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## RRC COMMISSIONER PORTER TAKES ACTION ON SEISMIC ACTIVITY IN AZLE, TEXAS

Last Thursday, January 2, 2014, Railroad Commissioner (RRC) David Porter along with agency staff traveled to Azle, Texas, to give residents from the town and surrounding communities an opportunity to voice their concerns with elevated seismic activity experienced in the area in recent months. Several state and local officials were in attendance as well, including State Representative Charlie Geren, State Representative Lon Burnam, and staff of State Representative Phil King, amongst others. Some who spoke at the town hall meeting offered thanks to the RRC for expending time and effort to travel from Austin to Azle, but few in the crowd of almost 1,000 people in attendance seemed entirely satisfied with the meeting's format or outcome.

Frustrations were ignited early in the meeting when the RRC explained to the audience that they did not intend to answer questions from the public, instead requesting to hear anecdotal accounts of how seismic activity has affected those living in the area. Not to be easily dissuaded, many proceeded to probe the RRC for answers anyway, either by asking direct questions at the public microphone or by shouting intermittently from their seat in the audience. Others respected the Commission's request and relayed their first-hand experience with the seismic occurrences, often finishing their account by entreating the RRC for help. Regardless of which approach each speaker took, a clear opinion was expressed by all - the people in and around the small town of Azle, Texas, believe that oil and gas activity is responsible.

One-by-one, residents delivered emotional, personal accounts of cracked foundations, sheetrock, flooring and windows. Some relayed their unsuccessful attempts to prompt homeowner insurance companies to provide relief for damage incurred. Still others implored the RRC to heighten efforts to study the situation so that answers supported by more than speculation can be obtained as quickly as possible. Almost all who addressed the RRC gave their impression of the most notable seismic occurrence in the area (a 3.6 magnitude event late last year), comparing the sound to a "bomb going off" or a "helicopter landing on the roof."

At the close of the town hall meeting, Commissioner Porter thanked all present for their input, and vowed to continue pursuing increased study of the issue to generate reliable scientific data to guide RRC actions in the future. Days after the meeting, Porter took a large step toward making good on his commitment, stating in a press release, "It is imperative that the Commission remain engaged and involved in gathering more evidence and data into any possible causation between oil and gas activities and seismic events. Commission rules and regulations must be based on sound science and proven facts. In order to do so, I propose the RRC hire an in-house seismologist."

The agency promptly posted the job opening (seismologist - posting number 2014-00258), and began its nationwide search for candidates to fill the position.

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***---RRC COMMISSIONER DAVID PORTER***

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## WINTER WEATHER SLOWS E&P ACTIVITIES ACROSS THE NATION

Widely referred to as a "polar vortex," temperatures throughout the U.S. plunged earlier this week, slowing domestic E&P operations. Meteorologists say it was some of the coldest weather to hit the country in more than a decade, with many regions experiencing arctic-like conditions. From North Dakota all the way to Texas, the deep freeze threatened to reduce oil and gas output by interrupting drilling and hydraulic operations, as well as disrupting traffic.

However, the winter blast during the first week of January did help drive demand nationwide for natural gas. This time of year, on average, the demand on natural gas inventories is approximately 170 billion cubic feet (bcf). This week, according to energy market analytics company Bentek, the drawdown was expected to be close to 310 bcf, as homeowners and power generators sought to burn as much of it as they could to stay warm.

## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

TIPRO Members -

Leading up to the holidays, on Christmas Eve, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of Inspector General (OIG) unveiled a new report examining how the agency handled the 2010 Parker County case involving Range Resources Corporation. To much shock and surprise, the OIG report defended the actions of the EPA, saying that officials "conformed to agency guidelines, regulations and policy."

Although many of you may recall the details of the story, here is a quick recap: on December 7, 2010, the EPA issued a rare Imminent and Substantial Endangerment Order against Range Resources, under Section 1431 of the Safe Drinking Water Act. After testing and analyzing water samples during the fall of 2010, the EPA inaccurately concluded Range Resources' drilling operations had caused or contributed to the contamination of at least two residential drinking water wells in the area, located near Fort Worth. However, in the months that followed, extensive investigation by state regulators demonstrated that in reality, the methane that had been found in local water wells was the result of a naturally occurring formation - not drilling or hydraulic fracturing.

Evidence presented at administrative hearings conducted by the Texas Railroad Commission (RRC) in 2011 showed that hydraulic fracturing of gas wells in the region could not have resulted in communication between the Barnett Shale gas field and shallow aquifers from which water wells in the area produce. Further, geochemical gas fingerprinting revealed the gas in the domestic water wells came from the shallower Strawn gas field, which begins about 200 to 400 feet below the surface. Meanwhile, the natural gas tested did not match the gas that had been produced by Range from the much deeper Barnett Shale field, which is more than 5,000 feet below the surface. The company was also able to successfully prove that both gas wells in question were in fact mechanically sound, without any leaks.

In the meantime, on February 16, 2012, the 43<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District Court ruled that Mr. Steven Lipsky - one of the most vocal community activists in the Parker County/Range Resources case - had used misleading information to falsely alarm the EPA over water contamination from gas drilling. As stated in the official court summary, "Mr. Steven Lipsky, under the advice or direction of Ms. Alisa Rich, intentionally attached a garden hose to a gas vent - not a water line - to light and burn the gas from the end nozzle of the hose. This demonstration was not done for scientific study but to provide local and national news media a deceptive video, calculated to alarm the public into believing the water was burning." The judge also resolved that there was sufficient evidence to prove that the garden hose demonstration was part of a larger "strategy" to defame Range Resources.

Additionally, over a year after the RRC concluded its investigation, on Friday, March 30, 2012, the EPA announced it had decided to drop its 15-month emergency administrative order against Range Resources, saying that although the federal agency would continue to monitor wells in the region for evidence of water contamination, by resolving its lawsuits against Range, the EPA would be able to shift its focus in this particular case away from litigation and toward a joint effort on the science and safety of energy extraction.

Following the decision to drop its emergency order, six United States Senators requested a formal review and evaluation of EPA actions to establish if the agency followed applicable laws and policy, which in turn resulted in this new report by the OIG.

Now, with all of this information in mind, it is difficult to understand how the OIG could reach the conclusions it did, which are supportive of the agency's protocol and enforcement pertaining to this case. In the new report, the OIG states that the EPA was justified in issuing its endangerment order against Range Resources, and that the information the EPA had in its possession at the time was sufficient enough for it to conclude that the gas production well was the most likely contributor to the contamination of the aquifer. How can this be, when we know that Range Resources did not cause the methane contamination? The OIG also justifies the EPA relying on merely "coincidental timing" of the gas production well drilling and operations and the detection of the water well contamination as additional evidence to uphold its alleged connection.

It is also important to note that in the report the OIG says "for the EPA to take and enforce a Section 1431 emergency order, it needs neither proof that contamination has already occurred nor proof that the recipient of the order is responsible for the contamination." This means that the EPA has no requirement to provide any substantial proof before publicly accusing a company of contaminating water - something which should be of great concern for independent oil and gas operators.

Needless to say, it is disappointing to learn that the OIG has chosen to use this audit to merely defend the actions of the EPA as opposed to learning from past wrongdoings and identifying solutions to help the federal agency improve procedures in the future. Government entities should not be allowed to needlessly target oil and gas companies without sufficient evidence supporting regulatory action. In the instance of Range Resources and their gas wells operating in Parker County, Texas, after the company cooperated with extensive investigations, and regulators on the state and federal levels ultimately confirmed that drilling did not cause nor contribute to the contamination of domestic water wells, it should not be acceptable for the OIG to excuse nor validate the EPA's actions in 2010.



**David F. Martineau**

**Sincerely,**

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "D. Martineau". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

## ANALYSTS PROJECT EAGLE FORD SPENDING COULD TOP \$30 BILLION IN 2014

In the year to come, oil and gas companies could spend between \$23 billion and \$30 billion in the Eagle Ford Shale, according to a new analysis released by research and consulting group GlobalData. The company's latest report, titled "Unconventional Resources Analysis: Eagle Ford Shale Substantial Returns in Liquids Rich Acreage," provides a comprehensive overview on the South Texas shale formation. It also details the competitive landscape, specific operating areas for major companies, operational and key development strategies employed by different companies, and critical differences and proprietary analysis of all major operators.

"With over 250 rigs operating in Eagle Ford, companies are expected to spend approximately \$30 billion in capital this year, and nearly all of the major operators are projecting at least five years' more drilling at the current rapid pace," said Taryn Slimm, lead analyst of U.S. onshore development for GlobalData. "The most efficient operators in sweet spots are achieving over 100 percent pre-tax Internal Rates of Return with conservative pricing."

Spanning roughly 50 miles wide and 400 miles long, the report goes on to label the Eagle Ford as an even larger resource than initially thought.

GlobalData expects most of the spending over the next 12 months to be directed towards drilling wells and infrastructure development, including building pipelines and processing plants.

Slimm adds, "While there are a number of bottlenecks in the Eagle Ford, such as strained pipeline capacity, this play will continue making a significant contribution to U.S. crude oil production over the coming years, as strong economics cushion it from price volatility."

Moreover, energy experts credit producers with becoming more proficient in their drilling efforts by learning the best techniques to recover oil and gas from the shale play. This understanding has helped well costs to continue to decline, in turn allowing operators to achieve more with less.

The strong level of spending in 2014 by oil and gas producers in the Eagle Ford Shale will also keep providing the region with positive economic growth, along with steady job creation and high levels of revenue for government coffers.



## UPDATE ON THE TEXAS NATURAL GAS VEHICLE GRANT PROGRAM

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is currently accepting applications for qualifying candidates to receive grants that will encourage additional use of natural gas in the Lone Star State. The agency's Texas Natural Gas Vehicle Grant Program (TNGVGP), which was first established under Senate Bill 385 during the 82<sup>nd</sup> Legislative Session in 2011, allocates \$24 million in funding for individuals or entities that own and operate heavy-duty or medium-duty motor vehicles to help pay for the vehicle to be replaced with an NGV, or to repower the vehicle with a natural gas engine.

Eligible projects under this program must result in a reduction of nitrogen oxides (NOx) emissions of at least 25 percent. Vehicles also must be operated in one or more qualified counties, which include: Austin, Bastrop, Bell, Bexar, Brazoria, Brazos, Burleson, Caldwell, Chambers, Collin, Colorado, Comal, Dallas, Denton, El Paso, Ellis, Falls, Fayette, Fort Bend, Freestone, Galveston, Gonzales, Gregg, Grimes, Guadalupe, Hardin, Harris, Harrison, Hays, Henderson, Hill, Hood, Hunt, Jefferson, Johnson, Kaufman, Lee, Leon, Liberty, Limestone, Madison, McLennan, Milam, Montgomery, Navarro, Nueces, Orange, Parker, Robertson, Rockwall, Rusk, San Patricio, Smith, Tarrant, Travis, Upshur, Victoria, Walker, Waller, Washington, Williamson, Wilson and Wise.

TNGVGP funding is available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Applications will be accepted until May 31, 2015, or until all of the grants have been awarded.

For additional details on the grant application process, eligibility requirements and copies of the application forms, visit [www.terpgrants.org](http://www.terpgrants.org), or call (800) 919-8377.

### TIPRO Calendar of Events

<b>FEBRUARY 5-7, 2014</b> HOUSTON — Winter NAPE Expo, George R. Brown Convention Center For info, call: (817) 847-7700.	<b>FEBRUARY 12, 2014</b> HOUSTON — IPAA/TIPRO Leaders in Industry Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. Houston Petroleum Club. For info, call: (832) 233-5502.	<b>MARCH 19, 2014</b> HOUSTON — IPAA/TIPRO Leaders in Industry Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. Houston Petroleum Club. For info, call: (832) 233-5502.	<b>MARCH 24-25, 2014</b> FORT WORTH — TIPRO'S 68 <sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, Hilton Hotel. For info, call: (512) 477-4452.
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## ANOTHER STUDY SHOWS AMERICAN PUBLIC GENERALLY LACKS UNDERSTANDING ON FRACING



Although several previous nationwide studies have reported similar findings, a recent survey of more than 1,000 citizens indicates that many Americans could still lack basic understanding on hydraulic fracturing and oil and gas development.

“It isn’t really unusual for lay audiences to be uninformed about specific technical issues such as fracing,” said Hilary Boudet, a public policy expert at Oregon State University and lead author on the study. “And when you get into issues of oil and gas exploration, or other contentious areas, the public gets conflicting information from the different sides that have vested interests in the outcomes.”

Added Boudet, “The fact that half of the people we surveyed know little if anything about fracing suggests that there may be an opportunity to educate the American citizenry in a non-partisan way about this important issue. The question is who will lead that discussion?”

Interestingly, the national survey shows that opponents of fracing were more likely to be women, hold egalitarian world views, read newspapers more than once a week and associate hydraulic fracturing with environmental impacts. Meanwhile, supporters of fracing tend to be older, hold a bachelor’s degree or higher, are politically conservative, watch television for news more than once a week and associate fracing with economic or energy supply benefits.

Results of the survey and corresponding study have been published in the journal *Energy Policy* by researchers at Oregon State University, George Mason University, and Yale University. It was funded by the Surdna Foundation, the 11th Hour Project, the Grantham Foundation and the V.K. Rasmussen Foundation.

## IS THE BUDA LIMESTONE GAINING NEW INTEREST FROM PRODUCERS?

Found just beneath the prolific Eagle Ford Shale in South Texas, another geologic formation is drawing the attention of oil and gas drillers. The Buda Limestone holds vast reserves of natural resources, providing new opportunities for operators. One company, Gulf Coast Western, has unveiled plans to drill at least 10 horizontal wells this year in the Buda Limestone.

“We are very excited to launch a drilling program in the revitalized Buda Limestone Play,” said Gulf Coast Western CEO Matthew H. Fleeger. “We believe there is tremendous opportunity in this play, given the fact that it is a proven trend and there is not the need to incur the high cost of fractionating the wells as is necessary in the Eagle Ford. Additionally, the horizontal wells currently in production in this area are experiencing impressive production rates of up to 1,500 barrels of oil per day, which has spurred significant interest in drilling in this area. We are pleased to be among the companies that have recognized the revitalized potential of this formation early on and have been fortunate to secure a large acreage position in the play.”

## ANOTHER MANUFACTURER RAMPS UP EFFORTS TO UTILIZE NATURAL GAS

In an attempt to take advantage of the abundant natural gas resources available from U.S. shale development, LyondellBasell Industries announced it will restart its methanol plant in Channelview, Texas. The unit had been out of service since 2004 due to the rising cost of natural gas, which is the key feedstock for methanol production.

“The methanol plant restart is the first in a series of U.S. Gulf Coast projects by LyondellBasell to take advantage of the natural gas price advantage that we enjoy from shale gas,” said Patrick Quarles, senior vice president of Intermediates and Derivatives for LyondellBasell. “The methanol plant project and our other significant debottleneck projects will bring new capacity into our system earlier and at substantially lower cost than constructing entirely new facilities.”

According to the company, other LyondellBasell growth projects will also include expansions of ethylene capacity at La Porte, Channelview and Corpus Christi, Texas, that together will add up to 1.8 billion pounds to the company’s annual capacity, and the expansion of a polyethylene facility in Matagorda County, Texas.

LyondellBasell products and technologies are used to make items that improve the quality of life for people around the world including packaging, electronics, automotive parts, home furnishings, construction materials and biofuels.

## TEXAS GOVERNOR TOUTS ADVANCEMENTS IN STATE’S TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

Speaking at the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas Transportation Forum, Texas Governor Rick Perry highlighted some of the initiatives currently underway to improve transportation infrastructure in the Lone Star State. Pending voter approval this fall, funding authorized under House Bill 1 will allow the state to direct surplus severance tax revenue to critical infrastructure projects, explained the governor. Without raising taxes, this investment will provide funding for crucial improvements to roads and highways across the state for years to come.

“Transportation fuels the economy that’s making it possible for families to build lives, but transportation is also essential to help families enjoy the lives they’ve built,” commented Gov. Perry. “That’s a simple fact of life that we need to keep in mind moving forward. That’s why we’ve taken so many steps over the past decade to improve our roads, while remaining true to the essential Texas value of fiscal responsibility.”

Under Gov. Perry’s leadership, the Texas highway system has grown by nearly 6,600 new miles from 2001 - 2012, more than any other state over that time, and over \$59 billion has been invested in state transportation projects during the past 13 years.

## BRIGHT FORECAST FOR HOUSTON'S ENERGY SECTOR

As part of its annual report, the Greater Houston Partnership (GHP) has forecasted nearly 69,000 additional jobs will be created in the city over the year to come. Many of the new employment opportunities will relate to energy development.

According to Patrick Jankowski, vice president of research for GHP, "several factors will drive job growth in Houston in 2014 — the ramp-up in construction at area chemical plants, the backlog of projects at local engineering firms, growing consumer confidence, and sustained population and income growth. A pick-up in U.S. economic growth would also further stimulate Houston's economy."

Since January 2010, more than one in five jobs created in Houston were by the energy sector, thanks in large part to the rise in domestic oil and gas production. Moreover, GHP reports that from 2011 to 2012, Houston's real GDP grew by as much as \$24.1 billion, of which, energy and manufacturing accounted for two-fifths of the growth.

"The outlook is bright for exploration but a bit cloudy for service firms," notes GHP. "On the whole, the industry will grow. The Partnership's forecast calls for energy to add 5,600 jobs in Houston in 2014."



## HOW TIPRO MEMBERS CAN MANAGE THE IMPACT OF THE 2014 PACKAGE RATE INCREASES

### AN UPDATE PROVIDED BY PARTNERSHIP®, MANAGER OF TIPRO'S SHIPPING PROGRAM

Recently FedEx and UPS announced their annual rate increases for small packages. The UPS rate increases went into effect on December 30, 2013, while the FedEx rate increases took effect as of January 6, 2014. As always, how much more expensive your particular small package shipments will be in the New Year largely depends on a variety of factors, including shipment volumes, sizes, weights, and modes.

Nonetheless, some quick facts for TIPRO members to keep in mind:

- FedEx Express package and freight rates will increase an average of 3.9 percent for U.S., U.S. export and U.S. import services.
- FedEx Ground and FedEx Home Delivery rates will increase an average of 4.9 percent.
- UPS Ground, Air and International rates will increase an average of 4.9 percent.

The small package shipping experts at PartnerShip have dug into the details and analyzed the new rate tables to assess the true impact to shippers and help you make sense of these increases. To read the full analysis, visit <http://bit.ly/19Tm8V4>.

Now is the time to take full advantage of the benefits made available through the TIPRO Shipping Program. When you visit [www.PartnerShip.com/TIPRO](http://www.PartnerShip.com/TIPRO) and enroll in this free program, you can receive significant discounts on select FedEx® services - helping to offset these new rate increases.

For more information, please call (800) 599-2902.

## TIPRO SHIPPING PROGRAM FREIGHT MANAGEMENT COMPANY CELEBRATES 25 YEARS

PartnerShip, the company that manages the TIPRO Shipping Program, is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. The company was originally founded by the non-profit National Association of College Stores (NACS) in 1989 to help college stores with all of their small package and LTL freight shipping needs. Now, 25 years later, they are a leading shipping solutions provider to small and medium businesses across North America. Today they help over 17,000 businesses across 120 industries and trade groups manage their small packages, along with LTL freight, tradeshow, and specialized shipping.

If you do any amount of shipping - big or small - make sure you are taking advantage of this member benefit and the broad set of services, the significant discounts and the logistical expertise that PartnerShip brings through the TIPRO Shipping Program.

If you haven't done so already, enroll today in TIPRO's Shipping Program by calling (800) 599-2902.

## SIGN-UP TO SPONSOR TIPRO'S NEXT ANNUAL CONVENTION!

Members of TIPRO are encouraged to sign-up today to sponsor the association's upcoming 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, scheduled to take place March 24-25, 2014, at the Hilton Hotel in Fort Worth, Texas. The Convention will not be one to miss, as industry analysts, energy regulators and state officials are invited to present during this year's event. Speakers will address those issues most pressing to the Texas oil and gas industry on the local, state and federal levels, as well as discuss emerging opportunities and challenges for independent producers and royalty owners.

To learn more on convention sponsorship opportunities, please see pages 6-7 of this newsletter, or contact TIPRO's Director of Development Stephen Coffman at (512) 477-4452.



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- Tabletop or 10x10 booth in exhibit area
- 8'-backwall and 3'-sidewall pipe and drape
- Post-conference attendee list in PDF format
- Company listing in the Convention program
- Booth identification sign
- Table, chairs, carpet and trash can provided

Booth purchases do not include electricity or internet connection (these are available by request and may include an additional fee).

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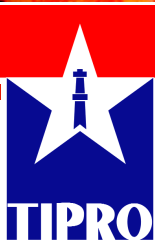
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