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Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association

TIPRO unveils first line-up of speakers for 80th anniversary annual convention

Members of the Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association (TIPRO), industry leaders and senior energy experts will convene in Houston, the energy capital of the world, this March for TIPRO's Annual Convention and 80th Anniversary Celebration. The conference, scheduled to take place March 30-31, 2026, at Hotel ZaZa in the Houston Museum District, will celebrate TIPRO's 80 years of dedicated service to the Texas oil and natural gas industry, while giving attendees an opportunity to learn the latest about industry policies and priorities, understand dynamics shaping oil and gas markets and join discussions on the future of the Texas energy sector.

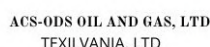
TIPRO has released the first confirmed speaker list, which includes executives from leading independent oil and gas companies, as well as veteran energy analysts:

- Scott Sheffield, former CEO and founder, Pioneer Natural Resources
- Bryan Sheffield, founder and managing partner, Formentera Partners
- Bruce Niemeyer, president, shale and tight, Chevron
- Jason Cansler, president and CEO, Birch Resources
- Danny Wesson, executive vice president and chief operating officer, Diamondback Energy
- Marshall Adkins, senior managing director and head of energy investment banking, Raymond James
- Jeff Bellman, managing director, natural gas, LNG & power, Daniel Energy Partners
- James Wicklund, managing director, PPHB
- Scott Tinker, chairman, Tinker Energy Associates

TIPRO will also be announcing additional speakers in the coming weeks.

In addition to insightful presentations by TIPRO's speakers, there will also be multiple networking breaks and receptions throughout the event to allow professionals to make industry connections and form new business relationships.

Special thanks to all of TIPRO's event sponsors for their support of the TIPRO Convention, including our Gold sponsors: Apache Corporation, Chevron, Coterra, Diamondback Energy, Enverus, ExxonMobil, FBFK Law, Oxy and Waste Management.



It is not too late to sign up to sponsor TIPRO's Annual Convention or become an event exhibitor. To learn about available sponsor or exhibit packages, please [click here](#).

After signing up for the event, don't forget to also [reserve your hotel stay](#) at [Hotel ZaZa Houston Museum District](#) for TIPRO's 80th Anniversary Annual Convention. TIPRO looks forward to holding our milestone convention at Hotel ZaZa, a boutique hotel that occupies a historic building originally constructed in 1926 as the Warwick Hotel, a landmark debuting during Houston's oil boom and a time of rapid urban growth for the city of Houston. Hotel ZaZa today enjoys a prime location that is across from the entrance to Hermann Park and near 19 world-class institutions.

Reserve your room at the exclusive TIPRO group rate of \$249 per night before the deadline date, March 2, to guarantee your accommodations for TIPRO's meeting. For those traveling who may want to enjoy visiting Houston for a longer period of time, please note the hotel has extended the discounted group rate for TIPRO's guests for two days prior and two days after the TIPRO meeting. Please reserve your dates for Monday, March 30th and Tuesday, March 31st with any other days to allow for your extra time while ensuring you are on site for the key events in conjunction with TIPRO's convention.

Sign up for the TIPRO Convention using the registration form on Page 7 or online at tipro.org/annual-convention/!

A message from TIPRO's President

Dear TIPRO Members,

This week, we hosted nearly 240 attendees for our joint monthly luncheon in Houston with our exceptional guest speaker, [Jordan Jayson](#), chairman and CEO of [U.S. Energy Development Corporation](#). In addition to Jordan's focus on the growth, success and evolution of his company, we sincerely appreciate his kind words regarding TIPRO and our effective representation on policy matters of consequence to his business and our industry.

During my opening remarks for the luncheon, I highlighted that the Texas House and Senate are beginning to formulate interim legislative charges for 2026. In the Texas Legislature, interim charges are formal assignments given to legislative committees to study specific issues between regular legislative sessions and prepare recommendations for the next session. House Speaker Dustin Burrows issued a formal request for potential interim charge recommendations to be submitted to his office by Monday, February 9. Meanwhile, sources in the Texas Senate have indicated that Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick wants interim charge recommendations submitted by Friday, February 20. If there are any legislative issues that you or your company believe the legislature should study over the 89th Legislative Interim, please send potential interim charge recommendations to rpaylor@tipro.org so that TIPRO can discuss this with the appropriate committee chairmen.

Bill filing for the 90th Legislative Session begins the first Monday after the general election preceding the session and continues unrestricted through the first 60 calendar days of session. Monday, November 9, 2026, is the first day legislators and legislators-elect may file bills for the 90th Legislature. Tuesday, January 12, 2027, will be the first day of 90th Regular Legislative Session, which convenes at noon. Saturday, March 13, 2027, is expected to be the last day for legislative members of the 90th Session to file bills. If members would like to engage in this process, I encourage you to sign up for TIPRO's State Issues Committee email distribution list.

As I also spoke about this week, TIPRO has remained active on a number of policy issues at the state and [federal level](#) in recent months, including the implementation of legislation passed during the 89th Legislative Session. This includes House Bill 500, which appropriated nearly \$7.7 million to the Texas Railroad Commission to develop a produced water and injection data reporting system, which will likely include new requirements for industry. TIPRO recently participated in another meeting with the Railroad Commission to address questions, concerns and the appropriate path forward on this initiative. Members can find additional information in our recent TIPRO Week in Review [here](#).

On January 29, TIPRO's Inactive Well Task Force will also meet to begin developing recommendations and our strategy for the upcoming rulemaking related to [Senate Bill 1150](#), which will expedite the plugging of inactive wells that meet certain criteria. Senate Bill 1150, effective September 1, 2025, grants the Railroad Commission explicit rulemaking authority under amended Sections 89.023 and 89.032 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, with a deadline to adopt rules by December 2026 and an effective date for the new requirements of September 1, 2027. This provides a two-year window for development, allowing for stakeholder input to refine implementation. TIPRO has been providing regular updates and analysis regarding the rulemaking in TIPRO's Week in Review. If you are not receiving this communication, I highly recommend that you sign up, in addition to receiving our bi-weekly TIPRO Target newsletter. Please email Ryan Paylor if a representative from your company would like to participate in the task force and we will share additional details.

Finally, as I emphasized in my speech, this year marks an important milestone for TIPRO with our 80th anniversary and upcoming [Annual Convention](#) in Houston on March 30-31. We have an exceptional line-up of guest speakers already confirmed and will be announcing additional speakers in the coming weeks. If you haven't done so already, please make sure to [register](#) and consider [sponsoring](#). In addition to supporting TIPRO's ongoing mission and the cost of offering quality events, convention sponsors receive a variety of benefits, outlined [here](#). Thank you for your ongoing support and involvement.

Register for next month's TIPRO-HPF-IPAA joint luncheon!

[Diversified Energy](#) co-founder and chief executive officer Rusty Hutson Jr. will be the featured presenter at next month's 'Leaders in Industry' luncheon, hosted by the Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association (TIPRO), Houston Producers Forum (HPF) and Independent Petroleum Association of America (IPAA). The joint luncheon is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, February 17, at the Petroleum Club of Houston.

Hutson is the fourth generation in the Hutson family to immerse himself in the oil and gas industry, with family roots dating back to the early 1900s. He spent many summers of his youth working with his father in the oil fields of West Virginia. The first in his family to pursue higher education, Hutson graduated from Fairmont State University (WV) with a degree in accounting. After college, Hutson spent 13 years steadily progressing into multiple leadership roles within the banking industry at well-known institutions such as Bank One and Compass Bank, prior to concluding his time within banking as CFO of Compass Financial Services. Building upon his experiences in the oil and gas industry and the financial services sector, Hutson established Diversified Energy in 2001 as a cash flow model supported by mature, predictable long-life assets. After years of refining this strategy, Hutson and his team quietly took the company public in 2017. Since going public, DEC has acquired approximately \$2.7 billion in upstream and midstream assets with net daily production of approximately 150,000 barrels of oil equivalency. Since its public debut, the rapid growth of DEC's asset portfolio led to a move up to the premium listing on the London Exchange and a FTSE250 inclusion. Hutson continues to lead his team and expand the company's footprint throughout the U.S. while remaining focused on operational excellence, financial discipline and shareholder value.

[Click here](#) to sign up to hear from Hutson at the February 17th TIPRO-HPF-IPAA luncheon.



Ed Longanecker

TIPRO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<p>FEBRUARY 2-4, 2026 HOUSTON — Argus Americas Crude Summit. For information, visit https://tinyurl.com/mtusutxu.</p>	<p>FEBRUARY 17, 2026 HOUSTON — TIPRO/HPF/IPAA "Leaders in Industry" Luncheon. For information, email info@houstonproducersforum.org.</p>	<p>FEBRUARY 18-20, 2026 HOUSTON — 2026 NAPE Summit. For information, email info@NAPEexpo.com.</p>
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Ahead of potential winter weather event, Railroad Commission issues notice to operators

With forecasts of a significant winter weather event in Texas beginning Friday, January 23rd and continuing through the weekend, the Railroad Commission of Texas this week issued a [notice](#) to the state's oil and gas and pipeline operators advising all operators under the commission's jurisdiction in areas of potential impact to take the following actions:

- Monitor local, state and national weather reports for updates on potential severe 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 reminds operators that it maintains a 24-hour, toll-free emergency line, 844-773-0305, to report emergencies, including leaks or spills and damage to gas pipelines.

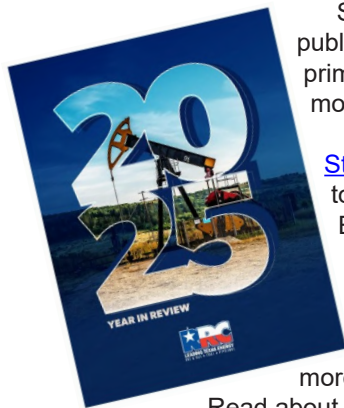
In addition, state regulators also are encouraging all operators to diligently monitor road conditions during the weather event. Operators can find winter weather information including road conditions, TxDOT live traffic cameras, and weather advisories and warnings at <https://www.rrc.texas.gov/weather>.

As earlier reported by TIPRO in the [January 8th edition of the TIPRO Target newsletter](#), the Railroad Commission recently reported on agency actions that have been taken to ensure winter weather readiness. The commission said that its Critical Infrastructure Division (CID) conducted more than 7,400 inspections of natural gas facilities for weatherization preparedness in FY25 and has already begun work on the FY26 Extreme Cold Inspection Schedule. For the new fiscal year, CID has inspected 100 percent of Tier One facilities, which are critical components of gas supply. Tier One facilities are oil and gas leases that produce more than 5 million cubic feet of gas daily, gas processing plants, underground gas storage facilities and natural gas pipelines that directly connect to electricity generation plants.

To further strengthen preparedness, CID also has hosted a tabletop exercise with state operators to offer guidance on inspection readiness, emergency management practices and weather-related resources to ensure operators have the tools and knowledge needed for the winter months.

Additionally, as of November 30, 2025, the Railroad Commission reported approximately 524.9 billion cubic feet of working gas in underground natural gas storage, which is the highest monthly total recorded in more than 25 years of tracking volumes, providing a critical reserve that can be drawn upon during severe weather emergencies.

Railroad Commission looks back at 2025 achievements in new "year in review" publication



State energy regulators at the Railroad Commission of Texas recently published the agency's "Year in Review" publication, highlighting numerous accomplishments for the commission in 2025, from receiving Class VI well primacy from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to increasing transparency and giving the public more ways to engage through the commission's new remote Listening Sessions program.

One of the most notable highlights at the Railroad Commission last year was the establishment of the [State Taskforce on Petroleum Theft](#) (STOPTHEFT), created in [Senate Bill 494](#), passed by the 89th Legislature, to study and make recommendations on preventing the theft of petroleum products in the state. TIPRO President Ed Longanecker was selected to join the panel, alongside key representatives of state, federal and local law enforcement and the energy industry, to work on solutions to tackle oilfield theft in the state of Texas.

Also, inside its "Year in Review," the commission covers other noteworthy milestones, like the launch of the commission's 'Texas Energy on Track' podcast, landmark funding allocated by the state legislature to support progress in regulatory oversight and environmental protection at the commission and much

more.

Read about the Railroad Commission's work and success in 2025 by viewing its "Year in Review" report [here](#).

Comptroller unveils new statewide dashboard offering business leaders more economic data

Earlier this month, acting state Comptroller Kelly Hancock announced the launch of a new economic resource that brings Texas' key economic indicators together under a single, easy-to-navigate portal. The TexStats Statewide Economic Dashboard, managed by the comptroller's office, is a new interactive tool designed to provide Texans with data and a clear view of the state's economic performance. According to the comptroller, the dashboard will supplement businesses, policymakers and communities with reliable data to support informed decision-making and long-term economic development planning.

Of note, the new dashboard offers timely information on economic conditions relevant to the energy industry, including oil and natural gas rig counts, production and prices. The dashboard also shares a high-level view of Texas' other economic indicators, such as:

- Gross state product
- Employment and workforce trends
- Housing market indicators
- Inflation measures

"Texas' economic strength shows up in real numbers — jobs, growth, production and opportunity," Hancock said. "The TexStats dashboards bring that information together in one place so Texans can better understand where the state stands and where it's headed."

Additional interactive features for the economic dashboard, including expanded data filtering and download capabilities, are under development and are expected to be available to users by mid-February.

To view the Texas comptroller's new TexStats Statewide Economic Dashboard, [click here](#).

EPA announces proposed changes to Clean Water Act Section 401 to streamline permitting

A new rulemaking from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) calls for updates to the Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 401 that return the water policy to its proper statutory purpose of protecting water quality while maximizing permitting efficiency and eliminating unwarranted delays that have stifled economic growth. EPA regulators said last week that the agency is also working on reforms that would ensure that states and tribes are no longer able to use Section 401 to shut down projects for reasons that fall outside of the CWA's statutory requirements.

"Today's proposal restores the CWA to its intended purpose, protecting America's water quality and ending the weaponization of the law that has been obstructing infrastructure and energy projects vital to our nation's economy," commented EPA Administrator Lee Zeldin. "By returning Section 401 to its clear statutory boundaries, we're strengthening the role of state and tribal partners while ensuring environmental protections are implemented lawfully, efficiently, and consistent with congressional intent."

"The EPA's new rule aligns with my longstanding legislative efforts to update the Section 401 certification process to streamline infrastructure development. The EPA's update reverses costly Biden-era policies that allowed states to weaponize Section 401 to block infrastructure projects for reasons unrelated to water quality. I commend Administrator Zeldin's work to expedite critical infrastructure development and help America build faster," said Senate Environment and Public Works Committee Chair Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV).

House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Sam Graves (R-MO-06) also said he backed the EPA's moves to revise existing Section 401 water quality certification regulations. "I commend Administrator Zeldin for bringing common sense back to the Clean Water Act section 401 process and ensuring the act's focus is on clean water – not on weaponizing it to block infrastructure projects for reasons that have nothing to do with clean water," he stated. "The Transportation and Infrastructure Committee is pursuing this same goal through the PERMIT Act, which we passed out of the House in December, and I look forward to both the rule and the PERMIT Act moving forward," he added.

EPA has opened a 30-day public comment period for this proposed rulemaking that will end February 17, 2026. Stakeholders may submit comments online at www.regulations.gov for Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2025-2929. The agency said it will quickly review comments received as it works to develop a final rule in the spring of 2026.

The EPA is also planning to host a public meeting on this rulemaking consisting of two identical sessions on Wednesday, January 28. The public meeting sessions will be hosted virtually by EPA using the Zoom platform. Any stakeholders interested in attending the public meeting must register in advance using the links provided below:

- [Session #1 - 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM EST](#)
- [Session #2 - 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM EST](#)

For more on the EPA's CWA 401 proposal, visit www.epa.gov/cwa-401.

Republican senators express support for revised WOTUS definition

As the Trump Administration [pursues changes](#) to the government's definition of "waters of the United States" (WOTUS), all ten GOP members sitting on the U.S. Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee spoke out in favor of the new WOTUS rule proposed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Army Corps of Engineers (Army Corps). In a letter to both agencies, the Republican lawmakers said the proposed WOTUS definition would finally provide regulated entities including energy producers, farmers and builders with a durable framework that establishes clear and predictable rules for when and where they are subject to the requirements of the Clean Water Act (CWA) as well as implement achievable regulations to comply with WOTUS requirements.

"We applaud the proposal to revise the definition of 'waters of the United States' (WOTUS) issued by the EPA and Army Corps. The agencies' proposed rule would establish a clearer definition of jurisdictional waters subject to the CWA that complies with the legal boundaries articulated by the Supreme Court, right-size federal and state jurisdiction over waters consistent with the CWA, and protect our nation's waters. We appreciate the agencies' work during the development and consideration of the proposed rule to create meaningful opportunities for broad public input," EPW Republican members stated in the letter.

"The agencies' proposed rule faithfully adheres to the text of the CWA and the Sackett decision, a critical attribute that will ensure that the rule is legally durable. As the agencies review public comments, we encourage the EPA and Army Corps to consider these comments and incorporate feedback to further improve the rule. We urge the agencies to finalize a rule that, like the proposal, provides regulatory certainty, supports cooperative federalism, and follows the statutory text and the Supreme Court's ruling. We look forward to the publication of the final WOTUS rule in the coming months," the letter concluded.

TIPRO members can review the full letter by [clicking here](#).

Energy Dept. highlights oil and gas production achievements under Trump Administration

On the one-year anniversary of President Trump's return to office, the U.S. Department of Energy [reflected](#) on what it calls "an unprecedented era of energy dominance" for the United States, resulting in record energy production. Achievements being celebrated by the Trump Administration include:

- Never before in America's history has the U.S. been more energy dominant: America leads the world in oil and natural gas production, producing at all-time records.
- U.S. crude oil production set an all-time high record of output at 13.6 million b/d in 2025—a trend that is expected to continue in 2026.
- The U.S. now produces as much natural gas as Russia, Iran and China combined at 108 billion cubic feet per day.
- On Day One of his second term, President Trump directed the Energy Department to end the Biden LNG export ban. Since restrictions on LNG were reversed last January, U.S. LNG exports are increasing at a record pace. Over the past year, the Energy Department has approved more LNG export capacity than the volume exported today by the world's second-largest LNG exporter.
- With the passage of the Working Families Tax Cut last year, the Energy Department is refilling and repairing the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR).

Learn more [here](#).

More oil and gas lease sales, permitting improvement shape 2025 BLM accomplishments

Last year, under President Donald Trump's historic second term, the U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management (BLM) pivoted toward an "American Energy Dominance" policy agenda, prioritizing fossil fuel production, expanding access to natural resources and pursuing deregulation efforts. Below see a snapshot of what the Trump Administration's BLM accomplished in 2025:

- Accelerated Permitting: The BLM approved 6,027 new oil and gas permits, marking a 63.7 percent increase in Federal and Indian drilling permit approvals compared to the same period in the previous administration. This represents the highest number of approved Applications for Permits to Drill (APDs) in 15 years.
- Expanded Leasing: The bureau held 22 lease sales, generating over \$356.6 million in revenue. By comparison, President Biden held no oil and gas lease sales during 2021, his first year in office.
- Regulatory Streamlining: To reduce "red tape," the BLM ended Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) requirements for approximately 3,224 leases across 3.5 million acres. It also updated rules for commingling production and simplified the overall leasing process.
- Infrastructure & Policy: The administration ended preferential treatment for wind and solar, refocusing resources on traditional energy. It also approved several critical natural gas pipelines in Nevada, Utah, and Montana to support increased delivery capacity.

TIPRO members can learn more by [clicking here](#).

House subcommittee holds legislative hearing on protecting America's energy infrastructure

Members of the U.S. House Subcommittee on Energy met last week on Capitol Hill to discuss legislation focused on strengthening the nation's energy infrastructure from cyber and physical threats, a growing source of concern as America faces an evolving landscape of threats to its critical infrastructure, from sophisticated nation states like Russia, China, Iran and North Korea to ideologically or criminally driven "hacktivist" campaigns. "Safeguarding our nation's energy infrastructure is vital to providing affordable and reliable power while protecting American communities," said Congressman Brett Guthrie (KY-02), chairman of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, and Congressman Bob Latta (OH-05), chairman of the Subcommittee on Energy. "Right now, the energy infrastructure in the United States faces numerous cyber and physical threats from sophisticated nation-state actors as well as criminals or ideologically driven hackers. To confront these issues, our committee will hold a legislative hearing to discuss solutions for our energy infrastructure that would help to strengthen collaboration between the government and the private sector, detect cybersecurity threats, and increase physical security."

At the hearing, the subcommittee reviewed five key pieces of legislation aimed at strengthening national energy resilience:

- Energy Threat Analysis Center Act of 2026: Reauthorizes a public-private partnership through 2031 to analyze emerging threats.
- Energy Emergency Leadership Act: Amends the Department of Energy (DOE) Organization Act to assign energy security and emergency response functions to an Assistant Secretary.
- Rural and Municipal Utility Cybersecurity Act: Extends technical and financial assistance for small and rural utilities to harden systems against cyberattacks.
- SECURE Grid Act: Updates State Energy Security Plans to include local distribution, supply chain, and weather-related risks.
- Pipeline Cybersecurity Preparedness Act: Coordinates federal and industry efforts to ensure the survivability of natural gas and hazardous liquid pipelines without creating new regulatory authority.

The hearing featured testimony from the DOE and representatives from the electric utility and research sectors.



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EIA projects lower natural gas prices in 2026

Experts from the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) said in a new outlook that natural gas producers should anticipate a relatively stable 2026 for natural gas prices followed by a much tighter market in 2027, which will lead to a significant natural gas price spike in 2027. According to the EIA, the benchmark Henry Hub price likely will average just under \$3.50 per million British thermal units (MMBtu) this year, before jumping to \$4.60/MMBtu in 2027.

The pricing forecast for this year takes into account annual supply growth (+1.1 Bcf/d) that is expected to keep pace with increasing demand (+0.6 Bcf/d). However, by next year, prices are projected to rise by as much as 33 percent, driven by a supply deficit, as demand growth is expected to outpace supply growth, which will put upward pressure on natural gas prices.

Another one of the drivers for the 2027 price increase is massive expansion of U.S. LNG export capacity. Three major LNG export facilities—Plaquemines LNG, Corpus Christi Stage 3, and Golden Pass LNG—are expected to ramp up to full operations, increasing LNG exports by 1.7 Bcf/d in 2027.

The convergence of new export infrastructure and tightening storage suggests that the "glut" seen in previous years is ending, creating a more favorable price environment for natural gas prices leading into 2027.

New USGS assessment discovers 1.6 billion barrels of oil and 28.3 Tcf of gas in the Permian

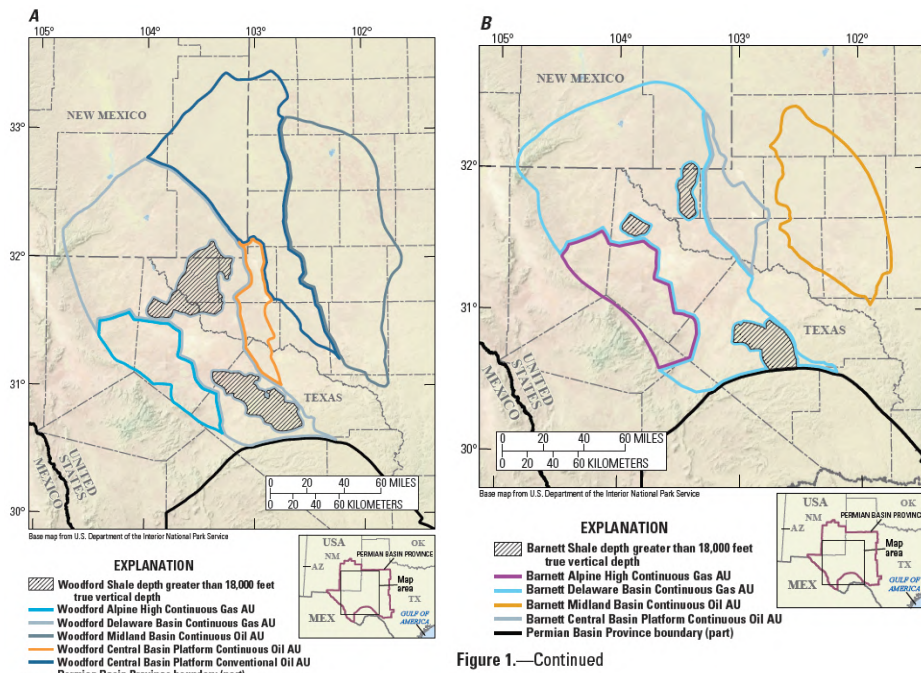


Figure 1. Maps showing the locations of (A) four continuous and one conventional assessment units (AUs) in the Woodford Shale and (B) four continuous AUs in the Barnett Shale of the Permian Basin Province.

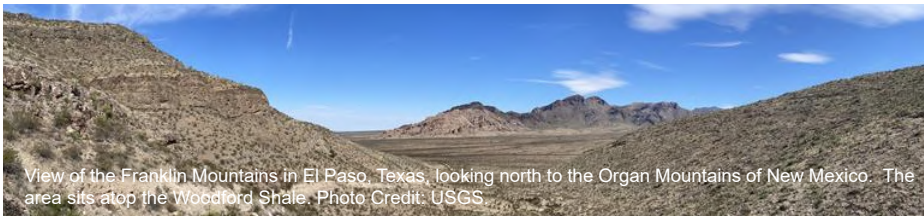


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A recently published U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) assessment has found technically recoverable resources of 1.6 billion barrels of oil and 28.3 trillion cubic feet of gas in the Woodford and Barnett Shales of the Permian Basin province, located in Texas and New Mexico. The discovery could supply the U.S. with enough natural gas to last for 10 months at the current rate of consumption and oil for approximately 10 weeks, noted the USGS.

“The U.S. economy and our way of life depend on energy, and USGS oil and gas assessments point to resources that industry hasn’t discovered yet. In this case, we have assessed there are significant undiscovered resources in the Woodford and Barnett shales in the Permian Basin,” said Ned Mamula, director of the USGS.

The organic-rich shales of the Woodford and Barnett occur up to 20,000 feet below the surface, at greater depths than other resources in the Permian, explained the USGS.

Advances in unconventional production, including hydraulic fracturing and horizontal drilling, now make it possible to produce energy resources from previously inaccessible and technically challenging formations, such as the Woodford and Barnett, opening opportunities for producers to tap into newfound reserves.

According to USGS, since production began in the late 1990s, the Woodford and Barnett shales have produced 26 million barrels of oil.

Members of TIPRO can view the USGS fact sheet on the newly released Woodford and Barnett Shales Oil and Gas Assessment [here](#).

The Texas primary elections are coming up -- voter registration deadline is Feb. 2nd

The 2026 Texas primary elections will take place this year on Tuesday, March 3. The primaries will allow Texas voters to choose which candidates they want to represent their party in the November general election, when voters in Texas will elect leaders for the following positions:

- United States Senator
- All 38 United States Representatives
- Governor
- Lieutenant Governor
- Attorney General
- Railroad Commissioner
- Comptroller of Public Accounts
- Commissioner of General Land Office
- 16 State Senators
- All 150 State Representatives

TIPRO members are reminded to mark your calendars for the following key election dates:

- Voter Registration Deadline: Feb. 2
- Early Voting: Feb. 17–27
- Election Day: March 3

To find more voter information leading up to the 2026 primary elections, visit www.votetexas.gov/.

Trump Administration sues two California cities over natural gas bans

The Justice Department this month announced a lawsuit has been filed by the Trump Administration against two California cities over their ordinances banning natural gas infrastructure and appliances in new construction. As detailed in the legal filing, the City of Morgan Hill’s and the City of Petaluma’s natural gas bans drive up energy costs for consumers and weaken American energy dominance.

“These natural gas bans hurt American families and are outright illegal” said Attorney General Pamela Bondi. “Alongside the Department of Energy, the Department of Justice is working around the clock to end radical environmentalist policies, restore common sense, and unleash American energy.”

TIPRO members can read the full legal complaint against the cities [here](#).



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