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## **TIPRO Applauds EPA's Decision to Withdraw Information Collection Request**

Austin, Texas – The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced on Thursday, March 2, 2017, that it will withdraw its request for oil and natural gas operators to provide information on equipment and emissions at existing oil and gas operations. The information collected through this process would have been used to develop unnecessary air regulations for existing sources in the onshore oil and natural gas sector under Section 111(d) of the Clean Air Act (CAA). The withdrawal is effective immediately.

“The Texas Independent Producers & Royalty Owners Association (TIPRO) applauds Administrator Scott Pruitt’s decision to suspend the EPA’s onerous Information Collection Request (ICR) for U.S. oil and gas producers,” said Ed Longanecker, president of TIPRO. “The ICR was part of a larger regulatory assault launched under the Obama Administration targeting the oil and natural gas industry, one of the most heavily regulated sectors in the United States. This action shows a commitment to reducing overbearing regulations placed on an industry that provides millions of American jobs and billions in annual tax revenue, and a commitment to strengthening the EPA’s partnership with the states,” added Longanecker.

“State regulators and policymakers, not the federal government, have far more experience and expertise with oil and natural gas activities in Texas, and are much better equipped to adopt progressive, impactful, yet sensible regulations for the protection of our environment and benefit of Texas citizens,” concluded Longanecker.

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### ***About TIPRO***

*The Texas Independent Producers & Royalty Owners Association (TIPRO) is a trade association representing the interests of over 3,000 independent oil and natural gas producers and royalty owners throughout Texas. As one of the nation’s largest statewide associations representing both independent producers and royalty owners, members include small businesses, the largest, publicly-traded independent producers, and mineral owners, estates, and trusts. Members of TIPRO are responsible for producing more than 85 percent of the natural gas and 70 percent of the oil within Texas, and own mineral interests in millions of acres across the state.*