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TIPRO reports on Texas upstream employment, as federal data is delayed by ongoing U.S. government shutdown

Due to the ongoing federal government shutdown and suspension of related services, the Current Employment Statistics (CES) report released each month by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) has been delayed until the government resumes operations. Analysis published last week by the Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association (TIPRO), meanwhile, shows the estimated employment trajectory in the Texas upstream sector through September 2025 illustrating a precarious balance between operational resilience and mounting headwinds, as declining global oil prices collide with tariffs and geopolitical flashpoints like escalated sanctions on Russia and Iran. Texas oil and natural gas extraction jobs are projected to dip modestly to 69,650 in September compared to August (-0.5 percent m/m), buoyed by Permian Basin efficiencies, yet tempered by corporate consolidations and workforce reductions amid rising costs per barrel. Support Activities employment in Texas, estimated at 134,425 in September (-0.5 percent m/m), face sharper volatility from rig count erosion (down 7.6 percent y/y) and service sector streamlining, exacerbating a net Q3 contraction despite high job postings.

Combined, Texas upstream sector employment is estimated at 204,075 in September (-0.5 percent m/m), said TIPRO, underscoring the Permian's outsized role in sustaining Texas' upstream employment at ~205,000 while navigating tariff uncertainties, various global supply and demand scenarios, and federal furloughs. These dynamics highlight the industry's indispensable economic engine, while fortifying U.S. energy security through Texas production dominance.

From January to September 2025, employment in the Texas upstream sector displayed early resilience followed by late-summer softening, noted TIPRO. Oil and Gas Extraction added a net 1,450 jobs (+2.1 percent), peaking at 70,200 in June and July before an estimated -350 job dip in September, driven by robust Permian production but offset by layoffs and lower oil prices. Support Activities employment saw a net loss of 875 jobs (-0.6 percent), with a February–May surge (+2,800) undone by mid-year declines (-3,400 in June–July) and a modest September drop (-675), reflecting rig count and services reductions. Combined, the sectors gained 575 jobs (+0.3 percent), reaching an estimated 204,075 by September, underscoring the Permian Basin's critical yet volatile role in sustaining Texas' energy workforce.

Meanwhile, despite these uncertainties, TIPRO's new workforce data still indicated strong job postings for the Texas oil and natural gas industry. According to the association, there were 10,167 active unique jobs postings for the Texas oil and natural gas industry last month, essentially flat compared to postings in August, and 4,233 new postings, compared to 3,806 in the previous month. In comparison, the state of Pennsylvania had 2,668 unique job postings in September, followed by California (2,659), Ohio (2,271), and Illinois (2,217). TIPRO reported a total of 58,878 unique job postings nationwide last month within the oil and natural gas sector, including 22,992 new postings.

Among the 19 specific industry sectors TIPRO uses to define the Texas oil and natural gas industry, Support Activities for Oil and Gas Operations led in the ranking for unique job listings in September with 2,215 postings, followed by Gasoline Stations with Convenience Stores (2,073), Petroleum Refineries (1,165), and Pipeline Transportation of Natural Gas (749). The leading four cities by total unique oil and natural gas job postings were Houston (2,528), Midland (679), Dallas (410) and Odessa (341), said TIPRO.

The top four companies ranked by unique job postings in September were Love's (875), ExxonMobil (326), Murphy USA (312), Energy Transfer (278), and NOV (222), according to the association. Of the top ten companies listed by unique job postings last month, four companies were in the services sector, three in the gasoline stations with convenience stores category, two midstream companies and one fully integrated oil and natural gas company. Top posted industry occupations for September included cashiers (421), maintenance and repair workers general (360), and heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers (275).

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Railroad Commission Chairman Jim Wright added as special guest for TIPRO reception

TIPRO's exclusive networking reception in Fort Worth is coming up at the end of the month! On Thursday, October 30, TIPRO looks forward to bringing together members and professionals in the oil and gas industry for an evening of meaningful networking and industry engagement. Proudly hosted by our platinum sponsor, U.S. Energy Development Corporation, the gathering will be held at their beautifully restored corporate headquarters — located in the historic Armour & Co. Meatpacking Plant in the heart of the Fort Worth Stockyards. At the event, TIPRO also looks forward to welcoming our special guest, Railroad Commission of Texas Chairman Jim Wright.

If you have not yet signed up but are interested in participating in TIPRO's networking reception, please click here.

A Message from TIPRO's President


Ed Longanecker

TIPRO members,

This week, we hosted 260 attendees at our joint monthly luncheon in Houston. Our esteemed guest speaker, David Lawler, CEO of TIPRO member Caturus Energy, provided insightful commentary about the future of natural gas demand and the strategic direction of his company, which operates an integrated platform that includes upstream production in the Eagle Ford and Austin Chalk formations in Texas, and an LNG export terminal project in Louisiana called Commonwealth LNG. This is an exceptionally exciting Texas-based company with a stellar management team and vision.

During my opening remarks at the luncheon, I highlighted several areas of focus for TIPRO from a legislative, regulatory, and legal standpoint, including our ongoing dialogue with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) regarding the New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) and requirements for regulated entities, an upcoming rulemaking at the Railroad Commission in relation to the new Inactive Well Program via Senate Bill 1150, TIPRO's endorsed oilfield theft bill, Senate Bill 494, and the formation of the new Petroleum Theft Task Force, which I was proud to be appointed to this month. If members have an interest in this issue, I encourage them to engage in TIPRO's Oilfield Theft Task Force, which was created last year in preparation of the 89th Legislative Session. This group will be valuable resource for our work with the Railroad Commission and other stakeholder initiatives to combat problems associated with oilfield theft in Texas.

Additionally, as I spoke about in my remarks, TIPRO has also been heavily involved in a unique issue for the past four years related to an operator being named by TCEQ as a responsible party in a superfund cleanup for merely selling to a third-party 165 barrels of crude oil in 1986. TIPRO directly engaged in this issue because of a concerning precedent that this would have set for our industry, to protect the jurisdiction of the Railroad Commission and the clear intent of Petroleum Exclusion. In the coming weeks, we will publish a more detailed summary in the TIPRO Target newsletter for your review.

Finally, as I discussed in my remarks at Tuesday's luncheon, the ongoing government shutdown continues to hinder efforts to advance priority policy issues in Washington, D.C. There is currently no clear resolution in sight and several D.C. insiders in fact have indicated that the shutdown will likely continue into the month of November.

TIPRO is incredibly proud to represent the Texas oil and natural gas industry and our valued members. Our dedicated team will continue to advocate on your behalf on a broad range of issues at all levels of government. If you haven't done so already, please consider registering for our energy networking event in Fort Worth on October 30th and for our next monthly luncheon in Houston. Both events will present opportunities to form new business connections with members of TIPRO and connect with other leaders and professionals in the Texas oil and gas industry. We will also be announcing details soon for TIPRO's 80th Annual Convention.

Regards,
Ed Longanecker

Sign up for the final TIPRO-HPF-IPAA luncheon of the year, with guest Mike Howard


Mike Howard

Join the Texas Independent Producers & Royalty Owners Association (TIPRO), Independent Petroleum Association of America (IPAA) and Houston Producers Forum (HPF) on Tuesday, November 18th at the final 'Leaders in Industry' luncheon of the year. The event, hosted at the Petroleum Club of Houston, will feature commentary from Howard Energy Partners (HEP) Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Mike Howard.

Howard has over 30 years of energy experience. Under his leadership, HEP has grown into a diversified, multi-billion dollar midstream energy enterprise operating across four U.S. states and Mexico. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of HEP, Atlas Energy Solutions (NYSE: AESI) and Jonah Energy LLC.

Prior to starting his company in 2011, Howard was an executive in publicly traded energy companies, including president of midstream for one of the largest pipeline companies in the U.S. Throughout his career, Howard has led high-performing teams in developing major energy infrastructure across multiple oil and gas basins.

Active in the community, Howard also serves on the Board of Trustees of the Texas A&M University-Kingsville Foundation, the San Antonio Academy, the United Way of Bexar County, Energy Corps and many other civic organizations, including being co-founder of the South Texas Recovery Foundation.

Howard is passionate about providing greater access to reliable, affordable energy to global communities in need. His work demonstrates a deep commitment to expanding energy availability as a tool for economic empowerment and addressing energy poverty.

To sign up to hear from Howard at the November 18th TIPRO-HPF-IPAA luncheon, [click here].

TIPRO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER 30, 2025	**NOVEMBER 18, 2025**	**JANUARY 20, 2026**
FORT WORTH — TIPRO Energy Networking Reception. For information, email info@tipro.org.	HOUSTON — TIPRO/HPF/IPAA "Leaders in Industry" Luncheon. For information, email info@houstonproducersforum.org.	HOUSTON — TIPRO/HPF/IPAA "Leaders in Industry" Luncheon. For information, email info@houstonproducersforum.org.

Reminder: Early voting is now underway in Texas

Early voting for the November 4th General Election is happening now statewide and will run through Friday, October 31, 2025. During early voting, Texans can vote at any polling location in their county of registration.

"Early voting is an opportunity to cast your ballot ahead of Election Day at a time and place that may be more convenient for you," said Secretary of State Jane Nelson. "Whether you decide to vote early or wait until Election Day, now is a good time to make a plan."

As a reminder, under Texas law, voters must present one of the seven approved forms of photo ID at the polls when voting in person. Here is a list of the acceptable forms of photo ID that may be presented at the polling place:

- Texas Driver License issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS
- Texas Personal Identification Card issued by DPS
- Texas Handgun License issued by DPS
- United States Military Identification Card containing the person's photograph
- United States Citizenship Certificate containing the person's photograph
- United States Passport (book or card)

Members of TIPRO can find additional election information by visiting VoteTexas.gov, the state's official online voting resource.

Governor Greg Abbott sets special election date for open state Senate District 4 seat

Texas Governor Greg Abbott in mid-October set the special election to fill the Texas Senate District 4 seat recently vacated by state Senator Brandon Creighton. Creighton resigned his position in the Texas legislature earlier in the month to become chancellor of the Texas Tech University System.

The special election for Senate District 4 will take place on Saturday, May 2, 2026, announced the governor. Early voting will begin on Monday, April 20, 2026.

Senate District 4 runs along part of the Texas Gulf Coast, spanning from Baytown east towards Port Arthur. It covers the majority of Montgomery County and a portion of east Harris County, Chambers County and Jefferson County reaching Texas' eastern border.

Whoever wins this special election for Senate District 4 will serve the remainder of Creighton's term, which ends in January 2027. Voters will separately decide next November who will fill the seat for a full four-year term running until the start of 2031.

Governor appoints new member to the Texas Energy Reliability Council

Neyma Figueroa, attorney and senior counsel for Valero Energy Corporation, has been appointed by Texas Governor Greg Abbott to the Texas Energy Reliability Council, the governor announced recently. Her term on the council will expire at the pleasure of the governor. The Texas Energy Reliability Council was established to ensure that the energy and electric industries in the state meet high-priority human needs, address critical infrastructure concerns, and enhance coordination and communication in the energy and electric industries. The council is made up of leaders from the Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC), the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT), the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC), and members of the natural gas industry.

In addition to her role with Valero Energy Corporation, Figueroa is a member of the State Bar of Texas, and The William N. Sessions American Inn of Court. Additionally, she is a volunteer with the Valero Texas Open, San Antonio Academy and First Presbyterian Church of San Antonio.

State approves a fourth Texas Energy Fund loan for a 460-MW natural gas generation facility

Calpine Corporation has secured a $278.3 million Texas Energy Fund (TEF) loan agreement for a 460 megawatt (MW) natural gas power plant being built in Freestone, Texas. It is the fourth public funding agreement to be finalized under the TEF's In-ERCOT Generation Loan Program, which provides low-interest loans for projects that add new, dispatchable power to the ERCOT region. The TEF program is administered by the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) through a competitive application process and rigorous financial review of proposed projects.

Calpine's new state-of-the-art natural gas generation facility is under construction adjacent to Calpine's Freestone Energy Center in Freestone County. The project will interconnect in the ERCOT North Load Zone, which includes the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex. The plant is estimated to begin generating power for the ERCOT power region before summer 2026. "Calpine is proud to demonstrate our commitment to Texas with our new Pin Oak Creek Energy Center in Freestone County," said Calpine Executive Vice President of Commercial Operations Caleb Stephenson. "This 460-megawatt, state-of-the-art facility is designed to start within minutes and will deliver safe, reliable power exactly when Texans need it most. We're grateful for the leadership of Governor Abbott and the Texas Legislature and for their dedication to keeping energy reliable and affordable for all Texans. Calpine is excited to keep investing in Texas to support our growing communities."

"Texans across our great state are benefiting from the reliable, affordable power that the Texas Energy Fund is helping add to the state grid, with hundreds of megawatts coming online," said Governor Abbott. "This 460 MW investment will further grow our power supply and keep prices affordable for homes and businesses in North Texas. We will ensure continued reliability for all Texans as we add more power and fortify the state grid."

"The Texas Energy Fund has now brought nearly 1,800 megawatts of new, reliable power generation to the state of Texas – and there's more on the way," said PUC Chairman Thomas Gleeson. "We are investing in the future of every region of our state and strengthening the foundation for continued electric reliability and growth.

There are currently 13 applications to the TEF In-ERCOT Generation Loan Program moving through a due diligence review process, said the governor. Together, the projects represent an additional 7,211 MW of proposed, new dispatchable generation for the ERCOT grid.

As wildfire risk increases, Texas' governor mobilizes additional state resources, issues new warning

Despite a change in seasons to what is normally a cooler, rainier time of year, dry conditions and ongoing heat continue to impact large portions of the Lone Star State, prompting Governor Greg Abbott to take action in anticipation of a growing wildfire danger across the state. On Friday, October 17, the governor said he has directed the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to mobilize additional state wildfire response resources to help with significantly increasing risk of fire potential in Texas.

"Texas is taking swift action against potential wildfire threats across our state," said Governor Abbott. "Today, I directed the Texas Division of Emergency Management to mobilize additional state wildfire response resources to assist local communities with any potential wildfire outbreaks. I strongly urge Texans to create an emergency plan, limit any activities that can cause a spark, and heed the guidance of local officials to keep yourself and your family safe."

Over the past week, more than 80 wildfires have burned more than 1,800 acres across the state, reported the governor.

At the direction of Governor Abbott, below are some of the state emergency response resources that remain available to support local wildfire response operations:

- Texas A&M Forest Service (Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System): More than 450 state, local, and out-of-state firefighters and support personnel; over 150 pieces of equipment, including fire engines, bulldozers, and motor graders; and more than 35 federally contracted firefighting aircraft, including large air tankers, super scoopers, and helicopters with firefighting capability
- Texas Division of Emergency Management: The State of Texas Incident Management Team to support deployed emergency response resources across the state
- Texas Department of Transportation: Personnel monitoring road conditions
- Texas Department of Public Safety: Texas Highway Patrol Troopers to patrol roadways and assist stranded motorists
- Public Utility Commission of Texas: Power outage monitoring and coordination with utility providers
- Railroad Commission of Texas: Monitoring of the state's natural gas supply and communication with the oil and gas industry
- Texas Commission on Environmental Quality: Air/water/wastewater monitoring

Earlier this month, the governor also renewed the state's wildfire disaster declaration, which now includes 179 counties, stating in his proclamation that increased fire weather conditions pose an imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury or loss of life in several counties. A copy of the governor's declaration can be found at this link: https://tinyurl.com/d6mdf9ec.

As a result of the governor's declaration, the Railroad Commission of Texas continues to advise oil and gas and pipeline operators to take the following actions:

- Monitor local, state and national weather reports for updates on potential fire weather impacts;
- Heed all watches, warnings, and orders issued by local emergency officials;
- Secure all personnel, equipment, and facilities to prevent injury or damage; and
- Monitor and prepare operations for potential impacts, as safety permits.

The commission also reminds operators of its 24-hour, toll-free emergency line, 844-773-0305, to report emergencies, including leaks or spills and damage to gas pipelines.

TIPRO Energy Networking Reception

1 WEEK TO GO!

Join TIPRO for an exclusive networking event in the heart of Fort Worth! Our platinum sponsor, U.S. Energy Development Corp., will host guests at their corporate headquarters, the recently renovated and historic Armour & Co. meatpacking plant located in the Fort Worth Stockyards.

With Special Guest Railroad Commission Chairman Jim Wright

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State energy regulators exceed legislative performance goals

The Railroad Commission of Texas in its last fiscal year once again surpassed annual performance targets set by the Texas legislature, state regulators from the commission recently announced. Data released from the Railroad Commission this month showed that the number of oil and gas well and facility inspections, the number of critical natural gas weatherization inspections and the number of pipeline safety inspections were all well above legislative goals during Fiscal Year 2025.

"Being able to not only meet but exceed these performance measures is a direct reflection of the commission's commitment to supporting the Legislature and serving all Texans," commented Wei Wang, executive director of the Railroad Commission. "As the state continues to lead the nation in oil and gas production, we will continue to maintain a consistent regulatory framework and protect public safety and the environment."

In its last fiscal year, which concluded at the end of August, commission staff also imaged 17,856,443 Railroad Commission records from non-digital formats, far surpassing the 3,000,000 target set by the legislature, reported the agency, as part of the commission's continuous work to build digital archives and make more records easily available to the public online.

Railroad Commission opens comment period for forms relating to Statewide Rules 26 and 27

In mid-October, the Railroad Commission of Texas opened public comment for proposed changes to the following two forms:

- Form P-17, Application for Permit Exception to Statewide Rules 26 and/or 27
- Form P-17 A, Application for Commingle Permit Pursuant to Statewide Rules 26 and/or 27

These changes, explained the commission, are being made to implement the Final Order in Oil and Gas Docket No. OG-25-00027634, the Application of BPX Operating Company (Operator No. 085408) to Consider Amending the Field Rules for the Phantom (Wolfcamp) Field, Culberson, Loving, Pecos, Reeves, Ward, and Winkler Counties, Texas, in which the commission authorized an option for an exception to 16 Texas Administrative Code §3.32 if an operator meets certain criteria involving central production facilities, as defined in the field rules. The requirement to use Forms P-17 or P-17A is specified in Field Rule No. 9 of that Final Order.

According to the commission, Section 5 of each form adds a selection box in which an operator may select to affirm that "Proposed commingling will occur at a Central Production Facility for which Operator is making a Flaring Intensity Election. (Additional enforcement requirements are specified; see instructions)."

The proposed revisions to Forms P-17 and P-17A also include concurring changes to the instructions for both forms, advised the Railroad Commission. Proposed revisions also include several additional changes to the form instructions that would improve the clarity and usability of the forms.

The proposed revised forms will be available for public comment until 5 p.m. on November 14, 2025.

The forms and comment submission options can be found on the Railroad Commission's website under Oil & Gas Forms by going to https://www.rrc.texas.gov/forms/proposed-form-amendments/.

After the public comment period ends, Oil & Gas Division staff will review the comments and make any necessary changes if needed. Staff will then present the forms to the Railroad commissioners at an open meeting and request adoption.

Senate Democrats fail at attempt to end Trump's 'energy emergency' executive order

Senate Democrats earlier this month made another pass at overturning President Donald Trump's energy emergency declaration. Legislation, led by U.S. Senators Tim Kaine (D-Virginia) and Martin Heinrich (D-New Mexico), that sought to terminate the president's energy declaration was blocked by Senate Republicans, who also defeated similar legislation from passage in February. With oil and gas production already high when President Trump took office at the onset of his second presidency, Senate Democrats argued the energy emergency declaration by the president was a "sham" designed to allow the administration to "bypass environmental regulations to build energy projects of his preference." In floor debate ahead of the vote on the bill to terminate the emergency declaration, Senator Kaine asked, "where's the emergency?" Still, not a single Republican agreed to support the legislation, which failed to pass with a vote of 47-51.

U.S. Senator Mike Lee (R-Utah), chairman of the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, meanwhile condemned the effort by Democratic lawmakers hoping to end President Trump's national energy emergency order. "Democrats are yet again bringing forth a measure to denounce President Trump for declaring an energy emergency. It is a gesture so unserious it would be comic if it weren't dangerous," remarked Chairman Lee. "At the very moment when the world is entering an energy race that will decide who commands the engines of artificial intelligence, who manufactures the tools of war, and who feeds and defends their people, Democrats have instead chosen to strike a pose. They are congratulating themselves for denying the existence of the fire while standing in the smoke and holding the matches."

Citing inadequate domestic energy production as a national security and economic threat, on his first day in office, President Trump issued Executive Order ("EO") 14156 declaring a national energy emergency under the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. § 1601 et seq.). This directive from the president permitted federal agencies to invoke emergency powers to expedite regulatory approvals and accelerate energy infrastructure development and domestic fossil fuel production.

Resolution filed on Capitol Hill celebrating American energy producers

U.S. Senators Ted Cruz (R-Texas), Cynthia Lummis (R-WY), Bill Cassidy, M.D. (R-LA) and a group of Republican colleagues this month introduced a resolution designating October 4, 2025, as National Energy Appreciation Day to celebrate energy workers who power the United States and build awareness of the important role that U.S. energy producers play in reducing poverty, strengthening national security, and improving the quality of life for people around the world. "Energy and prosperity are inseparable, and America's energy producers drive the growth and strength of our nation," said Senator Cruz. "The American oil and gas industry, led by Texas producers, is the backbone of our economy and supports millions of hardworking families."

TIPRO members can read the full bill text here.

Trump's Energy Department is buying 1 million barrels of oil to add to America's reserves

Officials with the U.S. Energy Department said on Tuesday the Trump Administration is working to purchase one million barrels of crude oil for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR). The SPR solicitation is in accordance with the Working Families Tax Cut, signed into law by President Trump earlier this year, which appropriated $171 million to begin refilling the SPR, which was significantly depleted under the former administration when record amounts of oil were sold following Russia's invasion of Ukraine in 2022. The oil reserve, which has capacity to store 700 million barrels of oil when full, is currently holding approximately 409 million barrels.

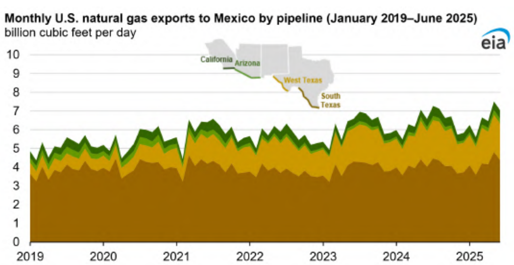
“After the previous administration recklessly drained the SPR for political purposes, President Trump promised to refill and manage this national security asset more responsibly,” said U.S. Secretary of Energy Chris Wright. “Thanks to the president and Congress, we are able to begin the process of refilling the SPR. While this process won’t be complete overnight, these actions are an important step in strengthening our energy security and reversing the costly and irresponsible energy policies of the last administration.”

According to the Energy Department, the solicitation invites bids for an initial purchase of one million barrels of oil through a spot-price-indexed contract, with deliveries scheduled for December 2025 and January 2026. Eligible bidders must be U.S. companies or U.S. subsidiaries of international companies, with oil sourced domestically, the Energy Department also detailed in its solicitation.

Oil that is bought by the Energy Department will be delivered to the SPR's Bryan Mound site, located in Brazoria County, Texas, approximately three miles southwest of Freeport, Texas. This is the largest SPR site that can hold as much as 220 million barrels of crude oil in its underground caverns.

U.S. natural gas exports to Mexico reach record high month, with large jump in exports from Texas

Exports of natural gas from the United States to Mexico have topped record amounts, the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) reported this week. In May, U.S. natural gas pipeline exports to Mexico averaged 7.5 billion cubic feet per day (Bcf/d), said the EIA, the most of any month on record as Mexico’s demand for natural gas, particularly in the electric power sector, surges. On an annual basis, U.S. natural gas pipeline exports to Mexico averaged 6.4 Bcf/d in 2024, a 25 percent increase compared with 2019 and the highest on record in data going back as early as 1975, according to EIA data.



Much of the natural gas sent to Mexico is exported through the state of Texas. Last year, pipeline exports from West and South Texas collectively accounted for 91 percent of U.S. natural gas pipeline exports to Mexico. As more pipelines and additional natural gas infrastructure is built in both Mexico as well as the United States, larger volumes of natural gas will be able to be exported and sold to America's neighboring country.

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TIPRO also notes tax contributions by the state's oil and natural gas industry remain high in spite of shifting industry and market conditions. According to recent data from the Texas comptroller's office, in September, Texas energy producers paid $444 million in oil production taxes and $224 million in natural gas production taxes. Oil and gas tax revenue helps to provide essential funding for programs that benefit all Texans, including public education, state roads and highways, first responders and other important public services.

Moreover, TIPRO spotlights additional data confirming record-high oil and natural gas production in Texas and across the U.S. this summer. U.S. crude oil production in July grew to 13.64 million barrels per day (bpd), according to new figures released by the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA). This is up from June, when U.S. oil production totaled 13.5 million bpd. In Texas, the nation's top oil and gas producing state, oil output also increased in July, rising to 5.8 million bpd, said the EIA. Gross natural gas production in the U.S. Lower 48 states hit a record 121.62 billion cubic feet per day (bcf/d) in July, up from 120.57 bcf/d in June, the EIA also reported. In Texas, monthly natural gas output in July jumped by 1.4 percent to reach an all-time high of 37.35 bcf/d.

Projections for West Texas Intermediate (WTI) in late 2025 paint a mixed picture, adds TIPRO. The EIA anticipates an annual average of roughly $65 per barrel, but a fourth-quarter dip toward $61–$63 is likely as OPEC+ ramps up and U.S. output holds firm at 13.5 million barrels per day. Optimistic outlooks suggest a potential rebound to $64 by November, driven by seasonal demand or unexpected supply disruptions. However, more cautious forecasts warn of a slide to $54 by year-end. The Permian Basin, powering nearly half of U.S. oil production, remains a linchpin, but low prices challenge profitability, prompting efficiency drives and workforce adjustments.

TIPRO continues to track the supply and demand trends that are impacting American producers. As the federal government shutdown threatens our nation’s stability, the organization continues to call on the United States Senate to pass a clean Continuing Resolution (CR) to reopen the government and protect America’s energy security. This is not merely a fiscal impasse, it’s a direct challenge to our nation’s ability to produce affordable, reliable energy. TIPRO emphasizes that Texas, the heart of American energy production, stands ready to continue powering the nation, but a prolonged shutdown risks undermining the broader energy ecosystem that is critical to our country’s strength and global standing.

“We appreciate the executive action taken by President Trump to insulate some aspects of our industry from the government shutdown, but the collective, long-term impact on national energy security cannot be ignored," said Ed Longanecker, president of TIPRO. "Texas continues to lead the way in domestic oil and gas production, keeping inflation in check, powering American manufacturing, and supplying allies from Europe to Asia with liquefied natural gas (LNG). A prolonged shutdown threatens to stall progress, opening the door for foreign competitors and undermining the energy dominance built through American ingenuity and Texas resolve. Texas producers will keep working, but they need a fully functioning government to ensure their efforts translate into stable markets and robust energy security for the nation. We urge every U.S. senator to act swiftly and pass a clean CR to fund the government without delay or harmful riders. Let’s protect America’s energy security, support the Texas workers who power our nation, and maintain our position as the world’s energy leader. The stakes are too high for politics to stand in the way.”

Texas Independent Producers & Royalty Owners Association

With nearly 3,000 members, TIPRO is the nation's largest statewide association representing both independent producers and royalty owners. Our members include small family-owned companies, the largest publicly traded independents and large and small mineral estates and trusts.

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