues to support a fuel neutral, market-based approach to safe, reliable and affordable power.”

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**To:** API Press [Press@api.org]  
**Subject:** New API study: STEM education is the key to diversifying America's energy workforce

# NEWS



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## **New API study: STEM education is the key to diversifying America's energy workforce**

WASHINGTON, November 29, 2017 – A new American Petroleum Institute study concluded that many of tomorrow's best-paying careers, including those in the oil and natural gas industry, will require training or education in a STEM discipline, and highlighted opportunities for women and minorities. Today API unveiled the report during an event at George Washington University in partnership with the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies.

"The oil and natural gas industry will experience significant turnover and growth in the years to come, greatly expanding career opportunities for women and communities of color," said API President and CEO Jack Gerard. "This study shows that STEM education is the key to creating a workforce that reflects the many faces of this great nation with skilled workers of all backgrounds."

"This report will help shape government and education policies that will expand job opportunities and economic development for communities of color," said Joint Center President Spencer Overton. "The study clearly shows that STEM education can be a primary driver of employment opportunities and economic mobility, especially as the economy evolves over the next decade. Energy is a growing sector, and it is critical that the future energy workforce reflect the diversity of our nation."

In addition to the millions of jobs already supported by the industry, 1.9 million new job opportunities are projected through 2035, with almost 707,000 job opportunities that are projected to be filled by minorities and more than 290,000 anticipated to be filled by women. And, in 2015, millennials accounted for 34 percent of direct industry employment. That share is projected to rise to 41 percent over the next decade.

Findings from the new API report showed that nearly 20 percent of all current U.S. jobs require STEM skills and or training. Projections show that STEM jobs will grow about 9 percent between 2014-2024, faster than the growth rate projected for non-related STEM occupations.

### **Highlights from the new report:**

- A STEM bachelor's degree nearly doubles the likelihood of working in the oil and natural gas industry, and earning a degree in an industry specific or related field increases the likelihood of working in the industry by three to seven times.
- STEM skills are important at every education level. It is estimated that nearly half of all STEM jobs do not require a four-year degree and that a third of all STEM jobs are in blue collar occupations. This is

especially significant in the natural gas and oil industry, where more than one million blue collar job opportunities are projected through 2035.

- Almost without exception, across all education levels, degree majors, gender, race, ethnicity and occupation types, those who work in the oil and natural gas industry earn more than those who do not.

The Joint Center, founded in 1970 as the Black think tank, remains anchored in the African American community and collaborates closely with organizations from other communities. The Joint Center focuses on the future of work and the use of technology to improve quality of life in communities with significant African American populations.

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**Attachments:** U.S. Senate Confirms Matt Leopold to Serve as EPA General Counsel

### Your message

**To:** Bennett, Tate  
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**Subject:** U.S. Senate Confirms Matt Leopold to Serve as EPA General Counsel  
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The address may be misspelled or may not exist. Try one or more of the following:

- Send the message again following these steps: In Outlook, open this non-delivery report (NDR) and choose **Send Again** from the Report ribbon. In Outlook on the web, select this NDR, then select the link "**To send this message again, click here.**" Then delete and retype the entire recipient address. If prompted with an Auto-Complete List suggestion don't select it. After typing the complete address, click **Send**.
- Contact the recipient (by phone, for example) to check that the address exists and is correct.
- The recipient may have set up email forwarding to an incorrect address. Ask them to check that any forwarding they've set up is working correctly.
- Clear the recipient Auto-Complete List in Outlook or Outlook on the web by following the steps in this article: [Fix email delivery issues for error code 5.1.1 in Office 365](#), and then send the message again. Retype the entire recipient address before selecting **Send**.

If the problem continues, forward this message to your email admin. If you're an email admin, refer to the **More Info for Email Admins** section below.

## More Info for Email Admins

Status code: 550 5.1.1

This error occurs because the sender sent a message to an email address outside of Office 365, but the address is incorrect or doesn't exist at the destination domain. The error is reported by the recipient domain's email server, but most often it must be fixed by the person who sent the message. If the steps in the **How to Fix It** section above don't fix the problem, and you're the email admin for the recipient, try one or more of the following:

**The email address exists and is correct** - Confirm that the recipient address exists, is correct, and is accepting messages.

**Synchronize your directories** - If you have a hybrid environment and are using directory synchronization make sure the recipient's email address is synced correctly in both Office 365 and in your on-premises directory.

**Errant forwarding rule** - Check for forwarding rules that aren't behaving as expected. Forwarding can be set up by an admin via mail flow rules or mailbox forwarding address settings, or by the recipient via the Inbox Rules feature.

**Mail flow settings and MX records are not correct** - Misconfigured mail flow or MX record settings can cause this error. Check your Office 365 mail flow settings to make sure your domain and any mail flow connectors are set up correctly. Also, work with your domain registrar to make sure the MX records for your domain are configured correctly.

For more information and additional tips to fix this issue, see [Fix email delivery issues for error code 550 5.1.1 in Office 365](#).

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## U.S. Senate Confirms Matt Leopold to Serve as EPA General Counsel

**WASHINGTON** — U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt praised the U.S. Senate’s action to confirm Matt Leopold to serve as general counsel for the for EPA.

“Matt Leopold has tremendous experience in environmental litigation and is committed to the rule of law,” **said Administrator Scott Pruitt**. “I want to thank Leader McConnell and Chairman Barrasso for their assistance in ensuring Mr. Leopold’s confirmation, and I look forward to working with Matt to maintain the integrity and lawfulness of the Agency.”

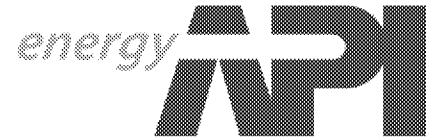
On October 25, 2017, the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, led by U.S. Senator John Barrasso (R-WY), advanced Matt Leopold’s nomination out of committee.

If you would rather not receive future communications from US EPA, Office of Public Engagement, let us know by clicking [here](#).  
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# NEWS



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## **API applauds House passage of pro-growth tax reform**

WASHINGTON, November 16, 2017 – API President and CEO Jack Gerard today issued the following statement applauding the House passage of pro-growth tax reform.

“Today the House voted to reform our outdated tax code and modernize it for the 21st century, bringing American consumers one step closer to economic policies that will create jobs and strengthen the economy,” said Gerard. “The oil and natural gas industry supports over 10 million U.S. jobs and invests billions into the U.S. economy each year. A modern tax code will help our industry accelerate these investments to fuel the economy and advance new technologies to help protect the environment and keep energy affordable for consumers, manufacturers, and businesses.

“By including pro-growth proposals like lowering the corporate tax rate and strong cost-recovery provisions, this legislation will help unleash economic growth and allow our industry to continue providing safe, reliable energy for Americans. We look forward to working with the Senate on updating the U.S. tax code and getting a bill to the president’s desk to ensure our nation continues its global energy leadership.”

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**Sent:** 12/5/2017 4:59:22 PM  
**To:** API Press [Press@api.org]  
**Subject:** UPDATED: NEWS: Natural Gas, Oil Industry Launch Environmental Partnership to Accelerate Reductions in Methane, VOCs



# NEWS

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Apache	Hess Corporation
BHP	Marathon Oil
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Chesapeake Energy	Newfield
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Cimarex Energy	Pioneer Natural Resources
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**Sent:** 8/14/2018 3:46:05 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group  
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**Subject:** NERO Luncheon Series - Chairman Greg Walden - 9/12/18

Hope to see you there! RSVP requested by 9/6 requested.

# **National Energy Resources Organization (NERO)**

**Cordially invites you to attend the  
2018 NERO Luncheon Series**

**Energy & Commerce Committee  
Chairman**

# **Greg Walden**

## **Wednesday, September 12, 2018**

**Doors Open at 11:45 a.m.**

**Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill**  
400 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Washington, DC

**RSVP by Thursday, Sept. 6:** ExecutiveDirector@NationalEnergyResources.com or  
703-548-1764

**Invitation not transferable. Please do not forward.**

Please Note: Counsel has advised that under House and Senate rules, this event is a "widely attended event". Under these rules, only NERO may extend invitations to House or Senate Members or staff to attend this event. Individual members of NERO are not permitted to extend invitations. Violations of these rules may result in criminal liability.

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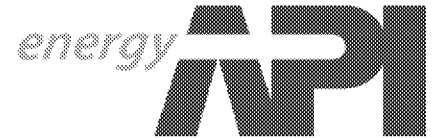
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**Sent:** 1/17/2018 5:37:41 PM  
**To:** API Press [Press@api.org]  
**Subject:** NEWS RELEASE: API names Mark Harmon as Executive Director of the South Carolina Petroleum Council

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## **API names Mark Harmon as Executive Director of the South Carolina Petroleum Council**

COLUMBIA, January 17, 2018 – API today announced Mark Harmon as the South Carolina Petroleum Council Executive Director.

“Mark will focus on energy priorities in the state, including generating more opportunities for economic benefits including revenue to the government, and job creation,” said API Senior Director of State Government Relations Rolf Hanson. “While most of South Carolina has enjoyed lower energy prices over the past several years, the state lags far behind in realizing what is possible with policies that embrace environmentally responsible domestic natural gas and oil resource development.”

A South Carolina native and 2001 graduate of Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in Ceramic and Materials Engineering, Harmon most recently served as Vice President of Government Affairs and Public Policy for the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce. Prior to the Chamber, he served as South Carolina Senate Republican Caucus executive director. From 2003 through 2005, Harmon worked as an application engineer, designing treatment systems for both potable water and wastewater, integrating ultraviolet disinfection and ozone oxidation into the treatment process for both industrial and municipal applications.

“Energy is critical to meeting South Carolina’s immense opportunities, and progress is happening quicker, cleaner and safer than ever in history, thanks to innovation and progress in the natural gas and oil industry,” said Harmon. “I look forward to supporting policies that encourage energy development and help to grow South Carolina’s economy, this industry has already helped to support the state economy with more than 5 billion dollars and more than \$2.8 billion in wages. As South Carolina continues to benefit from the U.S. manufacturing revival, lower consumer costs, with the right policies, there’s room to grow.

“New technologies coupled with responsible best practices have led to greater domestic energy development as U.S. greenhouse gas emissions reach 25-year lows. This is just one of the ways the energy industry is helping the world to power past challenges that were thought impossible just a short time ago and South Carolina has several opportunities to embrace these benefits.”

API South Carolina is a division of API, which represents all segments of America’s oil and natural gas industry. Its more than 625 members produce, process, and distribute most of the nation’s energy. The industry supports 9.8 million U.S. jobs and is backed by a growing grassroots movement of more than 40 million Americans.

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Message

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**From:** Alexis Hilbert [ahilbert@SpiritBank.com]  
**Sent:** 11/22/2017 6:09:48 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Hi there!

Hi Tate!

His email address is

**Personal Email / Ex. 6**

Have a good Thanksgiving!

Alexis Hilbert  
Office phone: 918-549-9027  
Achieve Success with Spirit!

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 21, 2017 1:27 PM  
**To:** Alexis Hilbert <ahilbert@SpiritBank.com>  
**Cc:** Kelly, Albert <kelly.albert@epa.gov>; Gordon, Stephen <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Hi there!

Hey there! Does your dad have a good email address? We are working on holiday notes from the Admin. Thank you so much!

Tate

Elizabeth Tate Bennett  
Associate Administrator for Public Engagement & Environmental Education  
Office of the Administrator  
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## Delivery Report

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**Sent:** 12/15/2017 3:57:45 PM  
**To:** Amanda.campbell@ge.com  
**Subject:** Undeliverable: U.S. Senate Confirms David Ross to Lead EPA Water Office  
**Attachments:** U.S. Senate Confirms David Ross to Lead EPA Water Office

### Your message

**To:** Bennett, Tate  
**CC:** Gordon, Stephen  
**Subject:** U.S. Senate Confirms David Ross to Lead EPA Water Office  
**Sent:** 12/15/2017 3:57:43 PM



Your message to Amanda.campbell@ge.com couldn't be delivered.

Amanda.campbell wasn't found at ge.com.

Bennett.Tate	Office 365	Amanda.campbell
Action Required		Recipient
Unknown To address		

## How to Fix It

The address may be misspelled or may not exist. Try one or more of the following:

- Send the message again following these steps: In Outlook, open this non-delivery report (NDR) and choose **Send Again** from the Report ribbon. In Outlook on the web, select this NDR, then select the link "**To send this message again, click here.**" Then delete and retype the entire recipient address. If prompted with an Auto-Complete List suggestion don't select it. After typing the complete address, click **Send**.
- Contact the recipient (by phone, for example) to check that the address exists and is correct.
- The recipient may have set up email forwarding to an incorrect address. Ask them to check that any forwarding they've set up is working correctly.
- Clear the recipient Auto-Complete List in Outlook or Outlook on the web by following the steps in this article: [Fix email delivery issues for error code 5.1.1 in Office 365](#), and then send the message again. Retype the entire recipient address before selecting **Send**.

If the problem continues, forward this message to your email admin. If you're an email admin, refer to the **More Info for Email Admins** section below.

## More Info for Email Admins

Status code: 550 5.1.1

This error occurs because the sender sent a message to an email address outside of Office 365, but the address is incorrect or doesn't exist at the destination domain. The error is reported by the recipient domain's email server, but most often it must be fixed by the person who sent the message. If the steps in the **How to Fix It** section above don't fix the problem, and you're the email admin for the recipient, try one or more of the following:

**The email address exists and is correct** - Confirm that the recipient address exists, is correct, and is accepting messages.

**Synchronize your directories** - If you have a hybrid environment and are using directory synchronization make sure the recipient's email address is synced correctly in both Office 365 and in your on-premises directory.

**Errant forwarding rule** - Check for forwarding rules that aren't behaving as expected. Forwarding can be set up by an admin via mail flow rules or mailbox forwarding address settings, or by the recipient via the Inbox Rules feature.

**Mail flow settings and MX records are not correct** - Misconfigured mail flow or MX record settings can cause this error. Check your Office 365 mail flow settings to make sure your domain and any mail flow connectors are set up correctly. Also, work with your domain registrar to make sure the MX records for your domain are configured correctly.

For more information and additional tips to fix this issue, see [Fix email delivery issues for error code 550 5.1.1 in Office 365](#).

### Original Message Details

Created Date: 12/15/2017 3:57:43 PM  
Sender Address: Bennett.Tate@epa.gov  
Recipient Address: Amanda.campbell@ge.com  
Subject: U.S. Senate Confirms David Ross to Lead EPA Water Office

### Error Details

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### Message Hops

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## Original Message Headers

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## U.S. Senate Confirms David Ross to Lead EPA Water Office

**WASHINGTON** – The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt praised the U.S. Senate’s action to confirm David Ross to serve as the assistant administrator for EPA’s Office of Water.

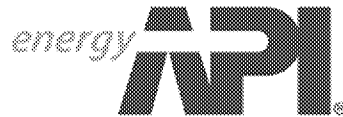
“David Ross has a record of holding polluters accountable and navigating through complex environmental law on behalf of the state of Wisconsin,” **said Administrator Scott Pruitt**. “His expertise will be vital to the Agency as we look to keep our water clean and provide regulatory certainty for the stakeholder community. I want to thank Leader McConnell and Chairman Barrasso for moving Mr. Ross through the confirmation process, and I look forward to the numerous contributions David will bring to the Agency’s water office.”

On October 25, 2017, the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, led by U.S. Senator John Barrasso (R-WY), advanced David Ross’s nomination out of committee.

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**API: Steel tariff exclusion rulings harm American consumers by denying critical needs of the natural gas and oil industry**

WASHINGTON, July 17, 2018 – API believes the Department of Commerce’s ruling to deny product exclusions from Section 232 tariffs on imported steel could have negative consequences for America’s natural gas and oil industry and consumers that depend on affordable energy. Yesterday’s decision denies a product exclusion for a U.S. natural gas and oil company despite a lack of domestic capacity to manufacture the product to the company’s exact specification.

“This ruling ignores the legitimate and critical needs of the natural gas and oil industry for global sourcing of specialty steel products essential to delivering energy to the American families,” said API Executive Vice President Marty Durbin. “The administration’s decision-making is not serving the interests of energy consumers and American businesses, as these tariffs are expected to increase the cost of sourcing steel for the oil and natural gas companies which in turn could increase the cost of energy to consumers. This is not the way to achieve the administration’s commendable goal of U.S. energy dominance.”

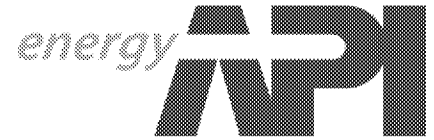
“Section 232 tariffs threaten the affordability and abundance of energy produced in the United States, energy that powers our economy and creates well-paying jobs for American workers. The administration should reconsider their trade policy decisions.”

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## **Nebraska's review and approval of the Keystone XL pipeline is a promising example for our nation**

WASHINGTON, November 20, 2017 – API President and CEO Jack Gerard applauded today's action by the Nebraska Public Service Commission to approve the permit allowing for construction of the Keystone XL pipeline and thanked the Commission for its thoughtful and comprehensive process to evaluate the project.

"The Nebraska Public Service Commission set an example for how to carefully evaluate critical energy infrastructure projects, even in the face of strongly held views and opinions," said Gerard. "It's been a long path to today's approval and the Commission should be commended. Their action allows the Keystone XL pipeline to be built by highly-trained, skilled tradesmen using state-of-the-art technologies aimed at protecting the environment and promoting the safety of our communities. Pipelines such as this enhance our ability to safely deliver North American energy to our world class refineries, which in turn provide the fuels and products we all rely on every day."

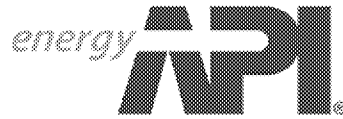
Among the many benefits that will come from this project like increased energy security for our nation, the Keystone XL pipeline is estimated to support 42,000 jobs during its construction and generate \$55 million in property tax revenue in its first year of operation.

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## **API: Steel tariff exclusion rulings hurt American workers and lack transparent process**

WASHINGTON, July 13, 2018 – API today expressed disappointment in the administration’s latest action to deny exclusions from Section 232 tariffs on imported steel used in certain parts of oil and natural gas industry operations, a misguided decision that could impact American energy production and American jobs.

“The administration’s denial of needed product exclusions from harmful tariffs on steel is bad news for American workers and consumers who have benefitted from increased American energy production,” said API Vice President for Regulatory and Economic Policy Kyle Isakower. “Further, the administration’s arbitrary process to determine these exclusions lacks transparency as it’s not clear how and why certain exclusion petitions are granted or denied. What is clear, though, is that implementation of tariffs on imported steel undermines domestic energy production and the future of our nation’s energy infrastructure which is critical to bringing American energy to market. Further, increasing the costs of American energy production will hurt America’s national security.

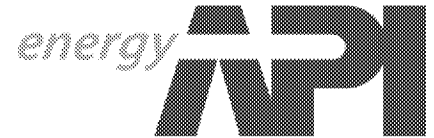
“We hope that the administration will reconsider these harmful tariffs that will without a doubt hurt the administration’s goal of American energy dominance while threatening the 10.3 million jobs supported by the U.S. natural gas and oil industry.”

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## **Energy Industry Associations Tell FERC that DOE Proposal to Subsidize Coal, Nuclear Power Plants is Unsupported by Record, Would Throw a Costly Wrench into Electricity Markets**

*Joint filing from broad array of groups takes aim at financial “Beneficiaries” as the only entities to support the DOE proposal – and whose filings fail to establish that the proposed subsidies are needed or legally valid*

WASHINGTON, D.C., Nov. 7, 2017 — A diverse group of a dozen energy industry associations representing oil, natural gas, wind, solar, efficiency, and other energy technologies today submitted reply comments to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) continuing their opposition to the Department of Energy’s (DOE) proposed rulemaking on grid resiliency pricing, in the next step in this FERC proceeding. Action by FERC is expected by December 11.

In these comments, this broad group of energy industry associations notes that most of the comments submitted initially by an unprecedented volume of filers, including grid operators whose markets would be impacted by the proposed rule, urged FERC not to adopt DOE’s proposed rule to provide out-of-market financial support to uneconomic coal and nuclear power plants in the wholesale electricity markets overseen by FERC.

Just a small set of interests – those that would benefit financially from discriminatory pricing that favors coal and nuclear plants – argued in favor of the rule put forward by DOE in its Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, or NOPR. But even those interests – termed “NOPR Beneficiaries” by the energy associations – failed to provide adequate justification for FERC to approve the rule, and their specific alternative proposals for implementing the bailout of these plants were just as flawed as the DOE plan, according to the energy industry associations.

“The Department of Energy’s proposed grid rule could raise costs on consumers and sets a dangerous precedent by distorting markets,” said API Market Development Group Director Todd Snitchler. “Clean natural gas has earned its share of the power market by delivering affordable and reliable electricity to Americans across the nation. Ensuring the reliability of our nation’s electric grid is an important objective, but the DOE NOPR misses the mark by picking winners and losers in the energy markets. We look forward to continuing to work with the DOE, FERC and the other parties to strengthen competitive, reliable markets with fuel neutral, market based policies that can actually achieve the goal of keeping our electric system reliable and resilient.”

In the new reply comments – submitted in response to the initial comments filed by hundreds of stakeholders on or before October 23 – the energy industry associations made the following points:

***Despite hundreds of comments filed, no new information was brought forth to validate the assertion – by DOE or the NOPR Beneficiaries – that an emergency exists that requires accelerated action to prop up certain power plants that are failing in competitive electricity markets:***

- “The record in this proceeding, including the initial comments, does not support the discriminatory payments proposed” by DOE, state the industry groups.

***Nearly all of the initial comments filed in the matter take issue with the DOE NOPR and its claim of imminent threats to the reliability and resilience of the electric power system:***

- “Of the hundreds of comments filed in response to the DOE NOPR, only a handful purported to provide substantive evidence in support of the proposal. In contrast, an overwhelming majority of initial comments agree that the DOE NOPR fails to substantiate its assertions of an immediate reliability or resiliency need related to the retirement of merchant coal-fired and nuclear generation.”

***Grid operators filed comments refuting claims that the potential retirement of coal and nuclear plants which could not compete economically present immediate or near term challenges to grid management:***

- “Even the RTOs and ISOs themselves filed comments opposing the DOE NOPR, noting that the proposed cost-of-service payments to preferred generation would disrupt the competitive markets and are neither warranted nor justified.... Most notably, this includes PJM Interconnection, ... the RTO in which most of the units potentially eligible for payments under the DOE NOPR are located. PJM states that its region ‘unquestionably is reliable, and its competitive markets have for years secured commitments from capacity resources that well exceed the target reserve margin established to meet [North American Electric Reliability Corp.] requirements.’ And PJM analysis has confirmed that the region’s generation portfolio is not only reliable, but also resilient.”

***The need for NOPR Beneficiaries to offer alternative proposals reflects the weakness of DOE’s rule as drafted, but their options for propping up uneconomic power plants are no better, practically or legally:***

- Plans put forward by supporters of the power plant bailout “acknowledge, at least implicitly, that the preferential payment structure proposed in the DOE NOPR is unclear, unworkable, or both. However, the alternatives offered by the NOPR Beneficiaries, are equally flawed both substantively and procedurally, extending well beyond the scope of the DOE NOPR.”

***Citing one example, the energy groups note that the detailed plan put forward by utility FirstEnergy Service Co. would provide preferential payments far more costly than those now provided to individual power plants needed for immediate reasons (and given a “reliability must run” contract, or RMR):***

- “Compensation provided under [FirstEnergy’s proposal] would be significantly expanded beyond RMR precedent, going so far as to include bailing [a qualifying] unit out of debt based on an unsupported assertion that revenues are needed to ensure long-term operation.”

***Calling the action FERC would be required to take in adopting the DOE proposal “unprecedented,” the energy industry associations reiterate their opposition:***

- “While the undersigned support the goals of a reliable and resilient grid, adoption of ill-considered discriminatory payments contemplated in the DOE NOPR is not supportable – or even appropriate – from a legal or policy perspective.”

The follow energy industry associations are among those signing the joint comments:

- Advanced Energy Economy
- American Biogas Council
- American Council on Renewable Energy
- American Petroleum Institute
- American Wind Energy Association
- Electric Power Supply Association
- Electricity Consumers Resource Council
- Energy Storage Association
- Independent Petroleum Association of America
- Interstate Natural Gas Association of America
- Natural Gas Supply Association
- Solar Energy Industries Association



Several other groups and individual energy companies signed the comments as well.

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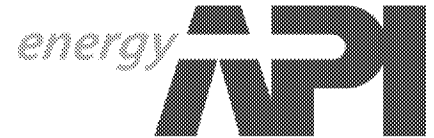
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I am on business travel through Wednesday, November 1st. I will be checking emails periodically.

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## **NERC report is missed opportunity to improve grid reliability**

WASHINGTON, November 15, 2017 – API released the following statement after the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) released its report on the reliability of natural gas for power generation throughout North America.

“This report is a missed opportunity to properly examine ways to improve the reliability and resilience of North America’s electric grid,” said API Market Development Group Director Todd Snitchler. “Natural gas has not only provided affordable electricity, it continues to provide the reliability characteristics needed to ensure that our power grid can meet the changing electricity demands of North America like ramping, fast start, and cycling capabilities.

“While all forms of power generation will continue to be a part of America’s energy mix moving forward, natural gas has earned its place in the competitive energy market and driven the development of the reliable, resilient and diverse electric grid that we have today. Improving the reliability of North America’s power system is a conversation that should be had and we look forward to working with NERC and all affected stakeholders on putting in place policies that appropriately address this important issue.”

NERC’s report notes that natural gas supply disruptions are extremely rare events and acknowledges that industry is taking steps to prevent such disruptions. In July, the Natural Gas Council released a joint report entitled “Natural Gas: Reliable and Resilient.” The report highlights how clean natural gas provides a reliable source of energy for electricity generation that has powered countless communities across the nation.

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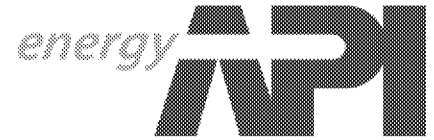
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## **API welcomes EPA action to promote science-based regulations**

WASHINGTON, October 31, 2017 – API today welcomed actions by EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt to promote science-based regulations by naming a broad and diverse membership of scientific advisors to EPA’s Board of Scientific Counselors, Science Advisory Board and Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee.

“Smart, science-based regulations are essential to our nation meeting its energy and environmental needs well into the future,” said API Senior Director for Regulatory and Scientific Affairs Howard Feldman. “Administrator Pruitt’s actions today advance the administration’s commitment to promoting American energy production, transportation, refining, and use while protecting the environment.

“We look forward to our continued work with the administration and Congress on promoting a regulatory system, based on sound science and data, that creates American jobs and grows our economy while protecting public health and the environment.”

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**API: Interior Department action upholds protections for migratory birds while providing legal certainty**

WASHINGTON, December 22, 2017 – API applauded the U.S. Department of the Interior’s announcement today of a legal opinion that states the Department’s interpretation of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

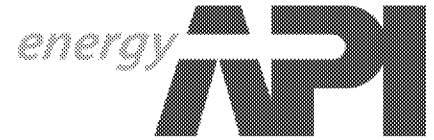
“The U.S. oil and natural gas industry supports protection of migratory birds, and this opinion makes clear that the Migratory Bird Treaty Act should not be used for overzealous enforcement of criminal penalties on those engaging in otherwise lawful activities,” said API Upstream and Industry Operations Group Director Erik Milito. “The Department’s approach is an example of astute governance that provides certainty for responsible owners and operators of oil and natural gas facilities. The opinion reinforces the original intent and text of this law and provides assurance to many others who engage in everyday and commercial activities like farming, mining, and operating wind turbines and solar facilities.”

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## **API: Senate takes important step to modernize the U.S. tax code**

WASHINGTON, November 10, 2017 – API President and CEO Jack Gerard issued the following statement after the Senate Finance Committee released its outline for pro-growth tax reform.

“The Senate Finance Committee outlined important steps toward modernizing our tax code, which will grow the U.S. economy, spur investment and create jobs,” said Gerard. “Chairman Hatch has long advocated for tax reform and his leadership will be instrumental in achieving pro-growth, pro-development policies for American consumers and businesses. It’s been over 30 years since the U.S. last updated its tax code, and bold proposals will ensure our industry can continue investing billions in the U.S. economy each year while also driving innovations in technologies to protect the environment and keep energy affordable for consumers.

“As this important process continues and additional details emerge, the oil and natural gas industry stands ready to work with Congress and the administration to enact strong, pro-growth tax legislation that will help us drive the economy and add to the millions of U.S. jobs supported by our industry.”

To learn more about API’s support for pro-growth tax reform, visit [energyandtaxes.com](http://energyandtaxes.com).

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**\*\*\* NEWS RELEASE AND MEDIA ADVISORY FOR TUES., OCT. 24 \*\*\***

**Energy Industry Associations File Comments with FERC Opposing Rule Proposed by Energy Secretary Perry to Subsidize Coal, Nuclear Power Plants**

*Joint filing says DOE proposal would “prop up uneconomic generation that is unable to compete and not otherwise needed for reliability”*

***Association officials will hold press availability Tues., Oct. 24, at 10 a.m. ET***

WASHINGTON, D.C., Oct. 23, 2017 — A diverse group of 12 energy industry associations representing oil, natural gas, wind, solar, efficiency, and other energy technologies today submitted comments to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in response to the Department of Energy’s (DOE) proposed rulemaking on grid resiliency pricing. In the joint comments, this broad group of energy industry associations urged FERC not to adopt DOE’s proposed rule to provide out-of-market financial support to uneconomic coal and nuclear power plants in the wholesale electricity markets overseen by FERC.

Specifically, the energy industry associations’ comments state that:

- DOE’s request for a rule that provides discriminatory compensation to certain coal and nuclear resources is based on a “justification for the proposed payments – resiliency – [which] is not well defined, nor is it demonstrated to be lacking” in the regions that would be affected by the rule;
- The DOE request “fails to provide substantial evidence” for its claim that “RTO/ISO markets do not adequately value fuel security,” and fails to justify its conclusion that “full cost of service payments are therefore needed to prevent ‘early retirement’ of resources with 90 days of on-site fuel supply”;
- Rather, “there is substantial evidence showing that electric systems that lack, or are transitioning to lesser reliance on, coal and nuclear resources are nonetheless operated in a manner that is both reliable and resilient,” and that “outages caused by disruptions of fuel supply to generators appear to be virtually nonexistent.”
- Therefore, the proposed DOE rule would “prop up uneconomic generation that is unable to compete ... and that is not otherwise needed for reliability.”
- “Accordingly, the proposed rule has not been shown to be just and reasonable and cannot be adopted by the Commission.”

The follow energy industry associations submitted the comments jointly:

- Advanced Energy Economy
- American Biogas Council
- American Council on Renewable Energy
- American Petroleum Institute
- American Wind Energy Association
- Electric Power Supply Association



- Electricity Consumers Resource Council
- Energy Storage Association
- Independent Petroleum Association of America
- Interstate Natural Gas Association of America
- Natural Gas Supply Association
- Solar Energy Industries Association

Several other groups and individual energy companies signed the joint comments as well.

Representatives of energy industry associations joining in this filing will be available to speak about their opposition to DOE's proposed rule and take questions in a press briefing:

**WHEN:** Tues., Oct. 24, at 10am ET  
**WHERE:** K&L Gates LLP  
 Conference Room 1-B  
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Message

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**From:** Michael Tadeo [TadeoM@api.org]  
**Sent:** 10/6/2017 1:20:13 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]  
**Subject:** RE: Press releases

Hi Tate,

Absolutely.

Keep up the great work.

Mike Tadeo

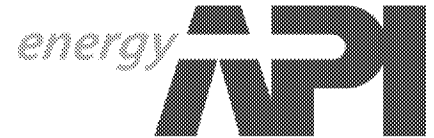
-----Original Message-----

From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
Sent: Thursday, October 05, 2017 7:38 PM  
To: Michael Tadeo  
Subject: Press releases

Do you mind adding me?

**From:** API Press [Press@api.org]  
**Sent:** 10/23/2017 7:24:58 PM  
**To:** API Press [Press@api.org]  
**Subject:** API welcomes bipartisan effort to examine attacks on U.S. energy infrastructure

# NEWS



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

202.682.8114 | [Press@api.org](mailto:Press@api.org)

## **API welcomes bipartisan effort to examine attacks on U.S. energy infrastructure**

WASHINGTON, October 23, 2017 – API welcomed a bipartisan letter, led by Congressman Ken Buck, R-Colo., sent today by 84 members of Congress urging U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions to protect against the sabotage of oil and natural gas pipelines, such as the dangerous tactics taken by extremists in October 2016 to illegally shut off several cross border pipelines.

“Safety is our industry’s core value, and any illegal or dangerous effort to undermine safety and bring harm to the environment and communities should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law,” said API Midstream and Industry Operations Group Director Robin Rorick. “We take these attacks very seriously, and we welcome the bipartisan efforts in Congress to strengthen our nation’s infrastructure that delivers the energy Americans demand every day.”

The bipartisan Congressional letter reinforces API’s efforts to engage with the Administration, including the Department of Justice, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, and the Transportation Security Administration, on the need for effective deterrence against the willful disruption of and damage to pipeline infrastructure.

“A key component of securing our nation’s energy infrastructure is ensuring that law enforcement has the tools needed to prosecute those who attack it,” Rorick said. “We appreciate this bipartisan effort and look forward to working with lawmakers and law enforcement in protecting our industry’s personnel, the environment and communities across the country.”

Click [here](#) to view the letter.

API is the only national trade association representing all facets of the oil and natural gas industry, which supports 10.3 million U.S. jobs and nearly 8 percent of the U.S. economy. API’s more than 625 members include large integrated companies, as well as exploration and production, refining, marketing, pipeline, and marine businesses, and service and supply firms. They provide most of the nation’s energy and are backed by a growing grassroots movement of more than 40 million Americans.

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Message

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**From:** Alexis Hilbert [ahilbert@SpiritBank.com]  
**Sent:** 9/28/2017 2:57:35 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]  
**CC:** Kelly, Albert [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=08576e43795149e5a3f9669726dd044c-Kelly, Albe]; Wilcox, Jahan [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=88fd588e97d3405d869bcae98d391984-Wilcox, Jah]  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Hey Alexis!

I sure do!

His cell is Personal Phone / Ex. 6

Alexis Hilbert  
Office phone: 918-549-9027  
Achieve Success with Spirit!

-----Original Message-----

From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 9:57 AM  
To: Alexis Hilbert <ahilbert@SpiritBank.com>  
Cc: Kelly, Albert <kelly.albert@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Hey Alexis!

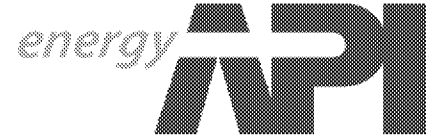
Do you have your dad's cell number handy?

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**From:** API Press [Press@api.org]  
**Sent:** 11/6/2017 2:59:39 PM  
**To:** API Press [Press@api.org]  
**Subject:** News Release: API-PA hires Jonathan Lutz as Associate Director

# NEWS



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## **API-PA hires Jonathan Lutz as Associate Director**

HARRISBURG, Pa., November 6, 2017 – Associated Petroleum Industries of Pennsylvania (API-PA) Executive Director Stephanie Catarino Wissman today announced Jonathan Lutz as the new Associate Director for API’s division in Pennsylvania.

“Lutz’ experience supporting the commonwealth’s conservation efforts, environmental stewardship, and energy growth is critical for Pennsylvania at a key moment for local and state energy policy discussions,” said Wissman. “API-PA will continue to promote the benefits from greater use of natural gas in power generation, manufacturing, commercial and residential markets, as well as continued environmental protection, sound engineering, and safe operating practices. These successes that have positioned the commonwealth as a leading force in America’s energy renaissance have also provided an economic lifeline adding to Pennsylvania’s economy and access to reliable energy sources.”

Lutz previously served as executive director for the Environmental Resources and Energy Committee of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives where he participated in all aspects of the Department of Environmental Protection and Environmental Quality Board’s regulatory process. He also worked as a research analyst for the committee, where he analyzed legislation and prepared reports for caucus review. He received his bachelor’s degree at Lebanon Valley College and earned his Master’s degree in Political Science at East Stroudsburg University.

“The commonwealth is gifted with hard workers, valuable natural resources and forward-thinking state leaders who see the importance of energy development for job growth and a stronger economy,” said Lutz. “For the better part of a decade, this combination has allowed the state of Pennsylvania to become a natural gas production powerhouse, providing 85 percent of U.S. shale gas production growth since 2012. Another key step for fulfilling the promise of Pennsylvania’s energy economy is additional pipeline infrastructure – sharing more clean-burning natural gas and continuing to substantially cut greenhouse gas emissions for our planet while providing the reliable and affordable power America needs.”

API-PA is a division of API, which represents all segments of America’s oil and natural gas industry. Its more than 625 members include large integrated companies, as well as exploration and production, refining, marketing, pipeline, and marine businesses, and service and supply firms. They provide most of the nation’s energy and are backed by a growing grassroots movement of more than 40 million Americans.

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Message

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**From:** Stanley, Michele [mstanley@nssga.org]  
**Sent:** 9/22/2017 4:59:05 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]  
**CC:** Ford, Hayley [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=4748a9029cf74453a20ee8ac9527830c-Ford, Hayle]; Ferguson, Lincoln [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=08cd7f82606244de96b61b96681c46de-Ferguson, L]  
**Subject:** RE: pruit invite

Apologies, I thought I had sent everything over. I'm losing my mind! Here are the issues.

- NSSGA is interested in general terms the status of the response to the President's order on regulatory reform and what plans EPA is implementing generally. What can we expect over the next 12 months.
- In particular, an update on WOTUS would be helpful WOTUS.

There will be about 250 in the room and Kermit Frank from Dolese Brothers in Oklahoma City will be introducing him. If you'd like to see the introduction we've prepared, just let me know and I can send it over.

Regards,  
Michele

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 12:53 PM  
**To:** Stanley, Michele <mstanley@nssga.org>  
**Cc:** Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: pruit invite

Any word on the speaking topics and also roughly how many folks will be in the room? Also, who will be introducing him?

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**From:** Stanley, Michele [mailto:mstanley@nssga.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 19, 2017 8:34 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: pruit invite

We will circle back with you tomorrow morning. Thank you for reaching out.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 19, 2017, at 7:57 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Michele! Do you have a list of topics your members would like to hear about next week?

On Sep 14, 2017, at 3:02 PM, Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov> wrote:

Michele,

Thank you for that information. He'll be glad to know that. We look forward to it!

***Hayley Ford***

Deputy White House Liaison  
Office of the Administrator  
Environmental Protection Agency  
Room: 3309C William Jefferson Clinton North  
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Phone: 202-564-2022  
Cell: Personal Phone / Ex. 6

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**From:** Stanley, Michele [<mailto:mstanley@nssga.org>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2017 1:12 PM  
**To:** Ford, Hayley <[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: pruit invite

We just received confirmation that Secretary Zinke will be speaking at 5:30 after the Administrator. Let me know what all you need on that.

Michele

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 12, 2017, at 3:23 PM, Ford, Hayley <[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)> wrote:

Tate will run point on looping in with Comms and will reach out as it approaches.

Thanks!

***Hayley Ford***

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**From:** O'Neill-Kaumo, Laura [<mailto:lonell@nssga.org>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 12, 2017 3:20 PM  
**To:** Ford, Hayley <[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Stanley, Michele <[mstanley@nssga.org](mailto:mstanley@nssga.org)>; Hupp, Millan <[hupp.millan@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.millan@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: pruit invite

Excellent. Thank you so much. And again plug us into your Comms dept so we can coordinate in a way your team prefers.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 12, 2017, at 3:19 PM, Ford, Hayley <[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)> wrote:



Hi Laura,

Yes, we are confirmed. The other event was moved so we are set to do this.

We will be in touch as it approaches but please let me know if you need anything from us.

Thank you!

***Hayley Ford***

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**From:** O'Neill-Kaumo, Laura [<mailto:loneill@nssga.org>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 12, 2017 1:58 PM  
**To:** Ford, Hayley <[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Stanley, Michele <[mstanley@nssga.org](mailto:mstanley@nssga.org)>  
**Subject:** Re: pruit invite

Hi,  
Are we still looking good for Mr. Pruitt?

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 6, 2017, at 6:31 PM, Ford, Hayley  
<[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hello Michele,

Thank you for completing. We would really like to do this event and would like to tentatively confirm. There is an all-day event at the White House that day and we are still determining the ask for the Administrator. We hope that we can make this work though. Would it be ok for us to confirm exact timing at a later date, when we've been able to nail down our other events for that day? We will plan for 5:10 to begin remarks for now and will let you know if that changes.

Additionally, it'd be great if you could update us when/if Secretary Zinke accepts the invitation so that the Administrator can be aware.

Thank you and we look forward to it!

***Hayley Ford***

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**From:** Stanley, Michele

[<mailto:mstanley@nssga.org>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 6, 2017  
12:43 PM

**To:** Ford, Hayley

<[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)>; O'Neill-Kaumo,  
Laura <[loNeill@nssga.org](mailto:loNeill@nssga.org)>

**Cc:** Hupp, Millan

<[hupp.millan@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.millan@epa.gov)>; Dickerson,  
Aaron <[dickerson.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:dickerson.aaron@epa.gov)>;  
Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: pruit invite

Here you go! Any questions, don't  
hesitate it reach out.

<image001.jpg>

**Michele Stanley**

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**From:** Ford, Hayley

[<mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 6, 2017  
10:41 AM

**To:** O'Neill-Kaumo, Laura

<[loNeill@nssga.org](mailto:loNeill@nssga.org)>; Stanley, Michele  
<[mstanley@nssga.org](mailto:mstanley@nssga.org)>

**Cc:** Hupp, Millan

<[hupp.millan@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.millan@epa.gov)>; Dickerson,  
Aaron <[dickerson.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:dickerson.aaron@epa.gov)>;  
Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: pruit invite

Laura and Michele,

Thank you for the below request. I am handling the Administrator's scheduling and would be happy to bring your request to our scheduling team. Could you please complete the attached speaking request form with as much information as you can provide? We will be able to let you know shortly if we're able to confirm.

Thank you and we appreciate the invitation!

***Hayley Ford***

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**From:** "O'Neill-Kaumo,  
Laura"

[<loneill@nssga.org>](mailto:loneill@nssga.org)

**To:** "Bennett, Tate"

[<Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)

**Cc:** "Stanley, Michele"

[<mstanley@nssga.org>](mailto:mstanley@nssga.org)

**Subject:** Fwd: pruit  
invite

Tate,  
Thanks for the outreach yesterday. Attached is the invitation for Mr. Pruitt. Again, we would be extremely grateful for an appearance. We can be flexible on time between 5-7pm. Also our comms department can work with yours and coordinate a message. The EPA reforms are a big priority for us and Mr Pruitt is viewed as welcomed agent of change. Please let us know.

Thank you so much!  
Laura.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded  
message:

**From:**  
"Stanley,  
Michele"  
<mstanley@nssga.org>  
**Date:**  
September 6,  
2017 at  
8:31:29  
AM EDT  
**To:**  
"O'Neill  
-  
Kaumo,  
Laura"  
<loneill@nssga.org>  
**Subject**  
: pruit  
invite

Message

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**From:** Michael Tadeo [TadeoM@api.org]  
**Sent:** 11/6/2017 12:56:20 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group  
(FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]  
**Subject:** Automatic reply: 2015 WOTUS Extension

I am currently out of the office with limited access to email. If you need any assistance from the API media team, please call 202-682-8114.

Message

**From:** Executive Director [ExecutiveDirector@nationalenergyresources.com]  
**Sent:** 7/6/2018 1:19:43 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group  
(FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]  
**Subject:** LAST CALL - Lunch with David Banks & Michael Catanzaro - 7.12.18

Noon today is the deadline to RSVP for next Thursday's luncheon. We hope to see you there!

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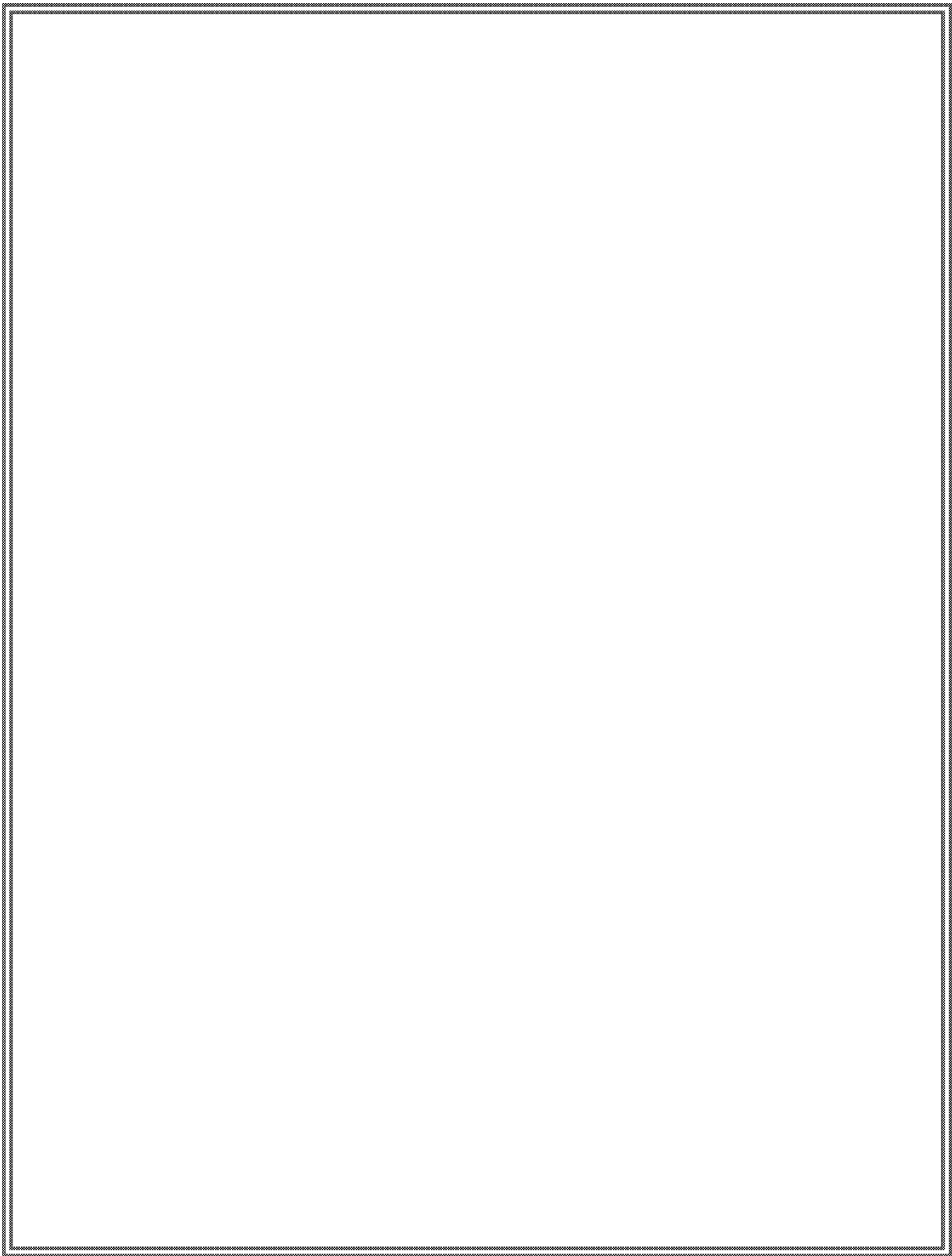
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You will receive an email confirming receipt of your RSVP.

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**From:** Gordon, Stephen [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=7C8FB4D82BFF4EEC98F5C5D00A47F554-GORDON, STE]  
**Sent:** 10/3/2017 4:58:37 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]; Elizabeth Olds [EOlds@afpm.org]  
**CC:** Derrick Morgan [DMorgan@afpm.org]  
**Subject:** RE: Nice to meet you!

Nice to meet you as well Liz.

Thanks again for coming in to see us. Look forward to working with both you and Derrick in the future.

Have a great afternoon!

-Stephen

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**From:** Bennett, Tate  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 3, 2017 12:37 PM  
**To:** Elizabeth Olds <EOlds@afpm.org>; Gordon, Stephen <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Derrick Morgan <DMorgan@afpm.org>  
**Subject:** RE: Nice to meet you!

Glad this worked out!

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**From:** Elizabeth Olds [mailto:EOlds@afpm.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 3, 2017 12:35 PM  
**To:** Gordon, Stephen <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Derrick Morgan <DMorgan@afpm.org>  
**Subject:** Nice to meet you!

Hi Stephen,

Thanks so much for taking the time to meet this morning – I really enjoyed our conversation! We truly appreciate Administrator Pruitt's work and stand ready to partner with the Agency to continue environmental protection efforts and economic progress.

I've also copied Derrick Morgan, Senior Vice President at AFPM – please let us know if we can be of assistance with any future programs or initiatives.

Thanks again,  
Liz

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**From:** Elizabeth Olds [EOlds@afpm.org]  
**Sent:** 9/18/2017 4:31:58 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]; Cory, Preston (Katherine) [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=bfd80b15f6d04a3ba11fc8ca3c85bc50-Cory, Kathe]  
**CC:** Gordon, Stephen [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=7c8fb4d82bff4eec98f5c5d00a47f554-Gordon, Ste]  
**Subject:** Re: Following up

Perfect, thanks! Congratulations Stephen!

----- Original message -----

**From:** "Bennett, Tate" <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
**Date:** 9/18/17 12:24 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** Elizabeth Olds <EOlds@afpm.org>, "Cory, Preston (Katherine)" <Cory.Preston@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** "Gordon, Stephen" <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Following up

Nice! Copying Stephen Gordon on my team who can help make that happen/ help set something up. He just joined us from the Chamber (today!) and will be playing a big role in industry outreach and can also get something on the calendar. Thanks, Preston, for connecting us as well!

Tate

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**From:** Elizabeth Olds [mailto:EOlds@afpm.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 12:19 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Cory, Preston (Katherine) <Cory.Preston@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Following up

Thanks Bennett! I'm based in DC, but am out on travel for the next 2 weeks or so. Let me know if you're free during the week of Oct. 2 -- would love to get together!

-Liz

----- Original message -----

**From:** "Bennett, Tate" <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
**Date:** 9/18/17 12:09 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** Elizabeth Olds <EOlds@afpm.org>, "Cory, Preston (Katherine)" <Cory.Preston@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Following up

Hey Liz! Let me know next time you are in the area. Would love to get together!

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**From:** Elizabeth Olds [mailto:EOlds@afpm.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 12:03 PM  
**To:** Cory, Preston (Katherine) <Cory.Preston@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Following up

Hi Preston,

Thanks for your note - I really enjoyed our conversation at ECOS!

Tate - great to meet you via email.

Please let me know how we can be helpful in the future - thanks again!

-Liz

----- Original message -----

From: "Cory, Preston (Katherine)" <[Cory.Preston@epa.gov](mailto:Cory.Preston@epa.gov)>

Date: 9/18/17 11:12 AM (GMT-05:00)

To: Elizabeth Olds <[EOlds@afpm.org](mailto:EOlds@afpm.org)>

Cc: "Bennett, Tate" <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>

Subject: Following up

Hi Elizabeth,

I enjoyed meeting you at ECOS last week! I wanted to send along my contact info as well as Tate Bennett's, in case y'all are not already acquainted. Tate is heading up our office of Business Engagement as Associate Administrator. Tate, Elizabeth works at American Fuel and Petroleum Manufacturers.

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**Sent:** 9/6/2017 1:05:26 PM  
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**CC:** Stanley, Michele [mstanley@nssga.org]  
**Subject:** Re: pruit invite

Fingers crossed

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On Sep 6, 2017, at 9:05 AM, Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)> wrote:

Thanks!

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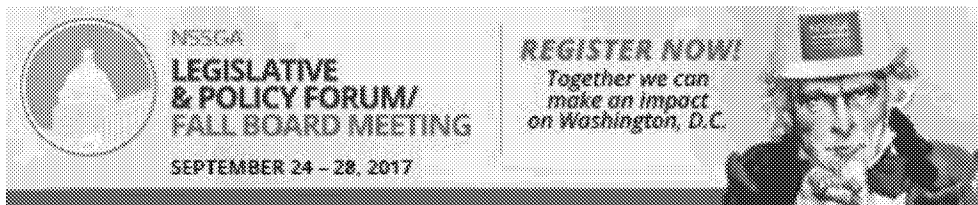
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Our members really appreciated hearing Administrator Pruitt speak and are eager for him to visit an aggregates operation. As I mentioned there are member operations in every state and we already have four small operations ready to host the administrator in Massachusetts, Mississippi, Connecticut and Kentucky, but can easily arrange others to fit with his schedule and location preferences. We look forward to discussing this further, feel free to email or call me on my cell any time Personal Phone / Ex. 6

Emily W. Coyner, P.G.

Senior Director, Environmental Policy

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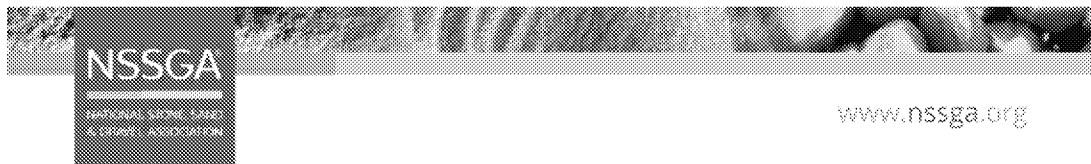
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Date  
Address Administrator Scott Pruitt  
Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Pruitt ~~Senator~~,

On behalf of the National Stone Sand and Gravel Association, I write to humbly request your appearance at our Legislative and Policy Forum in Washington, D.C., Sept. 24-27, 2017. As you are aware, NSSGA has over 800 members in North America whose activities support hundreds of thousands of jobs across the continent and contribute exponentially to an evolving global economy.

**Commented [AA1]:** Put the exact date/time/event you want him at here. The scheduler wants to know that off the bat and we need to make it easy to find. Don't bury it; you can put general info below.

~~There are more than 135 quarries in Florida that support more than 12,400 jobs in the state, and we anticipate that many of these hard-working people will be in attendance. The crushed stone, sand and gravel produced in Florida quarries make home, road, bridge and public works project possible.~~

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Our Forum is designed to bring representatives of these voices together in our nation's capital for innovative discussions on infrastructure, development, safety, the environment, tax and trade. ~~We believe your input and participation would be invaluable in fostering a robust discussion among our nearly 300 expected attendees.~~

We wish to specifically request you as our **Keynote Speaker on Monday, Sept. 25, 2017, at 5 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill** at 400 New Jersey Ave NW. We understand that this Forum is occurring at a crucial time in the fiscal year and that Congress will be in session. We expect not to keep you longer than 30 minutes, though you are of course invited to enjoy as much of our Forum as time allows. As a featured speaker, brief 10 minute remarks followed by questions on the status of appropriations packages moving through Congress and their importance to transportation and infrastructure development the repeal of Waters of the U.S. rule and streamlining environmental permitting would be of interest to our members. ~~We—many of whom are your constituents. Also, your unique perspective as someone who has held Presidential aspirations is pertinent, followed by an opportunity for our attendees to ask questions, and w~~We believe your input and participation would be invaluable in fostering a robust discussion among our overnearly 2300 expected attendees.

**Commented [AA2]:** You say 30 minutes but note only ten minute remarks.

We would appreciate the favor of a reply ~~by June 5, 2017~~ as soon as possible. Should you have any additional questions please do not hesitate to reach out to Laura O'Neill-Kaumo, NSSGA senior vice president of government and regulatory affairs, at loneill@nssga.org. We look forward to the pleasure of your company and hearing the unique perspective that you will undoubtedly bring to our anticipated event.

**Commented [AA3]:** This reads very presumptive.

Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Johnson", is written over the bottom of the NSSGA logo.

Michael W. Johnson  
NSSGA President and CEO

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**Sent:** Tuesday, September 12, 2017 3:20 PM

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Excellent. Thank you so much. And again plug us into your Comms dept so we can coordinate in a way your team prefers.

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Hi Laura,

Yes, we are confirmed. The other event was moved so we are set to do this.

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Thank you!

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**To:** Ford, Hayley <[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Stanley, Michele <[mstanley@nssga.org](mailto:mstanley@nssga.org)>

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Hi,

Are we still looking good for Mr. Pruitt?

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Hello Michele,

Thank you for completing. We would really like to do this event and would like to tentatively confirm. There is an all-day event at the White House that day and we are still determining the ask for the Administrator. We hope that we can make this work though. Would it be ok for us to confirm exact timing at a later date, when we've been able to nail down our other events for that day? We will plan for 5:10 to begin remarks for now and will let you know if that changes.

Additionally, it'd be great if you could update us when/if Secretary Zinke accepts the invitation so that the Administrator can be aware.

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Laura and Michele,

Thank you for the below request. I am handling the Administrator's scheduling and would be happy to bring your request to our scheduling team. Could you please complete the attached speaking request form with as much information as you can provide? We will be able to let you know shortly if we're able to confirm.

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Thanks Bennett! I'm based in DC, but am out on travel for the next 2 weeks or so. Let me know if you're free during the week of Oct. 2 -- would love to get together!

-Liz

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**From:** "Bennett, Tate" <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
**Date:** 9/18/17 12:09 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** Elizabeth Olds <EOlds@afpm.org>, "Cory, Preston (Katherine)" <Cory.Preston@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Following up

Hey Liz! Let me know next time you are in the area. Would love to get together!

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**From:** Elizabeth Olds [mailto:EOlds@afpm.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 12:03 PM  
**To:** Cory, Preston (Katherine) <Cory.Preston@epa.gov>  
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**Subject:** Nice to meet you!

Hi Stephen,

Thanks so much for taking the time to meet this morning – I really enjoyed our conversation! We truly appreciate Administrator Pruitt's work and stand ready to partner with the Agency to continue environmental protection efforts and economic progress.

I've also copied Derrick Morgan, Senior Vice President at AFPM – please let us know if we can be of assistance with any future programs or initiatives.

Thanks again,  
Liz

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Hi Michele! Do you have a list of topics your members would like to hear about next week?

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Yes, we are confirmed. The other event was moved so we are set to do this.

We will be in touch as it approaches but please let me know if you need anything from us.

Thank you!

***Hayley Ford***

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**From:** O'Neill-Kaumo, Laura [<mailto:loneill@nssga.org>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 12, 2017 1:58 PM  
**To:** Ford, Hayley <[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Stanley, Michele <[mstanley@nssga.org](mailto:mstanley@nssga.org)>  
**Subject:** Re: pruit invite

Hi,  
Are we still looking good for Mr. Pruitt?

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 6, 2017, at 6:31 PM, Ford, Hayley  
<[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hello Michele,

Thank you for completing. We would really like to do this event and would like to tentatively confirm. There is an all-day event at the White House that day and we are still determining the ask for the Administrator. We hope that we can make this work though. Would it be ok for us to confirm exact timing at a later date, when we've been able to nail down our other events for that day? We will plan for 5:10 to begin remarks for now and will let you know if that changes.

Additionally, it'd be great if you could update us when/if Secretary Zinke accepts the invitation so that the Administrator can be aware.

Thank you and we look forward to it!

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**From:** Stanley, Michele

[<mailto:mstanley@nssga.org>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 6, 2017  
12:43 PM

**To:** Ford, Hayley

<[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)>; O'Neill-Kaumo,  
Laura <[loNeill@nssga.org](mailto:loNeill@nssga.org)>

**Cc:** Hupp, Millan

<[hupp.millan@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.millan@epa.gov)>; Dickerson,  
Aaron <[dickerson.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:dickerson.aaron@epa.gov)>;

Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: pruit invite



Here you go! Any questions, don't  
hesitate it reach out.

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**Michele Stanley**

Director of Government Affairs  
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**From:** Ford, Hayley

[\[mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov\]](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 6, 2017  
10:41 AM

**To:** O'Neill-Kaumo, Laura

[<loneill@nssga.org>](mailto:loneill@nssga.org); Stanley, Michele  
[<mstanley@nssga.org>](mailto:mstanley@nssga.org)

**Cc:** Hupp, Millan

[<hupp.millan@epa.gov>](mailto:hupp.millan@epa.gov); Dickerson,  
Aaron [<dickerson.aaron@epa.gov>](mailto:dickerson.aaron@epa.gov);  
Bennett, Tate [<Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)

**Subject:** RE: pruit invite

Laura and Michele,

Thank you for the below request. I am  
handling the Administrator's scheduling  
and would be happy to bring your  
request to our scheduling team. Could  
you please complete the attached  
speaking request form with as much  
information as you can provide? We  
will be able to let you know shortly if  
we're able to confirm.

Thank you and we appreciate the  
invitation!

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Laura"  
[<loneill@nssga.org>](mailto:loneill@nssga.org)

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<Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** "Stanley, Michele"  
<mstanley@nssga.org>  
**Subject:** Fwd: pruit  
invite

Tate,  
Thanks for the outreach yesterday. Attached is the invitation for Mr. Pruitt. Again, we would be extremely grateful for an appearance. We can be flexible on time between 5-7pm. Also our comms department can work with yours and coordinate a message. The EPA reforms are a big priority for us and Mr Pruitt is viewed as welcomed agent of change. Please let us know.

Thank you so much!  
Laura.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:**  
"Stanley, Michele"  
<mstanley@nssga.org>  
**Date:**  
September 6, 2017 at 8:31:29 AM EDT  
**To:**  
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Laura"  
<loneill  
@nssga  
.org>  
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**: pruit**  
**invite**

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**From:** Gordon, Stephen [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=7C8FB4D82BFF4EEC98F5C5D00A47F554-GORDON, STE]  
**Sent:** 9/19/2017 12:14:57 PM  
**To:** Elizabeth Olds [EOlds@afpm.org]; Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]; Cory, Preston (Katherine) [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=bfd80b15f6d04a3ba11fc8ca3c85bc50-Cory, Kathe]  
**Subject:** RE: Following up

Thanks so much Liz. I will make sure to follow-up and get a time on the calendar for us to meet during the week of October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

-Stephen

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**From:** Elizabeth Olds [mailto:EOlds@afpm.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 12:32 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Cory, Preston (Katherine) <Cory.Preston@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Gordon, Stephen <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Following up

Perfect, thanks! Congratulations Stephen!

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**From:** "Bennett, Tate" <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
**Date:** 9/18/17 12:24 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** Elizabeth Olds <EOlds@afpm.org>, "Cory, Preston (Katherine)" <Cory.Preston@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** "Gordon, Stephen" <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Following up

Nice! Copying Stephen Gordon on my team who can help make that happen/ help set something up. He just joined us from the Chamber (today!) and will be playing a big role in industry outreach and can also get something on the calendar. Thanks, Preston, for connecting us as well!

Tate

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**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 12:19 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Cory, Preston (Katherine) <Cory.Preston@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Following up

Thanks Bennett! I'm based in DC, but am out on travel for the next 2 weeks or so. Let me know if you're free during the week of Oct. 2 -- would love to get together!

-Liz

----- Original message -----

**From:** "Bennett, Tate" <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
**Date:** 9/18/17 12:09 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** Elizabeth Olds <EOlds@afpm.org>, "Cory, Preston (Katherine)" <Cory.Preston@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Following up

Hey Liz! Let me know next time you are in the area. Would love to get together!

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**From:** Elizabeth Olds [<mailto:EOlds@afpm.org>]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 12:03 PM  
**To:** Cory, Preston (Katherine) <[Cory.Preston@epa.gov](mailto:Cory.Preston@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Following up

Hi Preston,

Thanks for your note - I really enjoyed our conversation at ECOS!

Tate - great to meet you via email.

Please let me know how we can be helpful in the future - thanks again!

-Liz

----- Original message -----

**From:** "Cory, Preston (Katherine)" <[Cory.Preston@epa.gov](mailto:Cory.Preston@epa.gov)>  
**Date:** 9/18/17 11:12 AM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** Elizabeth Olds <[EOlds@afpm.org](mailto:EOlds@afpm.org)>  
**Cc:** "Bennett, Tate" <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Following up

Hi Elizabeth,

I enjoyed meeting you at ECOS last week! I wanted to send along my contact info as well as Tate Bennett's, in case y'all are not already acquainted. Tate is heading up our office of Business Engagement as Associate Administrator. Tate, Elizabeth works at American Fuel and Petroleum Manufacturers.

Elizabeth, please let me know if we may ever be helpful.

Regards,  
Preston Cory

**K. Preston Cory**  
Office of the Administrator, Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
O: (202) 564-0846  
C: Personal Phone / Ex. 6

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**From:** O'Neill-Kaumo, Laura [loneill@nssga.org]  
**Sent:** 9/5/2017 9:04:17 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]  
**Subject:** RE: touch base

Ok, stand by and thank you.

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 5, 2017 5:04 PM  
**To:** O'Neill-Kaumo, Laura <loneill@nssga.org>  
**Subject:** RE: touch base

Yes. Works for me. Why don't you try my landline. 202-564-1460

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**From:** O'Neill-Kaumo, Laura [mailto:loneill@nssga.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 5, 2017 4:58 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: touch base

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 5, 2017 4:02 PM  
**To:** O'Neill-Kaumo, Laura <loneill@nssga.org>  
**Subject:** touch base

Hey Laura! Do you mind giving me a shout when you have a chance? Personal Phone / Ex. 6 Thanks so much!

Elizabeth Tate Bennett  
Associate Administrator for Public Engagement  
Office of the Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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**Sent:** 9/5/2017 8:58:10 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]  
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**From:** Vince Erfe [ErfeV@api.org]  
**Sent:** 6/27/2018 8:11:38 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]  
**Subject:** FW: NEWS: API welcomes EPA action to promote energy infrastructure, American jobs

Tate,  
I wanted to make sure to pass along this recent API press release about the EPA memo on Clean Water Act 404(c).

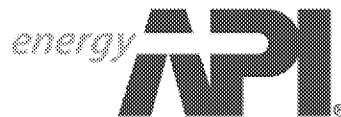
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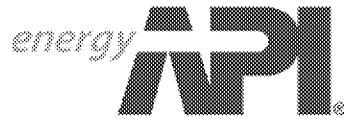
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**From:** API Press [Press@api.org]  
**Sent:** 6/27/2018 6:28:30 PM  
**To:** API Press [Press@api.org]  
**Subject:** News release: API Joins Business and Agriculture Groups in Support of Senator Corker's Legislation on Oversight of Harmful Tariffs

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"API welcomes Senator Corker's legislation to require Congressional oversight regarding presidential actions on tariffs related to national security concerns, such as the recently implemented Section 232 tariffs.

"We believe that the administration is misusing national security to intervene in markets and to disrupt trade that benefits US workers. Tariffs and quotas on imported specialty steel will disrupt the natural gas and oil industry's complex supply chain, harm our energy and national security and will have a negative impact on U.S. jobs and consumers.

"Additionally, the recent imposition of tariffs on our top trading partners—Canada, Mexico, and the European Union—stands to weaken our national security, as well as undermine America's pivotal role on the global energy stage. These tariffs have also put into motion a series of retaliatory tariffs from a number of key trading allies that will have a negative economic impact on the America.

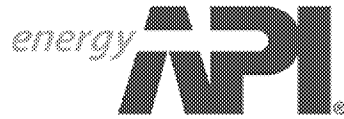
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**Sent:** 6/27/2018 6:20:23 PM  
**To:** API Press [Press@api.org]  
**Subject:** NEWS: API welcomes EPA action to promote energy infrastructure, American jobs

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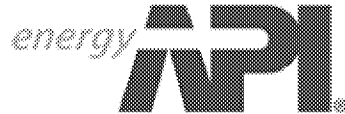
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**From:** API Press [Press@api.org]  
**Sent:** 6/26/2018 8:54:09 PM  
**To:** API Press [Press@api.org]  
**Subject:** ICYMI: Explore Offshore Coalition Co-Chair Senator Webb Talks Offshore Oil and Natural Gas Exploration and Development

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## *IN CASE YOU MISSED IT*

### **Explore Offshore Coalition Co-Chair Senator Webb Talks Offshore Oil and Natural Gas Exploration and Development**

API's [Explore Offshore Coalition](#) national co-chair Jim Webb, Former Secretary of the Navy and Democratic Virginia Senator, joined [Krystal Ball and Buck Sexton on Hill.TV](#) to discuss the news of the day, as well as highlight the launch of Explore Offshore coalition and the importance of safely and responsibly exploring offshore energy resources using advanced technologies.



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RISING: JUNE 26, 2018, 6/26/2018

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Key excerpts from the interview with Explore Offshore coalition national co-chair Senator Jim Webb:

*"I've been an all-of-the-above energy person for a long time. When I was in the Senate in 2011 I introduced a legislation with respect to offshore drilling, and it was a bipartisan issue in 2011 – Mark Warner co-sponsored my bill and McDonnell, Governor of Virginia, was a supporter as well. The idea was "let us explore out here on this shelf". Offshore is going all over the world."*

*"We haven't even been able to look at what's out there since 1984...So let's go ahead and take a look, and we can have a discussion. There are technological advances, safety advances since the 2010 incident and better coordination with the government in terms of regulations. I am comfortable with what we're going to be able to do."*

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**From:** Laura E Vaught (Services - 6) [Laura.E.Vaught@dominionenergy.com]  
**Sent:** 7/25/2017 7:25:31 PM  
**To:** Allison Trexler [atrexler@massiepartners.com]; Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]  
**Subject:** RE: hi!

Thanks Allison!

Tate – it's great to e-meet you. I'm happy to chat and compare notes – let me know what schedule and/or format works for you.

Laura

**Laura E. Vaught**  
Federal Affairs Policy Advisor  
Dominion Energy  
(202) 585-4207 (office)  
Personal Phone / Ex. 6 (cell)  
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**From:** Allison Trexler [mailto:atrexler@massiepartners.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 25, 2017 2:41 PM  
**To:** Bennett.tate@epa.gov; Laura E Vaught (Services - 6)  
**Subject:** [External] hi!

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Laura, Tate is a friend who is now at EPA and thought that you two should chat and compare notes. I'll let you take it from here!

Talk to you both soon!  
Allison

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**Subject:** NERO Luncheon with G. Dave Banks & Mike Catanzaro - Thursday 7/12/18

Hello Tate!

Our next luncheon will be held on Thursday, July 12. We hope to see you there! Please RSVP before Noon 7/6/18.

# **National Energy Resources Organization (NERO)**

**Cordially invites you to attend the  
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**Perspectives on U.S. Energy:  
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**G. David Banks *and*  
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**Thursday, July 12, 2018**

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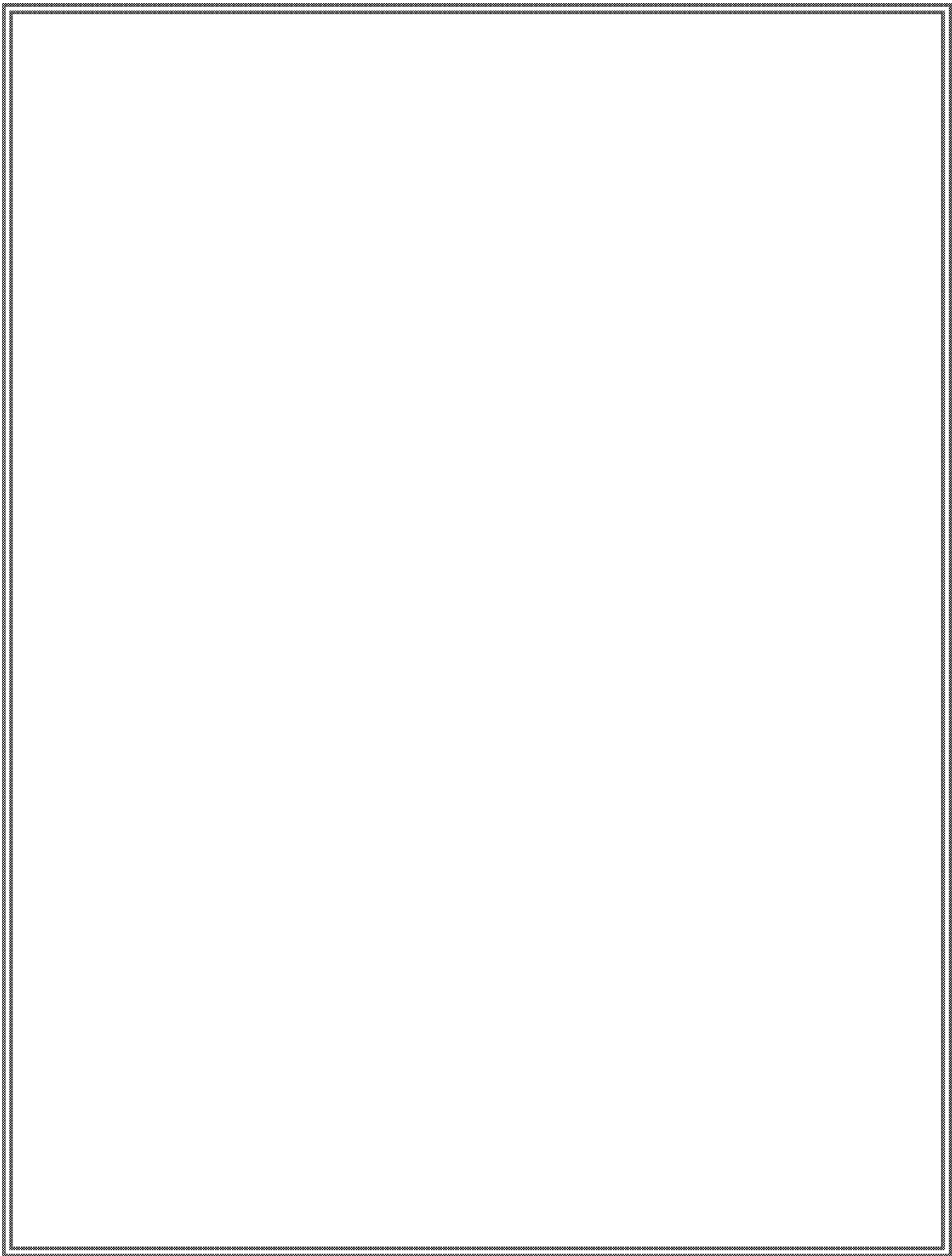
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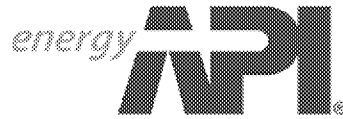
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**To:** API Press [Press@api.org]  
**Subject:** NEWS: API names Ben Marter as director of communications

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## **API names Ben Marter as director of communications**

WASHINGTON, June 26, 2018 – API today announced Ben Marter as its new director of communications. Marter comes to API from Capitol Hill where he most recently served as communications director for U.S. Senate Democratic Whip Dick Durbin, D-III.

“API is lucky to welcome Ben as its new director of communications,” said API Vice President of Communications Megan Bloomgren. “Ben brings a wealth of knowledge and communications experience integrating digital, earned and social media as well as daily rapid response. He’ll play a valuable leadership role in communicating and creating opportunities both online and offline to engage industry employees, policymakers, and American consumers on our priorities.”

Marter comes to API after nearly a decade on Capitol Hill serving in various communications roles. In his most recent role as communications director for Senate Democratic Whip Durbin, Marter developed and advanced strategic communications for the Senate Democratic Caucus. Before his tenure with Sen. Durbin, Marter served as communications director for Sen. Chris Murphy, D-Conn., both in his official Senate office and 2012 Senate campaign. In addition to his service in the U.S. Senate, Marter served as communications director for former Rep. Betsy Markey, D-Colo. Marter did both his undergraduate and graduate studies at the University of Colorado.

“I’m excited to join the outstanding team at API and look forward to working with their member companies to safely deliver the energy that American consumers rely on every day,” said Marter.

Marter will start at API next month and manage integrated advocacy efforts, including earned media, rapid response, social and digital content, and issue polling to support members’ priorities and state and allied organizations.

API is the only national trade association representing all facets of the oil and natural gas industry, which supports 10.3 million U.S. jobs and nearly 8 percent of the U.S. economy. API’s nearly 620 members include large integrated companies, as well as exploration and production, refining, marketing, pipeline, and marine businesses, and service and supply firms. They provide most of the nation’s energy and are backed by a growing grassroots movement of more than 45 million Americans.

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**CC:** Allison Trexler [atrexler@massiepartners.com]  
**Subject:** RE: hi!

Of course -- that works fine.

Best, Laura

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**Sent:** Wednesday, July 26, 2017 12:02 PM  
**To:** Laura E Vaught (Services - 6)  
**Cc:** Allison Trexler  
**Subject:** [External] Re: hi!

Thank you both!

Laura- would it be ok if I circled back with you early next week? Would love to get together if you're around this August.

Best.  
Tate

On Jul 25, 2017, at 3:26 PM, Laura E Vaught (Services - 6) <Laura.E.Vaught@dominionenergy.com> wrote:

Thanks Allison!

Tate -- it's great to e-meet you. I'm happy to chat and compare notes -- let me know what schedule and/or format works for you.

Laura

**Laura E. Vaught**  
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**To:** [Bennett.tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.tate@epa.gov); Laura E Vaught (Services - 6)  
**Subject:** [External] hi!

Tate! It was so good seeing you today! Hope the rest of the week goes well. I wanted to connect you with Laura Vaught, who was previously with EPA in the Leg Affairs shop and then I believe moved in to a policy role. Regardless, she has a wealth of knowledge all things EPA leg affairs.

Laura, Tate is a friend who is now at EPA and thought that you two should chat and compare notes. I'll let you take it from here!

Talk to you both soon!  
Allison

**Allison Busbee Trexler**  
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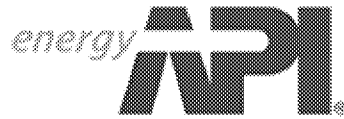
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## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

### ICYMI: Clean natural gas has reduced emissions, lowered costs for consumers

API Market Development Group Director Todd Snitchler joined The Hill TV's Molly Hooper to discuss how clean, affordable, reliable natural gas has transformed our nation's energy landscape and delivered great benefits to American consumers and the environment.



### Todd Snitchler talks about energy policy in the Trump presidency

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Key excerpts from the interview with API Market Development Group Director Todd Snitchler:

*"Natural gas has changed the energy equation in a number of ways. With natural gas, customers are saving a lot of money in that they are getting their power and their home heating fuel at a much lower cost. Studies have shown that the average household has saved about \$655 a year as a result of the greater utilization of natural gas which is an immediate benefit to people's pocketbooks."*

*“On average about 35-40 percent of electricity comes from natural gas depending on the region of the country and that has increased pretty dramatically over the last 10-15 years. You’ve seen a reduction in the amount of coal and an increase in the amount of renewables and natural gas that has balanced out our fuel diversity across the country.”*

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**CC:** 'Adam Piper' [apiper@ruleoflawdefensefund.org]; jcleach@scda.sc.gov  
**Subject:** RE: USEPA Administrator Pruitt - WOTUS Roundtable - Orangeburg, SC

Hi Tate-

Thanks so much. I'll pass that along to our SC folks. And Pepper sits in the office next to mine, so I'll be sure to pass along your greetings.

Have a great weekend.

Regards, Venu

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
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Hi Venu-

Hope this finds you well. Hello to my good friend Pepper there.

This is an event that is closed to the public and is specifically on WOTUS. I would encourage you to work through the Ag Commissioners office who is organizing for any subsequent information.

Tate

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Alex

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Venu Ghanta  
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**Subject:** Re: TELEPRESSER: Press Conference and March in Opposition to EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt's Visit to L

Tate, I should have included the fact that KAM is perfectly fine with everything going on and excited to have Administrator Pruitt here in Lexington.

THANKS

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**TELEPRESSER: Press Conference and March in Opposition to EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt's Visit to Lexington**

*Reducing or eliminating clean air and clean water protections does not protect Kentuckians.*

**WHAT:** Organizers of a May 31 Press Conference and March in Lexington will hold a telephone conference to preview the march, which will highlight the environmental impact of pollution in Kentucky and criticize the actions of U.S. EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt, who will address the Kentucky Association of Manufacturers on May 31 at 1:30 pm.

**NOTE FOR REPORTERS:** If you would like access to any of the press conference speakers that are not on this call please email your request to: [ricky.junquera@sierraclub.org](mailto:ricky.junquera@sierraclub.org)

**WHEN:**

Tuesday, May 30, 2017 at 1:00 PM ET

**DIAL-IN:**

Phone: (877) 876-9177

Passcode: March (spoken to operator)

**WHO:**

Jodi Perras, Kentucky Beyond Coal Manager (facilitator)

Ricky Junquera (Press Secretary)

Hank Graddy, Midway, Ky., environmental attorney & Sierra Club volunteer

Rachel Norton, Lexington, Ky., young professional in energy efficiency field

**BACKGROUND:**

In Kentucky, 10.6 percent of children 11 years of age and younger, 13.6 percent of middle school students, 11.8 percent of high school students and 18.6 percent of adults have asthma.

The Ohio River is now ranked as one of the most polluted rivers in the country according to the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission as reported in USA Today.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates that mountaintop removal "valley fills" are responsible for burying more than 2,000 miles of vital Appalachian headwater streams, and poisoning many more.

In his short time at EPA, Scott Pruitt has proposed:

- Rolling back clean energy targets by freezing the Clean Power Plan
- Re-looking at car and truck efficiency standards that will save gas and reduce air pollution
- Rescinding protections that would reduce toxic water pollution and coal ash pollution from power plants
- Blocking EPA's efforts to get more information from oil and gas companies on the pollution they create
- And many more actions that would roll back progress toward cleaner air, cleaner water and a healthier Kentucky

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**Subject:** KAM Coonference roundtable information  
**Attachments:** 1705 F Administrator Pruitt Board Member Meeting Attendance.pdf; 1705 KAM - Pruitt Bd Members topics of interest.pdf

Good afternoon Tate! We are looking forward to tomorrow! Attached is the list a attendees for the KAM board and invited guests roundtable meeting, along with the questions/topics of interest from this group.

KAM has prepared tent name cards for both the utility and KAM roundtable sessions.

Please let us know if you need anything else and see you tomorrow!

Molly

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**Administrator Pruitt Meeting Attendance List (12:45-1:15pm on 5/31/17)**

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Company</b>	<b>Guest Of</b>
1	Rusty Ashcraft	Manager, Government Affairs & Env. Policy	Alliance Coal, LLC	KAM
2	Frank Stevens	Calvert City Site Manager	Ashland, LLC	Rusty Cress/KAM
3	Stephen H. Loyal	Vice President of Government Affairs	Atmos Energy Company	KAM
4	Douglas E. Irvin	Vice President	Darling Ingredients, Inc.	KAM
5	Jon Elrod	Manager of Environmental Affairs	Darling Ingredients, Inc.	Douglas E. Irvin/KAM
6	Kelly Cummins-Thomas	Manager of Environmental Affairs	Darling Ingredients, Inc.	Douglas E. Irvin/KAM
7	Carl Breeding	Partner	Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP	KAM
8	Gabby Bruno	Gov't & Community Relations Mgr.	Ford Motor Company	KAM
9	Chris Driver	Industrial Market Leader	Harshaw Trane	KAM
10	Greg Higdon	President & CEO	KAM	KAM
11	Tyler White	President	Ky. Coal Association	Rusty Ashcraft/KAM
12	Lissa McCracken	Executive Director	Ky. Pollution Prevention Center	KAM
13	Paul Weis	Manager, Business Services	LG&E-KU	KAM
14	Jason Macak	Engineering Manager	Marathon Petroleum Company, LP	KAM
15	Jake Menefee	Manager, Federal Government Affairs	Marathon Petroleum Company, LP	Jason Macak/KAM
16	Brad Levi	General Manager	Marathon Petroleum Company, LP	Jason Macak/KAM
17	Colin Menser	Director of Sales & Marketing	McCoy & McCoy Laboratories, Inc.	J. Michael Baumgardner/KAM
18	Anil Yadav	VP, Mfg. Operations	North American Stainless	KAM
19	Maria Eichelberger	Environmental Manager	North American Stainless	KAM
20	Molly Sutherland	President	Sutherland & Associates	KAM
21	Brian Long	Plant Manager	The Chemours Company	KAM
22	Jeff Fritz	Manager of Gov't. Affairs	The Chemours Company	Rusty Cress/KAM
23	Jana Zigrye	Regulatory Services Leader	The Dow Chemical Co.	Rusty Cress/KAM
24	Thomas Faucheux	Sr. Gov't. Affairs Manager	The Dow Chemical Co.	Rusty Cress/KAM
25	Jeff Horn	General Manager	Toyotetsu America, Inc.	Jackie Hogan/KAM
26	Jackie Hogan	GM, HR, Safety & Env.	Toyotetsu America, Inc.	KAM
27	Kim McCann	Partner	VanAntwerp Attorneys, LLP	KAM
28	Kevin Sheridan	Regional Health, Safety & Environment Manager	Westlake Chemical Company	Rusty Cress/KAM



Administrator Pruitt  
Roundtable discussion  
May 31, 2017  
12:45 – 1:15 EST

**KAM Board Members and invited guests**  
**Topics of Interest**

1. Direction the administration plan to go to ensure KY has affordable/cost effective energy supply for KY's manufacturers to thrive and grow.
2. Future of regulatory certainty – elimination of regulations no longer relevant or over burdensome for the benefit.
3. The Administration's policy regarding future regulations impacting manufacturing nationally.

**Specifically from Darling Ingredients Industries:**

Our questions would be relative to dependable affordable energy and reasonable environmental regulation. But mostly, for consistent regulation, not just applied to those that have followed the rules. Translating, a question could be "It seems US EPA and State agencies regulate closely those parties that have properly followed rule of law and become permitted under environmental programs, and thus become "known"; whereas, we see many cases where a party has never permitted according to requirements and essentially is unknown and therefore able to "fly beneath the radar". Yet, agencies do little to make the field level for both. Why is that?

**Specifically from Toyotetsu America, Inc.**

1. We are very interested in reducing our CO2 output. What is the best advice you have for employers in Kentucky?
2. We are considering a natural gas generator to reduce energy cost. What are the disadvantages from the EPA viewpoint in doing that type system?

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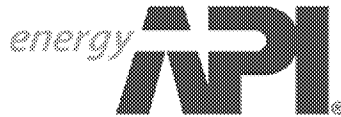
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## **API: EDF report reaffirms the benefits of increased use of clean natural gas**

WASHINGTON, June 21, 2018 – API release the following statement on the Environmental Defense Fund's (EDF) recent paper on methane emissions.

"This paper is consistent with the fact that methane emissions were low in 2015 and reaffirms the benefits of increased use of natural gas as a fuel source, which is driving US carbon dioxide emissions downward," said API Upstream Group Director Erik Milito. "The industry has achieved continued emissions reductions thanks in large part to technology advancements and this innovation has been fundamentally important to our shared goal to reduce emissions.

"Methane emissions are down 14 percent since 1990 during the same period that natural gas production has increased more than 50 percent. Driven by greater use of natural gas, the air we breathe is the cleanest of the modern era and continues to improve and U.S. carbon dioxide emissions are at 25-year lows.

"The natural gas and oil industry is committed to continuous improvement in operations, including safety, public health and reducing emissions from exploration and production sites. The Environmental Partnership is an example of our forward-looking commitment to delivering on a continuous cycle of learning, collaborating, and taking action. We look forward to continuing our engagement with both private and governmental organizations, to identify ways to improve our operations and provide our operational and technical expertise to ensure that current and future data collection and analysis are robust and accurate."

While API will review the specifics of the paper, previous studies have demonstrated the limitations of relying of airborne measurements alone to draw firm conclusions on methane emissions from the oil and natural gas industry. These limitations include (a) the ability to extrapolate short term measurements to annual loss rates; (b) the apportionment of the measured methane concentration between fossil and biogenic methane; (c) the accuracy of the reverse flux calculation to derive emission rates from ambient measurements; and (d) the ability to determine the local background methane concentrations for air mass entering the basin/area.

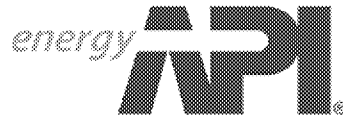
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“Pipelines are critical to ensuring that consumers keep feeling the benefits of our nation’s vast energy resources, and they are one of the most efficient ways to safely deliver the energy that Americans use every day from the gasoline that fuels our transportation system to the life-saving medical devices made from liquid petroleum products to the clean natural gas that is used to generate much of the electricity for our Nation’s homes, manufacturing plants, hospitals and schools,” said API Midstream Group Director Robin Rorick in his testimony to the committee.

“API continues to develop and revise critical standards and recommended practices following the accreditation process of the American National Standards Institute—or ANSI. Specifically, API has developed a number of standards to address pipeline safety in close coordination with subject matter experts from industry, government, academia and the broader stakeholder community. In fact, PHMSA has incorporated by reference many of these standards in their regulations.

“The oil and natural gas industry is committed to promoting safety in all its operations while it strives to ensure that American families and businesses can safely and efficiently access affordable and reliable energy.”

[Rorick’s full testimony is available on the API website.](#)

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## **Administrator Pruitt Visit**

### ***Objective:***

To discuss Governor Bevin's desire to make Kentucky the hub of advanced manufacturing in the US with Administrator Pruitt. Specifically, to have a conversation about the role of utilities in an advanced manufacturing economy and to address ways in which the EPA can partner with utilities to provide safe, affordable and reliable electricity.

### ***Attendees:***

Administrator Pruitt- EPA

Tate Bennett- EPA

Jim Henning- DEK

Chuck Session- DEK

Patrick Keal- DEK

Tom Craig- DE Federal

Tony Campbell- EKPC

TBD- EKPC

Matt Satterwhite- AEP

Brad Hall- AEP

Jacob Colley- AEP

Paul Thompson- LG&E/KU

David Freibert- LG&E/KU

Caroline Clark- LG&E/KU

TBD- TVA President of Economic Development

Virginia Gray- TVA

Jason Bentley- MML&K

Bob Berry- Big Rivers

Sharla Austin- Big Rivers

Chris Perry- Kentucky Association of Electric Cooperatives

Secretary Snavely- Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet?

TBD- EEC Staff?

TBD- EEC Staff?

Secretary Gill- Kentucky Economic Development Cabinet?

TBD- KYED Staff?

TBD- KYED Staff?

Rodney Andrews- UKCAER?

***Agenda:***

Introduction and Kickoff – Jim Henning (5 minutes)

- East Bend Station that adds great value to customers and shareholders today
  - We are making investments in this facility to ensure the value continues for the foreseeable future
  - Investments ensuring reliability and compliance with industry and environmental guidelines
- The affordability and reliability of energy major factors in Amazon's decision to locate here

Brief on Braidy Industries- Matt Satterwhite (5 minutes)

Overview of flat/declining load and economic development serving as utilities main growth potential-  
Chris Perry (5 minutes)

Permitting issues- Paul Thompson (5 minutes)

Regulatory certainty- Tony Campbell (5 minutes)

Idle Coleman unit/additional load availability- Bob Berry (5 minutes)

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Good morning, Tate!

I just wanted to bring you up to speed on what we expect on Wednesday and what measures are in place for security. I have spoken with Brady Henderson and Forrest McMurray with Administrator Pruitt's office and we will have a walk through on Tuesday, May 30, with them and the Security/Risk Management Manager at the Convention Center, David Herald, who has looped in Lexington Metro Police to coordinate security. They will determine three possible routes in and out of the venue and let Administrator Pruitt's team determine the best one to take on Wednesday. Although we will not have uniformed presence in the conference room itself, they will be on standby in the trade show and pre-function area in case there are disruptions during the sessions, and specifically the Administrator's session.

No one will be allowed in the conference area without a name badge, and the only way to get a name badge is with a paid registration. Access will be very controlled. We have a room reserved for the Administrator's two round table meetings that have been discussed, with a back entrance/exit for his ease in getting in and out without being in the public eye. Those meetings are by invitation only and are not being advertised to the general public, nor will the room be labeled in any way.

If you have any other questions or concerns, please let me know. We look forward to having Administrator Pruitt at our Conference and will do our best to make him feel welcome and secure!

Karen

PS:

The Sierra Club is just one of the co-sponsors of this event, here is a brief overview of the details we have found:

**Join us on May 31 in Lexington to march for environmental and economic justice -- RSVP today!**

***Here are the details:***

**WHAT:** Press Conference and March on Visit of U.S. EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt to Lexington, KY  
**WHERE:** Triangle Park, 400 W. Main Street, Lexington, KY  
**WHEN:** Noon, May 31, 2017  
**WHO:** Advocates for environmental and economic justice ... and you!

**Speakers:** Filmmaker Sellus Wilder, environmental attorney Hank Graddy, energy efficiency expert Rachel Norton, environmental justice advocate Barbara Boyd, retired coal miner Richard Yonts (invited).

**Co-Sponsors:** Sierra Club, Kentuckians for the Commonwealth, Kentucky Student Environmental Coalition, Kentucky Interfaith Power & Light, Indivisible KY, Jobs with Justice Kentucky, Kentucky Alliance against Racism & Political Oppression, Rubbertown Emergency Action Task Force

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LG&E will address issues they have encountered with delays in the permitting process under the previous administration. Also the harmonization of federal and state regulations and the attempts by EPA to wade into regulations promulgated by the Army Corps.

We anticipate that the Administrator will address CPP in his comments to the full conference so we did not plan to spend time on anything that specific. This is more about what we need to help us stimulate the economy in Kentucky.

I will let Chase speak to Chris's focus.

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Thanks! Just getting to this!

Can you build this out more on the issue topics? Like what issues in "permitting," and what is Chris Perry really going to talk about. Looping in Crigler to help decipher what that is and also on the issues both Chris AND Tony are going to bring up. I have to have this brief knocked out by Thursday when he leaves town, so the sooner the better ☺ Please list all that you think could be covered.

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Hank Graddy, Midway, Ky., environmental attorney & Sierra Club volunteer

Rachel Norton, Lexington, Ky., young professional in energy efficiency field

**BACKGROUND:**

In Kentucky, 10.6 percent of children 11 years of age and younger, 13.6 percent of middle school students, 11.8 percent of high school students and 18.6 percent of adults have asthma.

The Ohio River is now ranked as one of the most polluted rivers in the country according to the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission as reported in USA Today.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates that mountaintop removal “valley fills” are responsible for burying more than 2,000 miles of vital Appalachian headwater streams, and poisoning many more.

In his short time at EPA, Scott Pruitt has proposed:

- Rolling back clean energy targets by freezing the Clean Power Plan
- Re-looking at car and truck efficiency standards that will save gas and reduce air pollution
- Rescinding protections that would reduce toxic water pollution and coal ash pollution from power plants
- Blocking EPA's efforts to get more information from oil and gas companies on the pollution they create
- And many more actions that would roll back progress toward cleaner air, cleaner water and a healthier Kentucky

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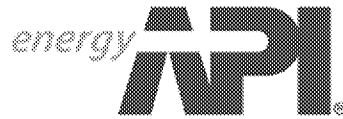
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**API: Concerned with Lack of Transparency Around New China Tariffs and Impact on U.S. Energy Renaissance**

WASHINGTON, June 15, 2018 – Today, API's President and CEO Jack Gerard expressed his heightened concern with the lack of transparency leading up to the newly announced tariffs on China, as well as the impact on the U.S. energy renaissance and consumers.

"API is concerned about the detrimental effect of the new Section 301 tariffs on a wide range of industrial parts and products used in the U.S. natural gas and oil industry because they place the costs of China's market distorting behavior on U.S. consumers and their access to affordable and reliable energy. We have very vocally opposed the implementation of Section 232 tariffs under the guise of national security concerns, and we are now also troubled with the Administration's process around the implementation of Section 301 tariffs on China.

"The lack of transparency in the process, as well as the absence of consultation with the U.S. natural gas and oil industry to determine the potential impact on U.S. investments, jobs, and consumers, is especially troubling. Section 301 tariffs, as well as the recently implemented Section 232 tariffs, will have a real impact on current and future U.S. energy projects, and could ultimately harm our energy renaissance which provides high-paying jobs and affordable and reliable energy to Americans.

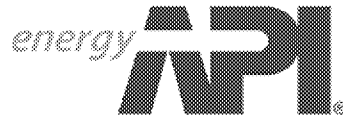
"Instead of utilizing a transparent decision-making process that provided room for input from key stakeholders, the administration continues to take serious missteps in the trade arena that could undermine American jobs and America's role on the global energy stage. Trade wars with key trading partners will be detrimental to the U.S. economy and consumers."

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## **Increased LNG exports boost U.S. economy & benefit consumers, says new DOE study**

WASHINGTON, June 13, 2018 – API welcomed a recent [study](#), commissioned by the Department of Energy, confirming the benefits that increased exports of liquefied natural gas (LNG) would bring to the U.S. economy and consumers across the country.

“This report further confirms that increasing exports of American natural gas will benefit the U.S. economy and benefit consumers,” said API Market Development Group Director Todd Snitchler. “U.S. LNG cargoes have already been delivered to more than 25 countries spanning every region of the world. Increasing the use of American energy throughout the world enhances our national security here at home and abroad by giving our allies a reliable source of natural gas. Further, the increased use of clean natural gas has lowered U.S. carbon emissions to levels not seen in 25 years. With global emissions on the rise, increased use of U.S. natural gas around the world could help make the world’s air cleaner.

“This report, along with four others commissioned by DOE since 2012 confirming the benefits of LNG exports, should finally put to rest any doubt that increased U.S. LNG exports will benefit American consumers with affordable energy and American workers with increased production and help make our air cleaner. As the U.S. leads the world in the production and refining of oil and natural gas, increased engagement with our global partners to promote the benefits of U.S. energy resources should remain a top priority moving forward.”

The study released by the Department of Energy along with [API’s study](#) on the issue further confirm the benefits of increased LNG exports.

Key findings of [API’s study](#) include:

- Increased LNG exports volumes of up to 16 bcf/d in 2040 could support between 220,000 to 452,000 additional jobs and add \$50 to \$73 billion to the U.S. economy.
- Estimates of current US natural gas resources are approximately 3,700 Tcf, which are higher than estimates of 3,550 Tcf in 2013.
- The potential global market is now estimated to be 32 Tcf by 2040, which is bigger than the 22 Tcf estimated in 2013.
- Increased LNG exports are estimated to have a minimal effect on the price of natural gas. Projected price impacts of LNG exports are anticipated to be half of earlier 2013 estimates due to efficiency gains and advances in energy production technology.

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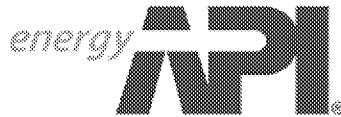
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## **API WELCOMES AMANDA EVERSOLE AS CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER**

WASHINGTON, August 9, 2018 – API today announced that Amanda Eversole will join API this fall as its Chief Operating Officer, a new position focused on building and implementing a strategic plan for the natural gas and oil industry. Eversole comes to API from JPMorgan Chase & Co., where she serves as Managing Director and Head of Public Affairs overseeing strategic communications, civic engagement and strategy for the corporate responsibility team.

“Amanda has a strong track record of driving consensus, alignment, and winning strategies that will be invaluable as API builds on our past successes and positions the natural gas and oil industry for the future,” API President and CEO Mike Sommers said. “Few people in Washington bring the breadth of organizational expertise that she does, and we will greatly benefit from her experience and energy as our industry drives transformational change for American consumers.”

Eversole created and built JPMorgan Chase & Co.’s public affairs function, leveraging a campaign style approach focused on aligning inclusive economic growth and deeper local engagement around the world. Eversole also created a framework for the firm’s philanthropic approach, which was highlighted last year as part of Fortune’s “#1 Company Changing the World” recognition.

Prior to her time at JPMorgan Chase & Co., Eversole spent 13 years at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in Washington, D.C. She served as President of C\_TEC, the Chamber Technology Engagement Center, where she developed and expanded ties between technology companies and policymakers and served as Senior Vice President of the U.S. Chamber Center for Capital Markets Competitiveness, a program she helped launch in 2006 to advance America’s global leadership in capital formation. Eversole also served as Chief of Staff to Chamber President and CEO Thomas J. Donohue and oversaw marketing and communications for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation. Prior to joining the U.S. Chamber, she worked for RTC Relationship Marketing – a WPP Group company – in business development.

“I have long been drawn to industries that are at driving innovation, environmental progress, and societal benefits for all Americans. This is an exciting time for the natural gas and oil industry, and I am thrilled to work with Mike Sommers, the outstanding API team and the membership to foster collaboration, growth, and results for the industry,” said Eversole.

Eversole graduated cum laude from the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia, with a Bachelor of Business Administration and a minor in French. She earned an M.B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania’s Wharton School where she was a Palmer Scholar and graduated first in her class. She lives in Washington, D.C. with her husband, their daughter, and their dog, Gus.

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