



# THE TIPRO TARGET



## Trump Administration axes 2009 Endangerment Finding rule in major deregulation effort

**Texas  
Independent  
Producers and  
Royalty Owners  
Association**

In what the White House is calling the "largest deregulatory action in U.S. history," the Trump Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced on February 12<sup>th</sup> the full repeal of the Obama-era 2009 Greenhouse Gas Endangerment Finding. During a ceremony alongside President Donald Trump last Thursday, EPA Administrator Lee Zeldin proclaimed the elimination of the Endangerment Finding rule, which has served as the legal foundation for many greenhouse gas emission regulations promulgated by the federal government, would put a stop to the years of "regulatory power grab" by former administrations, as the policy was used in the past to unduly justify many "heavy handed" climate standards.

"The Endangerment Finding has been the source of 16 years of consumer choice restrictions and trillions of dollars in hidden costs for Americans," commented Administrator Zeldin. "Referred to by some as the 'Holy Grail' of the 'climate change religion,' the Endangerment Finding is now eliminated. The Trump EPA is strictly following the letter of the law, returning commonsense to policy, delivering consumer choice to Americans and advancing the American Dream. As EPA administrator, I am proud to deliver the single largest deregulatory action in U.S. history on behalf of American taxpayers and consumers."

The current administration began reevaluating this rule via Executive Order 14154, with reconsideration announced in March 2025, proposed changes in July 2025, and incorporation of public comments before finalizing. According to the EPA, this major deregulatory process included substantial public input and robust analysis of the law following the U.S. Supreme Court decisions in *Loper Bright Enterprises v. Raimondo* (ending Chevron deference) and *West Virginia v. EPA* (major questions doctrine).

Elected officials and business leaders have praised the EPA's actions on the Endangerment Finding rule and applauded other broad efforts by the president to roll back costly regulations from the Obama and Biden Administrations. In a statement, U.S. House Committee on Science, Space and Technology Chairman Brian Babin (TX-36), said: "Rescinding the 2009 Endangerment Finding is a long-overdue step toward restoring the proper limits of federal regulatory authority. For years, this finding has been used to justify sweeping greenhouse gas regulations that have raised costs for American families, restricted domestic energy production, and placed heavy burdens on manufacturers, workers, and consumers. The Clean Air Act was never intended to serve as a vehicle for such broad regulatory authority, and stretching the law beyond its original purpose has created uncertainty and undermined American competitiveness. I commend EPA Administrator Lee Zeldin and the Trump Administration for taking action to ensure environmental policy is grounded in strong legal footing and realistic assessments. This decision will help protect consumer choice, support a strong and reliable energy sector, and reinforce the principle that major national policy decisions should be made by Congress—not imposed through regulatory overreach."

U.S. Representative Dan Crenshaw (TX-02) added he is already working to prepare legislation that permanently codifies the EPA's landmark move on the Endangerment Finding rule.

TIPRO members can read more about this major regulatory action, which will go into effect April 20, 2026, [here](#).

The EPA's decision to repeal the 2009 Endangerment Finding is expected to bring legal challenges, with environmental organizations like Earthjustice already promising to take the administration to court over its regulatory action. Public health groups including the American Lung Association and American Public Health Association also have filed a lawsuit against the administration over what it says were "unlawful" and illegal moves by the EPA on its rescission of the 2009 Endangerment Finding. Despite the legal battles, the rule's multifaceted defenses and court-friendly framing suggest resilience, with resolution possibly spanning years.

In addition, after the EPA officially overturned the government's 2009 Endangerment Finding last week, dozens of Democratic senators on Capitol Hill have said they are opening an investigation on the administration's decision to repeal the rule. U.S. Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI), ranking member of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee (EPW), joined by 41 other senators are launching the investigation on the EPA's final ruling, arguing the agency bypassed statutory mandates to engage in good faith with sound science and public input and instead favored of predetermined outcomes for the bedrock scientific determination underpinning EPA's ability to regulate greenhouse gas emissions.

"When an agency signals that the outcome of a proceeding is preordained, public participation becomes performative rather than meaningful, undermining the legitimacy of the rulemaking process and violating basic principles of administrative law. The Administrative Procedure Act (APA) prohibits agencies from engaging in rulemaking when decisionmakers have an 'unalterably closed mind.' ... Presidential policy preferences do not give EPA carte blanche to bypass statutory mandates to engage in good faith with sound science and public input in favor of predetermined outcomes," concluded the group of senators, who have requested documents and information from EPA concerning the agency's legal justification and decision-making process by February 27, 2026.



Photo source: The White House

## A message from TIPRO's President

TIPRO members,

This week, I'm proud to share our organization launched the [TIPRO Power Texas program](#) in strategic alignment with Arise Energy. This innovative and exclusive affinity offering seeks to support the surging electricity needs of the Texas oil and natural gas industry by delivering access to competitive and comprehensive electricity options through Arise's advanced digital procurement platform, which combines real-time pricing technology with experienced energy advisor support.

Texas continues to lead the nation in oil and natural gas production, but the sector is experiencing unprecedented growth in electricity demand. This surge is fueled by the electrification of oil and gas fields, industrial expansion, population growth, and infrastructure development across the state. Electricity demand in the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) grid has experienced some of the fastest growth in the nation in recent years, with projections indicating sustained increases through 2030 and beyond.<sup>1</sup>

The TIPRO Power Texas program leverages Arise Energy's modern digital procurement platform to connect members directly with leading energy suppliers - enabling custom quotes, clear rate comparisons, real-time market visibility, and contract management in a single interface.

As one of the first platforms to integrate suppliers for real-time, custom energy quotes, Arise allows companies to act as markets move rather than waiting on manual updates or broker follow-ups - a critical advantage in power markets where prices can change every 15 minutes.

Members simply upload utility bills and define preferences to receive refreshed bids without lengthy RFPs. Pricing and execution can happen digitally or with support from a dedicated Arise Energy advisor, ensuring efficient, unbiased guidance tailored to each company's needs.

To further strive for savings, the platform provides suppliers with anonymous feedback on where their bids stand, encouraging more competitive pricing.

Industry analyses indicate electricity can account for an estimated 10 - 15 percent of total Lease Operating Expense (LOE) on average for electrified operations. This percentage can rise to 20 percent or higher for highly electrified wells with elevated water-oil ratios, where pumping and disposal drive significant power use. For smaller operators, the effective share is often 15 - 25 percent or more due to weaker negotiating power based on a more limited operational scale, longer wait times, and higher fees for grid connections.<sup>2</sup> The TIPRO Power Program seeks to level the playing field by providing access to competitive options available in the marketplace for the Texas oil and natural gas industry.

TIPRO members can evaluate or enroll in the TIPRO Power Texas program today by visiting <https://ariseenergy.com/tipro> or can contact our association to be connected with a dedicated energy consultant. Contact information for TIPRO members will not be shared and prospective users are encouraged to provide feedback or direct any questions about the association's new offering at [info@tipro.org](mailto:info@tipro.org).

We hope you will consider this new benefits program that delivers competitive electricity solutions for TIPRO's membership.

Regards,

Ed Longanecker



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<sup>1</sup> Based on publicly available reports including U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) Today in Energy (Oct. 24, 2025), EIA Short-Term Energy Outlook (Dec. 2025), Grid Strategies National Load Growth Report (Nov. 2025), Rabobank (Jan. 2026), and Citi Research (Sept. 2025).

<sup>2</sup> Based on industry surveys, operator reporting, Dallas Federal Reserve Energy Survey (2025), electrification case studies, and publicly available analyses of Permian Basin lease operating expense trends (2025–2026)

## Sign up for the next TIPRO-HPF-IPAA joint luncheon with ExxonMobil executive Bart Cahir

Join other industry professionals at the next 'Leaders in Industry' joint luncheon, hosted by the Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association (TIPRO), Independent Petroleum Association of America (IPAA) and Houston Producers Forum (HPF). The luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, at the Petroleum Club of Houston and will feature commentary and industry insights from guest presenter Bart Cahir, senior vice president of upstream unconventional for ExxonMobil.

Cahir was appointed as ExxonMobil's senior vice president of unconventional in November 2023 with responsibilities for the transition of the company's merger with Pioneer and the expanded portfolio at change of control. Other past leadership positions held by Cahir for the company include president of global business solutions, senior vice president of upstream portfolio development and executive advisor to the chairman of Exxon Mobil Corporation.

Earlier in his career, Cahir also was the production and lead country manager for ExxonMobil Qatar Inc.; technical and operations manager for ExxonMobil Oil Indonesia Inc.; as well as planning and business analyst for the Asia-Pacific and Middle East regions in ExxonMobil Production headquarters in Houston. Cahir joined Exxon in 1994 after completing a bachelor's degree in petroleum and natural gas engineering from Penn State University and progressed through various assignments focused on upstream oil and gas operations in the United States.

To reserve your seat for the March 17<sup>th</sup> TIPRO-HPF-IPAA luncheon, go to <https://tinyurl.com/yp89rpd>.



Bart Cahir

### TIPRO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**MARCH 17, 2026**

HOUSTON — TIPRO/HPF/IPAA

"Leaders in Industry" Luncheon.

For information, email

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**MARCH 30-31, 2026**

HOUSTON — TIPRO

80<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention.

For information, email

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**APRIL 21, 2026**

HOUSTON — TIPRO/HPF/IPAA

"Leaders in Industry" Luncheon.

For information, email

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## Early voting for the 2026 Texas primaries will run through February 27<sup>th</sup>

Early voting for this year's primary elections started Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> and will be run through February 27. During the early voting period, voters in Texas can cast ballots at any polling location in their county of registration.

In a long list of important races for statewide seats, from governor and lieutenant governor to Texas railroad commissioner, land commissioner, comptroller, attorney general and more, Texas voters in this year's primaries will pick which candidate they want to represent their interests and the Republican and Democrat parties on the ballot for the November general election. Texas voters will also be selecting party candidates for one U.S. Senator position representing Texas (John Cornyn's current seat in the U.S. Senate) and all U.S. representatives for Texas under new congressional maps redrawn in 2025.

In the state of Texas, voters do not have to register with a political party in advance of primary elections, explains Texas Secretary of State Jane Nelson. Instead, when voters arrive at a polling location during the primaries, they will be asked in which party's primary they wish to vote. Knowing this choice before arriving can help keep lines moving and reduce confusion at the polls, officials note.

Before TIPRO members head to the polls to vote, visit [VoteTexas.gov](https://VoteTexas.gov) to find nearby polling locations, check early voting hours, review ID requirements and confirm your voter registration status.

Election Day will be on Tuesday, March 3, 2026.

## Pat Gordon appointed by Governor Abbott to the Texas Transportation Commission

Texas Governor Greg Abbott in mid-February announced he has appointed Pat Gordon, an attorney from El Paso, to the Texas Transportation Commission. Gordon is the first El Pasoan to serve on the state's transportation commission since 2015. His one-year term at the commission will last until February 1, 2027.

Gordon fills a seat left vacant at the transportation commission by former agency chairman and San Antonio banker James Bruce Buggs Jr., who passed away last August at the age of 70.

An attorney of 35 years and founding shareholder of Gordon Davis Johnson Shane & Snider P.C., Gordon specializes in business, corporate and tax law. He serves on the Texas Tech University Board of Regents and is a member of the State Bar of Texas. In El Paso, Gordon also is a board member and former vice chairman of the Board of the El Paso Children's Hospital. He is also a member of the Young Presidents' Organization chapter in El Paso and Juarez.



Texas Senator César J. Blanco (District 29), whose district includes Gordon's hometown of El Paso, said he was happy about Gordon's appointment to the Texas Transportation Commission. "Transportation decisions made at the state level shape our economy, our ports of entry, our military community, and the daily lives of families who rely on safe and efficient roads. For too long, far West Texas has not had a direct voice on the commission," he explained. "Pat's appointment ensures our region is represented where these critical decisions are made. When we have a seat at the table, our priorities are heard and understood. Pat brings a deep understanding of our border economy and the infrastructure needs that keep goods and people moving. His leadership will matter as we continue working to strengthen trade, reduce congestion, improve safety, and invest in projects that support long-term growth. I look forward to working with Pat and the rest of the [commission] to advance transportation investments that reflect the needs of El Paso and West Texas."

## Railroad Commission underscores commitment to orphan well plugging

The Railroad Commission of Texas continues to prioritize orphaned well management, Wei Wang, head of the regulatory agency, emphasized in a new opinion piece published for the Houston Chronicle. Wang, who leads the commission as executive director, in his recent editorial explained how the state designates a well as "orphaned" and steps followed to plug these kinds of wells. "The vast majority, approximately 86 percent, of oil and gas wells are responsibly plugged by operators," said Wang. "But if an operator is noncompliant or goes out of business and a well has been inactive for at least 12 months, the well becomes 'orphaned.' Fortunately, the Railroad Commission administers its award-winning [State Managed Plugging \(SMP\) Program](#) to plug these wells."

Wang highlighted the commission's robust prioritization system for orphan wells that allows state regulators to evaluate the wells, score them on multiple factors - including age, location, condition and environmental and safety concerns - to ensure that high-risk, high-priority wells are plugged first, protecting Texans from the most serious hazards. "All plugging operations, whether completed by industry or the Railroad Commission, must meet the same strict requirements defined by state regulation, to ensure groundwater, oil, gas or geothermal resources remain protected," noted Wang.

Since 1984, the SMP has plugged over 47,000 wells across Texas, Wang added. "Alongside continued improvements in technology and regulation, Texas has one of the lowest increases in orphaned well populations among all oil-producing states, according to a recent Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission study," he said.

In his editorial, Wang also cited two bills passed in the last legislative cycle that take further action on orphaned wells in Texas: [Senate Bill 1146](#), which streamlines the process for operators to plug orphaned wells on or near their leases, and [Senate Bill 1150](#), which requires operators to plug wells that are over 25 years old and have been inactive for at least 15 years.

TIPRO members can read the full article written by Executive Director Wang by [clicking here](#).

## Railroad Commission issues notice to Texas operators on elevated fire weather conditions

The Railroad Commission of Texas this week [advised](#) oil and gas and pipeline operators to take added precautions amid elevated fire weather conditions forecasted for parts of Texas due to dry fuels, strong winds and above-average temperatures. The commission is asking all operators under its jurisdiction in areas of potential impact to monitor local, state and national weather reports for updates on wildfire danger; 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.

## More oil and gas companies say they are relocating to Houston

Houston, widely known as the "Energy Capital of the World," is drawing more energy investment and expansion, following a series of significant headquarter relocation announcements by large independent oil and natural gas producers in recent weeks.



Expand Energy, formerly Chesapeake Energy, is planning to relocate its headquarters to Houston from Oklahoma City later this year, company leaders [announced](#) earlier this month. Expand Energy is North America's largest natural gas producer. "Building on our positive momentum going into 2026, our new headquarters....will enable us to capitalize on Houston's leading role as a gateway to the global natural gas market," Michael Wichterich, interim president and chief executive officer of the company, said in a press release.

As part of its blockbuster merger with Coterra Energy, Devon Energy at the beginning of the month also [said](#) it is relocating its corporate headquarters from Oklahoma City to Houston, with the CEO and executive leadership of the company based in Houston. A spokesman for Devon said that Houston "provides greater access to commercial counterparties, many of our peers, and other industry resources."

Expand Energy and Devon's decision to move their company headquarters to Houston follows a trend of major energy companies like [Chevron](#) and [ExxonMobil](#) also relocating to the Bayou City, cementing the city's role as home to over 5,000 energy-related firms and the global hub for oil and gas, particularly for LNG and executive leadership.

## Proposed commingling rules would modernize outdated federal regulations

Federal regulators are looking to make meaningful reforms to industry regulations that will safely increase production while strengthening resource conservation on federal lands. The U.S. Department of Interior's Bureau of Land Management (BLM) recently issued a proposal to update decades-old oil and gas regulations limiting the practice of commingling, a change aimed at improving efficiency, protecting taxpayers and tribes and strengthening domestic energy production, said officials. Commingling allows production from multiple leases to be combined using a single well pad.

Under the proposed rule, the BLM would allow a wider range of methods, including modern metering technologies, to ensure accurate measurement of production and fair royalty distribution. The proposed rule would also modernize guidelines that currently allow commingling only when mineral ownership and royalty conditions are identical. Those limits were written decades ago and no longer reflect current technology or the complex mineral ownership found across much of the western United States.

The rule changes, explained officials, are intended to remove barriers that have constrained development in areas with complex mineral ownership and to encourage practices that minimize surface impacts by reducing the number of well pads needed.

"Outdated rules should not stand in the way of responsible American energy development," said Acting BLM Director Bill Groffy. "By modernizing these regulations, we can produce energy more efficiently, protect taxpayer and tribal royalties, and reduce surface disturbance, all while advancing the Trump administration's priority to strengthen domestic energy and streamline government."

The proposal from the BLM on commingling rules also aligns with statutory changes enacted in [internal BLM policy](#) posted last August and with recent federal directives to streamline regulations and promote domestic energy production.

The BLM is currently accepting public comments on the commingling rule proposal. Written comments may be submitted to the Federal eRulemaking Portal: at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), in the Search-box, enter "BLM-2025-0070" and click the "Search" button. Comments may also be delivered to: U.S. Department of the Interior, Director (630), Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C St. NW, Room 5646, Washington, DC 20240, Attention: 1004-AF38. The public comment period on the proposed rule will close March 31, 2026.

## Trump Administration is planning its next Gulf of America oil and gas lease sale for mid-March

The U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) recently announced the next sale of oil and gas leases in the Gulf of America, in what is being called the "Big Beautiful Gulf 2 (BBG2)" Lease Sale. The drilling lease auction has been scheduled for March 11, 2026, said the BOEM, and will directly support [Executive Order 14154](#), "Unleashing American Energy," issued last January by President Trump, which directs federal agencies to accelerate offshore oil and gas development to lower energy costs, reinforce national energy security and enhance America's global competitiveness. The upcoming Lease Sale BBG2 also follows the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, signed into law last summer, requiring a minimum of 30 lease sales in the Gulf of America between 2025 and 2040, ensuring continued investment in one of the nation's most productive offshore energy basins.

"Lease Sale BBG2 is a key step in advancing BOEM's offshore oil and gas program in the Gulf of America," said BOEM Acting Director Matt Giacona. "Following the strong industry response to Lease Sale BBG1, this proposed sale aims to ensure continued investment in the U.S. Outer Continental Shelf and support American energy independence."

Lease Sale BBG2 proposes to offer approximately 15,066 unleased blocks covering about 80.4 million acres on the U.S. Outer Continental Shelf in the Gulf of America. The blocks are located 3 to 231 miles offshore, said the BOEM, spanning water depths from 9 feet to more than 11,100 feet.

Offshore energy development and production activity supports hundreds of thousands of jobs, contributes tens of billions to GDP annually and generates substantial federal and state revenues. The economic and energy-security gains from these sales are both immediate and long-lasting.

More information on the upcoming Gulf of America lease sale is available at <https://tinyurl.com/2uhf9ny6>.

## EIA projects record natural gas production in the United States this year

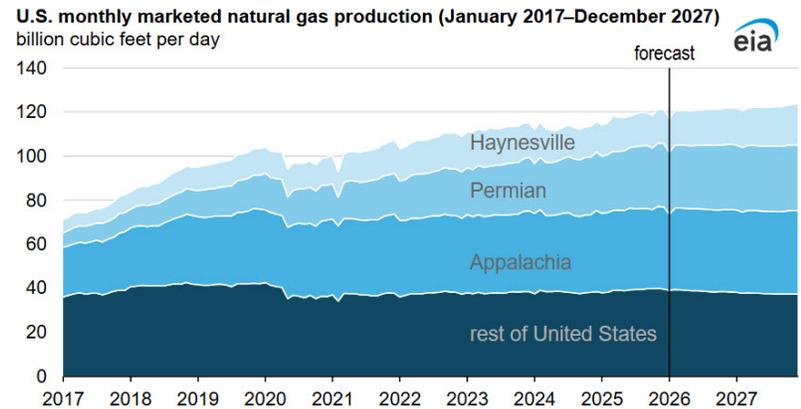
Natural gas output in the United States is expected to break new records in 2026 and 2027, according to fresh data released by the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA). In its latest Short-Term Energy Outlook, released on February 10, the EIA forecasts U.S. natural gas marketed production will grow by 2 percent this year to average a record 120.8 billion cubic feet per day (Bcf/d) in 2026. Production is also expected to rise an additional 1 percent in 2027, reaching 122.3 Bcf/d per day, setting another record, said the EIA.

The majority of the natural gas production growth will come from three primary regions: the Permian region in western Texas and southeastern New Mexico, the Haynesville region in eastern Texas and Louisiana, and the Appalachia region in the Northeast.

"The Permian region contributes 1.4 Bcf/d to forecast production growth in 2026 and 0.6 Bcf/d in 2027," EIA analysts mention. "In the Permian region, growth in natural gas production is primarily the result of associated gas produced during oil production. We estimate that oil-directed rig activity in the Permian will be relatively low as West Texas Intermediate prices fall from \$65/b in 2025 to average \$53/b in 2026 and then average \$49/b in 2027. Despite these lower prices, we estimate that increases in gas-to-oil ratio (GOR) will drive natural gas production growth in the Permian region. We expect the GOR to continue its steady increase in the Permian."

Meanwhile, production growth from the Haynesville region will also be significant, said EIA experts, with output there rising by 1.2 Bcf/d in 2026 and then by 1.6 Bcf/d in 2027. "We expect prices to rise from \$3.52 per million British thermal units (MMBtu) in 2025 to \$4.31/MMBtu in 2026 and to \$4.38/MMBtu in 2027, which allows drilling in the Haynesville region to remain economical, even with relatively deeper and more expensive well development. In addition, the Haynesville's proximity to liquefied natural gas (LNG) export terminals and major industrial natural gas consumers along the U.S. Gulf Coast draws operators to the region," advised analysts from the EIA.

In the Appalachia region, the EIA is forecasting production of natural gas will grow slightly by 0.3 Bcf/d in 2026 and then by 0.5 Bcf/d in 2027. Infrastructure and pipeline constraints have limited further growth in Appalachian production, noted the EIA, but projects like the Mountain Valley Pipeline and new capacity additions will support more regional production growth.



## TIPRO to honor Scott Sheffield with new Energy Icon Award for his leadership and industry impact

At the upcoming Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association (TIPRO) 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, happening March 30-31 in Houston, Scott Sheffield, former chairman, chief executive officer and founder of Pioneer Natural Resources Company, will be honored with the inaugural TIPRO Energy Icon award.

From founding Pioneer Natural Resources and growing the company to become the largest producer in Texas, to unlocking the full potential of the Permian Basin, Sheffield's nearly five-decade career has been a masterclass in leadership and innovation. His role in the shale revolution didn't just boost an industry—it helped to secure American energy independence. His contributions to the development and growth of the Permian Basin, in particular, and overall dedication to the Texas oil and gas industry have been exceptional. Sheffield not only has left a lasting legacy on the energy industry, he also has displayed a long history of service with other industry-related and education-oriented boards and community efforts. In recognition of his leadership and impact, TIPRO will honor Sheffield with its first-ever Energy Icon award during a special ceremony held during the association's 2026 convention.

Sheffield is the first recipient of this inaugural TIPRO Energy Icon award, which celebrates extraordinary contributions, exceptional operational execution, disciplined resource development, and the delivery of value to communities and the broader state and national economy. The TIPRO award establishes a benchmark of excellence for an industry vital to Texas prosperity, U.S. energy independence, and global competitiveness. Join TIPRO next month at the association's 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention in honoring Scott Sheffield, a true industry icon.



Scott Sheffield

## Agenda announced for TIPRO's 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention in Houston!



The Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association (TIPRO) is thrilled to share the agenda for TIPRO's 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, taking place March 30-31 at Hotel ZaZa Houston Museum District. TIPRO's agenda features a strong line-up of industry leaders, top experts and distinguished officials that is not to be missed, as our speakers address important topics highlighting the industry's legacy, endurance and its next era of producing and providing affordable, reliable energy. Join TIPRO for the event, which will offer professional networking opportunities, thought-provoking sessions, engaging discussions covering oil and gas priorities, and also special celebrations honoring TIPRO's legacy and 80 years of member representation and service. View the full agenda for the TIPRO Convention on the page that follows.

Registration for the convention is open - don't forget to sign up by March 1<sup>st</sup> to secure the best price with early-bird registration. Are you traveling in from out-of-town? Be sure to also book your hotel accommodations in TIPRO's reserved block at the Hotel ZaZa Houston Museum District before the discount expires on March 2, 2026.

See more information on TIPRO's Convention online at [www.tipro.org/annual-convention!](http://www.tipro.org/annual-convention!)



# TIPRO's 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention Agenda

MONDAY, MARCH 30

- 1:30 P.M. **TIPRO Audit Committee Meeting**
- 3:00 P.M. **TIPRO Board of Directors Meeting**
- 5:30 P.M. **Welcome Reception**
- 7:00 P.M. **TIPRO Chairman's Dinner**  
Welcome remarks from the Mayor of Houston John Whitmire  
Dinner guest speaker, Bruce Niemeyer, president, shale and tight, Chevron  
*Moderated by TIPRO Chairman T. Grant Johnson, president and CEO, Lone Star Production Company*
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TUESDAY, MARCH 31

- 7:30 A.M. **Breakfast**
- 8:30 A.M. **Start of General Session**  
**Welcome and Opening Remarks**  
TIPRO President Ed Longanecker  
TIPRO Chairman and Lone Star Production President and CEO T. Grant Johnson
- 8:45 A.M. **Industry Veterans Debate the Current Energy Outlook**  
Jeff Bellman, managing director, natural gas, LNG & power, Daniel Energy Partners  
James Wicklund, managing director, PPHB  
*Moderated by Marshall Adkins, senior managing director and head of energy investment banking, Raymond James*
- 9:30 A.M. **A Legacy of Discovery, Innovation and Endurance**  
Scott Sheffield, former chairman, CEO and founder, Pioneer Natural Resources  
Bryan Sheffield, founder and managing partner, Formentera Partners  
*Moderated by TIPRO President Ed Longanecker*
- 10:15 A.M. **Inaugural TIPRO Energy Icon Award**  
Scott Sheffield, former chairman, CEO and founder, Pioneer Natural Resources  
*Presented by TIPRO Chairman T. Grant Johnson, president and CEO, Lone Star Production Company*
- 10:35 A.M. **Permian Horizons: Leadership, Innovation and the Next Era of Production**  
Danny Wesson, executive vice president and COO, Diamondback Energy  
*Moderated by TIPRO President Ed Longanecker*
- 11:20 A.M. **Federal Energy Update**  
Kyle Haustveit, assistant secretary, Hydrocarbon and Geothermal Energy Office, U.S. Department of Energy
- 11:50 A.M. **Networking Lunch**
- 1:15 P.M. **TIPRO Membership Meeting**
- 1:25 P.M. **TIPRO Excellence in Advocacy Award**  
Jimmy Carlile, manager, regulatory and government affairs, Fasken Oil and Ranch  
*Presented by TIPRO President Ed Longanecker*
- 1:35 P.M. **CEO Panel – Building Companies and Executing on Strategic Objectives**  
Jason Cansler, president and CEO, Birch Resources  
Gray Lisenby, CEO, X2 Resources  
*Moderated by TIPRO Chairman T. Grant Johnson, president and CEO, Lone Star Production Company*
- 2:20 P.M. **The Lone Star Advantage: How Texas Oil and Gas Will Provide Affordable, Reliable Energy for Years to Come**  
The Honorable Greg Abbott, governor of Texas
- 3:00 P.M. **Texas' Role as the Global Energy Leader**  
Scott Tinker, chairman, Tinker Energy Associates
- 3:50 P.M. **Speaker TBA**
- 4:20 P.M. **Closing Remarks**
- 4:25 P.M. **Networking Reception Begins**



# CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

March 30-31, 2026 | Hotel ZaZa, Houston, Texas

**TIPRO's 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention will provide updates on regulatory, policy and market trends of significance to the Texas oil and natural gas industry. Make plans to attend this important industry conference in Houston in March!**

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### MEMBER REGISTRATION FEES

	ON/BEFORE MARCH 1 <sup>ST</sup>	AFTER MARCH 1 <sup>ST</sup>
<input type="checkbox"/> MEMBER:	\$575	\$675
<input type="checkbox"/> SPOUSE:	\$350	\$350
<input type="checkbox"/> DINNER TICKET:	\$195	\$195

\*REGISTRATION PASS INCLUDES ALL CONFERENCE SESSIONS AND MEALS.

### REGISTRANT INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

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 Breakfast  Luncheon  3/31 Reception

Spouse's Name (If Attending): \_\_\_\_\_

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 Breakfast  Luncheon  3/31 Reception

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	ON/BEFORE MARCH 1 <sup>ST</sup>	AFTER MARCH 1 <sup>ST</sup>
<input type="checkbox"/> NON-MEMBER**:	\$695	\$795
<input type="checkbox"/> SPOUSE:	\$395	\$395
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\*REGISTRATION PASS INCLUDES ALL CONFERENCE SESSIONS AND MEALS.

\*\*REGISTRATION ALSO INCLUDES 1 YEAR REGULAR TIPRO MEMBERSHIP.

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