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## Venezuela's regime change: TIPRO's measured assessment of impacts on Texas oil and gas

On January 3, 2026, U.S. forces conducted a military operation in Venezuela that resulted in the removal of President Nicolás Maduro from power. Maduro is now facing charges in the United States, and a transitional government has been announced. Venezuela holds the world's largest proven oil reserves, yet its oil industry, developed in part with U.S. involvement in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, has experienced a prolonged decline as state control expanded and private investment diminished. Production peaked at more than 3 million barrels per day in the 1970s and has since fallen to less than 1 million barrels per day.

Following these developments, President Trump [announced](#) that Venezuela would sell between 30 million and 50 million barrels of crude oil to the United States at prevailing market prices. Markets responded quickly, with U.S. energy equities moving higher as investors assessed the potential for increased supply flowing to American refiners and the possibility for U.S. companies to reestablish a presence in Venezuela's oil sector. Crude prices softened modestly as traders considered whether additional Venezuelan barrels could ease near-term supply pressures, particularly for Gulf Coast refineries that are well equipped to process heavier grades of crude. While logistical and infrastructure constraints may limit the immediate impact on global balances, the announcement signaled a shift in how Venezuelan oil could reenter international markets.

President Trump has also expressed support for a broader transition process and encouraged American companies to assist in restoring Venezuela's oil industry. This could present opportunities for Texas-based operators with technical expertise in heavy oil production and refining. Any renewed activity could support jobs for Texas engineers, project managers, and service providers, while increasing demand for equipment and services moving through Gulf Coast terminals. Texas refineries designed to handle heavy crude could benefit from access to additional suitable feedstock, supporting utilization rates and operational efficiency.

The timeline for any substantial impact remains uncertain. Restoring production to meaningful levels would require billions of dollars in investment across Venezuela's oil sector, including rehabilitation of pipelines, wells, and processing facilities, as well as the rebuilding of a skilled workforce that has largely dispersed. Even under favorable conditions, production gains would likely be incremental, potentially amounting to a few hundred thousand barrels per day over several years. The upcoming meeting between Energy Secretary Chris Wright and senior oil and gas executives is expected to focus on infrastructure rehabilitation, investment protections, and potential pathways for restoring production capacity.

Political and operational risks also remain significant for Texas operators considering involvement in Venezuela. The transition period may involve continued instability, including internal disputes or localized resistance, which could delay agreements and on-the-ground activity. While renewed engagement may offer opportunities over the longer term, any Venezuelan-related activity would require careful assessment and disciplined implementation by U.S. operators.

The Texas oil and natural gas sector remains central to meeting U.S. energy demand. The state is home to some of the most technologically advanced and environmentally efficient energy systems in the world, supported by extensive infrastructure and continuous innovation. These advantages position Texas energy as the most stable foundation for U.S. energy security and economic growth, regardless of shifting international market dynamics.

"Venezuela holds the world's largest proven oil reserves, yet its oil industry, developed in part with U.S. involvement in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, has experienced a prolonged decline as state control expanded and private investment diminished. However, events in recent days have signaled potential change for the country's oil and gas industry. While the timeline for any substantial impact remains uncertain, Texas and Gulf Coast operators stand to benefit from any increase in activity in Venezuela," said Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association (TIPRO) President Ed Longanecker. "The region's refineries, ports, and midstream infrastructure are well positioned to handle heavier crude grades, which could support refinery utilization, related service activity, and additional jobs along the Gulf Coast."

"While the recent developments in Venezuela may shape longer-term international considerations for U.S. companies, the Texas oil and natural gas sector remains central to meeting energy demand both at home and abroad," Longanecker continued. "Texas is home to some of the most technologically advanced and environmentally efficient energy systems in the world, supported by extensive infrastructure and continuous innovation. These advantages position Texas energy as the most stable foundation for U.S. energy security and economic growth, regardless of shifting international market dynamics."



## A message from TIPRO's Chairman

Greetings, fellow TIPRO members,

Last month, I [shared](#) how a chair-throwing brawl in a 1933 Austin hotel symbolized something more serious than bad manners. It revealed a deep sense among Texas independents that the rules of the game were being written without them. This month, I want to pick up the story where that frustration ultimately led: the creation of a durable, credible organization that could represent independent producers and royalty owners with a unified voice.

In 1946, that organization became TIPRO. The timing mattered. The industry was emerging from wartime controls and entering a new era of development, regulation and market complexity. Independent operators were drilling their own wells, taking their own risk and often operating far from the boardrooms that shaped policy. Royalty owners, many of them families who depended on mineral income, understood that regulatory decisions in Austin could profoundly affect property rights and the value of production on their land. TIPRO, therefore, was formed to ensure both groups had an organized seat at the table.

Those early years for the association were not flashy. The executive structures were modest, and membership was still being built across Texas' producing regions. But TIPRO quickly became something more important than an org chart: it developed into a mechanism for turning field-level reality into policy-level influence. The association began appearing at hearings before the Railroad Commission of Texas, weighing in on prorationing, well-spacing matters and the practical impacts of conservation policy. That's where credibility is earned, showing up, consistently, with facts, experience, and a clear case for fairness.

And while not all of the era's influential independents held formal TIPRO titles, the association benefited from strong alignment with leaders who understood what was at stake for smaller operators and mineral owners. Names like H.L. Hunt of Dallas, Roy Cullen of Houston, A.W. "Dub" Riter of Tyler, and A.F. "Bud" Small of San Angelo were prominent independent voices in their time. Men who, in various ways, helped shape the broader advocacy environment TIPRO was building in Austin.

By the early 1950s, TIPRO's role was expanding rapidly. Governance structures were formalized. Membership broadened across every producing region. And the association's priorities reflected the reality of the independent business model, thin margins, heavy capital risk, and a constant need for fair access to markets. TIPRO pushed for more consistent prorationing rules across fields so that small operators were not disadvantaged by uneven standards. The association emphasized protection of stripper wells, which were, and still are, vital to sustaining mature fields and keeping local economies working. TIPRO also stood against pipeline discrimination that could quietly punish independents through pricing, access constraints or purchasing practices.

Just as important, TIPRO began building the communications backbone that remains central today. Newsletters and legislative bulletins emerged in this era not as "nice-to-haves," but as a strategic tool: keeping members informed, unified and prepared to engage when it mattered most. When you can quickly mobilize thousands of informed stakeholders, operators and royalty owners alike, you become more than a group that reacts. You become a force that shapes outcomes.

The 1960s brought another shift. The policy landscape widened beyond production rules and market access to include environmental and resource-management frameworks. Texas began creating modern institutions for air and water quality oversight, and TIPRO ensured independents were represented as those rules were debated and implemented. The association also engaged on unitization issues as recovery methods evolved, advocating for voluntary approaches that respected property rights and practical operating realities.

What stands out to me in these decades is this: TIPRO's early strength wasn't built on one dramatic moment. It was built on disciplined consistency. Showing up. Speaking clearly. Defending fairness. Protecting property rights. And doing it with the credibility that comes from real-world experience.

Next month, in Part III, I'll bring the story forward into the energy-crisis era and the modern advocacy model that TIPRO is known for today. This leads me to an important reminder for our members and one of the reasons to spotlight TIPRO's history - please don't forget to [register](#) for [TIPRO's 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Annual Meeting](#) in Houston, that is taking place on March 30-31, 2026. It is shaping up to be a fantastic event. In addition to shale pioneer Scott Sheffield and his son, oil executive Bryan Sheffield presenting on March 31, TIPRO has added Jason Cansler, president and CEO of Birch Resources, to the convention agenda, our friend Marshall Adkins from Raymond James is putting together a stellar market outlook panel, which will be informative and entertaining, and Scott Tinker is confirmed for another substantive presentation and discussion. I am also very excited to announce we have Bruce Niemeyer, president of Chevron's Shale & Tight organization, speaking at the Chairman's Dinner on Monday night, March 30. We will be announcing additional speakers in the coming weeks. Please visit TIPRO's convention website for more details, including our generous sponsors, [here](#).

Thank you for your continued support,  
T. Grant Johnson



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## Governor Abbott highlights 2025 achievements for Texas' energy sector

Before kicking off the new year, Texas Governor Greg Abbott reflected on policy achievements from the 2025 Texas Legislative Session that he said have helped make the "Texas' energy ecosystem stronger than ever before." The governor pointed to key legislation signed into law last year that protects Texas' oil and gas industry from oilfield theft and promotes economic growth across West Texas. See more by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/yc6dnxac>.

TIPRO CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
<b>JANUARY 20, 2026</b> HOUSTON — TIPRO/HPF/IPAA "Leaders in Industry" Luncheon. For information, email <a href="mailto:info@houstonproducersforum.org">info@houstonproducersforum.org</a> .	<b>FEBRUARY 2-4, 2026</b> HOUSTON — Argus Americas Crude Summit. For information, visit <a href="https://tinyurl.com/mtusutxu">https://tinyurl.com/mtusutxu</a> .	<b>FEBRUARY 17, 2026</b> HOUSTON — TIPRO/HPF/IPAA "Leaders in Industry" Luncheon. For information, email <a href="mailto:info@houstonproducersforum.org">info@houstonproducersforum.org</a> .

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## Limited seating remains for January's TIPRO-HPF-IPAA joint luncheon!

A limited number of seats are still available for the upcoming '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). Sign up for the next joint luncheon taking place Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at the Houston Petroleum Club with insights and commentary from Jordan Jayson, chairman of the board and CEO of U.S. Energy Development Corporation.



In his role, Jayson determines the vision and strategy for U.S. Energy Development Corporation, as well as oversees the implementation of change management at the company. A strong proponent of business growth, Jayson, in coordination with members of the executive leadership team, drove the transition of U.S. Energy from an Appalachian-based producer to a diversified exploration and production operating firm with assets located in multiple oil and natural gas basins. As a result of his ongoing efforts to grow financial reserves, reduce debt, and increase cash flow, Jayson has directly strengthened U.S. Energy's balance sheet and bottom line. Among his many business accomplishments, Jayson created multiple committees within the organization including safety, hedging, investment and finance, employee benefits, and ESG (Environmental, Social & Governance).

Jayson joined the firm in 2009 as the vice president of business development. In 2014, he was promoted to CEO, becoming the second-generation CEO. During his tenure, Jayson led U.S. Energy to invest in, operate, and/or drill more than 4,000 wells in 13 states and Canada; deploying more than \$2 billion on behalf of its partners.

Prior to U.S. Energy, Jayson spent 10 years working on Wall Street where he was responsible for portfolio management and trading on behalf of his respective firms. He held positions at Arnhold S. Bleichroeder and S.A.C. Capital, respectively.

To register for the January 20<sup>th</sup> TIPRO-HPF-IPAA luncheon, [click here](#).

TIPRO members are encouraged to also mark your calendar for other upcoming TIPRO-HPF-IPAA 2026 luncheon speakers, which include:

- Rusty Hutson, Jr., co-founder and chief executive officer, Diversified Energy – February 17, 2026
- Bart Cahir, senior VP upstream unconventional, ExxonMobil – March 17, 2026
- Anatol Feygin, executive vice president and chief commercial officer, Cheniere Energy – April 21, 2026

Additional 2026 speakers can be viewed [here](#).

## Railroad Commission to host second public listening session on January 14<sup>th</sup>

The Railroad Commission of Texas this week announced its second public listening session, scheduled for Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at noon. The commission's new listening session series was launched in the Fall to provide the public with additional opportunities to share their perspectives on the agency's regulatory oversight. Residents from across Texas are encouraged to participate, ask questions and express their opinions. During the sessions, public questions and comments will be addressed in real time by commission staff who are subject-matter experts.

"The remote listening sessions are an important opportunity for Texans to speak directly with us," said Railroad Commission Executive Director Wei Wang. "We want to better understand the perspectives of those we serve, and these conversations help us listen, learn and lead with the best interest of Texans in mind."

These virtual sessions, occurring every other month, are organized by the commission's Office of Public Engagement (OPE) and will feature a brief overview of the commission's regulatory functions followed by an opportunity for participants to provide comments and ask questions during a brief Q&A session with agency staff. Registration is required for participation and commenting.

TIPRO members interested in participating in the next listening session can register using the following link: <https://bit.ly/4qhavin>.

For more information, TIPRO members can review the listening session FAQ sheet by [clicking here](#).

## State regulators say Texas is prepared for winter weather through ongoing winterization work

Though the Lone Star State so far has been experiencing mild conditions this winter, state regulators at the Railroad Commission of Texas indicate the agency is continuing to keep up with its work to keep Texans safe this winter season and affirm the commission's commitment to protecting Texans during possible extreme weather events. In a recent update, the Railroad Commission shared more about steps that are being taken to help ensure adequate natural gas supply in the event of extreme weather such as a future winter storm, including important weatherization inspections of critical natural gas facilities. The Railroad Commission reports 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 recently hosted a tabletop exercise with operators, said the Railroad Commission. The session provided guidance on inspection readiness, emergency management practices and weather-related resources to ensure energy companies have the tools and knowledge needed as Texas heads into the winter months.

Additionally, underground natural gas storage provides a critical reserve that can be drawn upon during severe weather emergencies, advised commission representatives. As of November 30, 2025, the Railroad Commission reported approximately 524.9 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of working gas in storage, which is the highest monthly total recorded in more than 25 years of tracking volumes. By comparison, only three years ago, there was a reported 392.4 Bcf of natural gas in the state's underground storage facilities.

"From electric generation to home heating, the RRC is committed to helping keep Texas prepared for winter weather," commented Railroad Commission Executive Director Wei Wang. "This includes ongoing inspections and collaborations with oil and gas operators. We take every step we can to make sure gas flows when we need it, and we want to reassure Texans that the agency takes an all-hands-on deck approach to protect residents in weather-related emergencies. From gas production to gas storage, Texas is seeing more gas than ever with historic highs."

## EPA and Army complete listening sessions on proposed new definition of WOTUS

The Trump Administration is moving closer to finalizing its [revised definition of “waters of the United States,”](#) or WOTUS. Last month, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and U.S. Department of the Army (Army) wrapped up a series of listening sessions to hear input on proposed changes to the water policy directly from the public. The public listening sessions kicked off on December 12<sup>th</sup> in Bismark, North Dakota, with a [session](#) hosted by U.S. Senator Kevin Cramer (R-North Dakota). The WOTUS listening sessions then continued in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on December 15<sup>th</sup> and concluded with virtual-only sessions on December 16. The EPA and Army said afterwards that they received valuable on-the-ground perspectives on WOTUS during the forums from energy producers, miners, farmers and ranchers, builders and construction contractors, manufacturers, states, Tribes, municipal stormwater coalitions, environmental advocacy groups and the general public.

“EPA is committed to finalizing a definition of ‘waters of the United States’ that fully implements the Supreme Court’s decision in Sackett, accelerates economic prosperity, and protects water quality in partnership with our state co-regulators. Incorporating public feedback on our proposal is critical to achieving these goals,” remarked EPA Assistant Administrator for Water Jess Kramer. “What we heard countless times in these listening sessions is that a durable rule is top-of-mind for our stakeholders. We look forward to delivering a final rule that will stand the test of time and protect water quality while supporting American industry, energy producers, the technology sector, farmers, ranchers, developers, businesses, and landowners.”

“Under President Trump’s leadership, this rule will replace regulatory confusion with the clarity and straightforward implementation needed to unleash our nation’s economy. This action will also ensure that our nation’s landowners, vital services and infrastructure are no longer bogged down in a swamp of federal regulations,” said Adam Telle, assistant secretary of the Army (Civil Works). “I’m proud that Army Civil Works is poised to swiftly implement a final rule that will enable Americans to cut through red tape and thrive.”

Written comments from the regulated community and the public concerning the WOTUS proposal were also accepted through January 5, 2026. Next, the EPA and the Army will consider comments that were received while working to expeditiously develop a final rule that will prioritize a clear interpretation and accurate implementation of the law.

Members of TIPRO can find more information on the administration’s Waters of the United States rulemaking by visiting [www.epa.gov/wotus](http://www.epa.gov/wotus).

## Reminder: Comment period on proposed 11<sup>th</sup> National Offshore Leasing Program ends 1/23

The U.S. Department of the Interior is continuing its work on terminating the restrictive Biden 2024–2029 National Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Leasing Program and replacing it later this year with a new, expansive 11<sup>th</sup> National OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program. As TIPRO [reported](#) previously, Secretary of the Interior Doug Burgum has released the draft of the Trump Administration’s proposed offshore oil and gas program that would offer a more reliable leasing schedule, keep the U.S. competitive in a rapidly evolving global energy landscape and fully address the nation’s growing energy needs.

The first proposal for the 11<sup>th</sup> OCS Program would make more than 85 percent of the estimated technically recoverable OCS oil and gas resources available for leasing during the five-year period following program approval. The proposal considers three of the four OCS regions for leasing, including the program areas that are estimated to have some of the most prospective oil and gas resources and potential to provide beneficial effects for the U.S. economy and national security from reduced oil imports and stable energy sources. Under the new proposal for the 2026–2031 National OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program, there would be as many as 34 potential offshore lease sales across 21 of 27 existing OCS planning areas, covering approximately 1.27 billion acres. That includes 21 areas off the coast of Alaska, seven in the Gulf of America, and six along the Pacific coast. The proposal also includes the Secretary’s decision to create a new administrative planning area, the South-Central Gulf of America.

The public comment period for the proposed 11<sup>th</sup> National OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program will end on Friday, January 23, 2026. Comments may be submitted for consideration online through the [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) portal, citing Docket ID: BOEM-2025-0483.

Additional details on the draft proposed 11<sup>th</sup> OCS Program can be found at [www.boem.gov/National-Program](http://www.boem.gov/National-Program).

Located at the Woodlands, Texas, TIPRO Explorer member Akron E&P was established in 2022 as the upstream arm of the Akron Group, a privately held Mexican energy conglomerate with a long-standing and diversified footprint across the energy value chain. Since its founding in 1993, the Akron Group has grown into a dynamic organization with annual revenues of approximately \$496 million USD, a compound annual growth rate exceeding 15 percent over the past seven years, and a workforce of more than 820 employees. The group defines itself as an “Energized Energy Group,” guided by leadership, innovation, and a strong commitment to sustainability.

Today, the Akron Group operates through five complementary business units: Lubricants, Midstream, Downstream, Supply, and Exploration & Production (E&P). It is a leading player in Mexico’s midstream and downstream sectors, operating two lubricant manufacturing plants that capture more than 20 percent of the domestic market and export to 11 Latin American countries. The group also runs a network of 50 franchised service stations across eight Mexican states. Its midstream business focuses on integrated fuel gathering, storage, and distribution, while the Supply unit—based in Houston, Texas—manages raw material procurement for both internal operations and third-party customers.

### Acron E&P’s Strategic Focus:

Positioned as a U.S.-based upstream company, Akron E&P is focused on disciplined capital deployment through sustainable, long-term partnerships. The company’s strategy centers on acquiring producing and near-term production assets, including PDP and PUD reserves, as well as royalty interests.

### Key elements of Akron E&P’s investment approach include:

- Geographic Focus: U.S. onshore assets, with an emphasis on Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and the Mid-Central/Rockies region
- Investment Size: Target transactions up to \$10M
- Working Interest: Preference for non-operated positions with working interests up to 30 percent



Acron E&P combines strong technical expertise with a pragmatic, agile approach to transactions, ensuring confidence throughout the acquisition process—whether through competitive bidding or direct negotiations. At the core of its value proposition is the development of long-term, transparent relationships designed to reduce risk and generate sustainable returns. The launch of Akron E&P represents the final step in Akron Group’s evolution into a fully integrated and continuously growing energy platform. Learn more [here](#).

## Texas congressman says U.S. is in a "strategic window" to refill its petroleum reserves

Before another possible crisis, West Texas Congressman August Pfluger (TX-11), a member of the U.S. House Committee on Energy and Commerce, argues America should take prompt action to refill the [Strategic Petroleum Reserve \(SPR\)](#), which was heavily depleted under the previous administration and today stands at its lowest level since its inception, with less than 60 percent of its capacity being utilized. In a recent op-ed for the [Dallas Morning News](#), the congressman highlighted the importance of take advantage of low crude prices and replenishing the SPR in order to strengthen U.S. national security and unleash American energy dominance.

"Following the 1970s oil crisis, Congress created the SPR as America's insurance policy against global energy supply disruptions. For nearly half a century, this emergency crude oil stockpile has served as an indispensable safeguard — ready to cushion the blow from unexpected market shocks, natural disasters or geopolitical conflicts. Today, however, this vital insurance policy is running on fumes," said Congressman Pfluger. "If we are serious about reestablishing American energy dominance, then refilling the rest must be a top priority for Republicans in 2026," he emphasized.

"The biggest obstacle to doing so isn't a lack of supply — it's the drawn-out process of congressional appropriations, and the little motivation from lawmakers to fix it," Pfluger noted. "With geopolitical tensions rising and Chevron CEO Mike Wirth recently predicting that oil prices could remain near record lows through 2026, the United States is in a narrow, strategic window to act. Congress must build on the momentum from the Working Families Tax Cut (WFTC) law and prioritize appropriating the necessary funds to fully replenish the SPR now — not after the next global disruption drives prices up or exposes a crippling vulnerability."

"We may never see another ripe opportunity like this again, and we cannot afford to miss it," he stressed. "The bottom line is that the SPR is the cornerstone of American energy security and treating it as the proactive national security asset it was created to be is long overdue."

Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association (TIPRO) President Ed Longanecker last month also was [quoted](#) in the Odessa American newspaper recently expressing support of the Trump Administration's stated goal of refilling the SPR. "Restoring it promptly and permanently should be an urgent, bipartisan imperative," expressed Longanecker. "History has shown that even short-lived interruptions can trigger sharp price spikes and fuel shortages because a diminished SPR limits the government's ability to respond decisively without leaning heavily on foreign stockpiles or emergency production increases. A reserve at this level increases America's vulnerability to prolonged supply disruptions whether from geopolitical conflict, hurricanes in the Gulf, or cyberattacks on critical infrastructure."

## Proposed bill would shield producers from compliance burdens caused by foreign emissions

Legislation filed on Capitol Hill in December by U.S. Representative August Pfluger (TX-11) seeks to provide commonsense reforms to protect American companies from being unfairly penalized for pollution and air emissions originating outside the United States. The Foreign Emissions and Nonattainment Clarification for Economic Stability (FENCES) Act would ensure fair and consistent air quality designations by making clear that states are not to be penalized for emissions outside U.S. borders. The bill will also protect producers from unnecessary compliance burdens caused by events beyond their control, such as wildfires or dust storms, while upholding environmental standards under the Clean Air Act.

"American companies are being unfairly penalized for pollution originating outside the United States. We've seen how even the mention of a nonattainment designation, like when the Biden EPA threatened to redesignate the Permian Basin, can create significant uncertainty for businesses and communities. These designations delay permits and hurt economic growth, while failing to address the very problem they are trying to solve," said Rep. Pfluger. "My bill restores commonsense by preventing the EPA from punishing states for pollution they didn't cause — including foreign emissions, cross-state transport, wildfire smoke, and mobile-source emissions outside their control. I'm proud to lead this bill as another major step in modernizing and strengthening America's broken permitting system."

At a September Energy and Commerce Environment Subcommittee Hearing, Rep. Pfluger emphasized the need for permitting reform, highlighting how nonattainment designations can delay permits, hurt economic growth, and fail to address the very problems they aim to solve. Additionally, he previewed the FENCES Act, emphasizing how current Clean Air Act permitting can delay certain projects for years, skyrocket costs, and pose a huge burden on companies. Read more and watch his full line of questioning [here](#).

See text of the FENCES Act [here](#).

## Be part of TIPRO's 2026 Convention and 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration - register early to save!

Take advantage of early registration pricing and sign up today for the Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association's (TIPRO) Annual Convention and 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, happening March 30<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> at Hotel ZaZa in Houston's Museum District! TIPRO is looking forward to marking this special milestone with members of the association and industry leaders in the energy capital of the world. TIPRO's event will feature oil and gas executives, state officials and energy experts, who will discuss the issues shaping the future of Texas energy and review key priorities for the Texas E&P industry.

The TIPRO convention kicks off Monday, March 30, with a welcome reception for all attendees — a great opportunity to network and reconnect with industry peers — followed by our Chairman's Dinner. Tuesday, March 31, offers a full day of speaker sessions, panel discussions and networking opportunities, concluding with a reception.

Register now for TIPRO's convention to lock in the best registration rates -- sign up using the form on the page that follows or register online at [tipro.org/annual-convention/](https://tipro.org/annual-convention/)!

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