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## FEDERAL OFFICIALS ZERO IN ON ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT OVERHAUL

The Trump Administration in July issued a package of proposed regulatory reforms geared towards improving the implementation of the Endangered Species Act (ESA). On July 19, 2018, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) and National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries offered

modifications to the federal policy, calling changes to the ESA necessary to help improve reliability, regulatory efficiency and environmental stewardship. "The Trump Administration is dedicated to being a good neighbor and being a better partner with the communities in which we operate. One thing we heard over and over again was that ESA implementation was not consistent and often times very confusing to navigate. We are proposing these improvements to produce the best conservation results for the species while reducing the regulatory burden on the American people," commented USFWS Principal Deputy Director Greg Sheehan. "We value public input and have already incorporated initial public comments we received in response to our notices of intent published in 2017. We encourage the public to provide us additional feedback to help us finalize these rules."

Several proposed changes relate to section 4 of the ESA, as the USFWS and NOAA seek to amend some of the standards under which listings, delistings, and reclassifications are made. The agencies are also looking to revise certain procedures for designating critical habitat.

At this time, the USFWS also is proposing to rescind its blanket rule under section 4(d) of the ESA, which automatically conveyed the same protections for threatened species as for endangered species, unless otherwise specified. This update would align with the regulatory approach adopted by NOAA Fisheries, allowing the two agencies to be consistent in implementation practices. This change will not affect the protections for species currently listed as threatened, notes the USFWS. "No two species are the same, and so by crafting species-specific 4(d) rules for threatened species, we can tailor appropriate protections using best available science according to each species' biological needs," Sheehan explained. "By creating a clearer regulatory distinction between threatened and endangered species, we are also encouraging partners to invest in conservation that has the potential to improve a species' status, helping us work towards our ultimate goal: recovery."

Other regulatory amendments proposed to section 7 of the ESA hope to clarify the interagency consultation processes between federal departments in efforts to make the regulatory process more efficient and consistent.

GOP leaders in Congress last week expressed support to the proposed updates to the ESA. In a statement, U.S. House Natural Resources Chairman Rob Bishop (R-Utah) said, "It's no secret that modernizing the ESA is long overdue. Interior's proposed rules incorporate public input, innovative science and best practices to improve efficiency and certainty for federal agencies and the public."

TIPRO also commends the USFWS and NOAA for taking proactive measures to improve the ESA. For years, the oil and gas industry has strongly advocated for reform of the Act, citing flaws in the process to list species as threatened and endangered in addition to abuse of the 45-year old law by environmental activist organizations seeking to curtail domestic energy development.

Public comments on the proposed ESA improvements will be accepted through September 24, 2018. Find more information on the regulatory revisions proposed for the ESA and learn how to submit your feedback by visiting <https://bit.ly/2uxya4u>.

## U.S. CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION CONTINUES TO SHATTER RECORDS, AS OUTPUT HITS 11 MILLION BPD

This summer, domestic crude oil production broke a new record, representing the highest production levels ever recorded in the United States. The U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) reported that for the first time, in July, total U.S. oil production topped 11 million barrels per day. EIA forecasts U.S. oil production will continue to grow leading into next year. In fact, analysts project U.S. crude oil production will average 11.8 million b/d in 2019.

A majority of the oil supplies produced in the United States are pumped in the state of Texas, the nation's leading producer of crude oil. With an explosion of E&P activity in the Permian Basin in West Texas, as well as strong output from the Eagle Ford Shale in South Texas, Texas is on course to even surpass production of OPEC members like Iran and Iraq next year, which will further bolster domestic production levels from the United States.



## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

TIPRO Members,

With TIPRO's 2018 Summer Conference on August 8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> quickly approaching, I look forward to seeing many of you in San Antonio in a couple weeks for the association's annual summer meeting. The Summer Conference is the first event in TIPRO's fiscal calendar and kick-starts a year which promises to be both exciting and challenging for the Texas oil and gas industry. To help set the stage for the upcoming year, TIPRO has developed a robust agenda for Summer Conference attendees which I know our members will enjoy.

This year, the city of San Antonio is celebrating its 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary and has scheduled a series of events through the summer to commemorate its storied history and role as the gateway between Texas and Northern Mexico. Today, our industry is just as focused on the relationship between Texas and Mexico as we pursue growing international markets for oil and natural gas. To provide some insight into these issues, at TIPRO's conference, the association is honored to have U.S. Representative Will Hurd provide his perspective into the federal priorities facing our industry today. Additionally, NAFTA committee member Gerardo Schwebel, EVP of Corporate International Division for IBC Laredo, will also join us to review the Texas-Mexico Energy Nexus. We also look forward to hearing from Mr. Mike Howard, president of Howard Energy Partners, who will detail Howard's goal to link the Permian Basin and South Texas to Mexico. Expanding on an independent producer's perspective, TIPRO is also thrilled to present Matt Gallagher, president and chief operating officer of Parsley Energy, as our keynote speaker over lunch. For the full agenda, please visit the TIPRO website at: <https://tipro.org/meetingsevents/summer-conference>.

Looking ahead into this next year and the 86<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session, the challenges and opportunities facing our industry are more dynamic than ever. TIPRO is as determined as ever to work with its members and colleagues to continue to preserve our ability to explore and produce oil and natural gas in Texas. Please join me at the 2018 Summer Conference as we continue on this mission.

Thank you,  
Eugene Garcia



**Eugene Garcia**

## ICYMI: ANDREW WHEELER TAKES OVER FOR SCOTT PRUITT AT THE EPA

Earlier this month, Scott Pruitt, administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), resigned as head of the federal agency. Pruitt, the former attorney general of Oklahoma, stepped down from his post after facing a series of scandals while at the EPA. In his resignation letter to the president, Pruitt referenced unrelenting attacks against him, personally, as well as his family, as the cause for his departure, describing the harassment he has faced as "unprecedented," noting it has taken a sizable toll.

Following Pruitt's resignation, Deputy Administrator Andrew Wheeler has since taken the helm at the EPA and assumed duties of acting administrator leading the agency. Wheeler was confirmed as the agency's deputy administrator earlier this year by the U.S. Senate on April 12, 2018. Prior to joining the EPA, Wheeler was a principal and the team leader of the Energy and Environment Practice Group at FaegreBD Consulting, as well as counsel at Faegre Baker Daniels law firm, where he practiced since 2009. Earlier in his career, Wheeler served for six years as the Majority staff director and chief counsel, as well as the Minority staff director, of the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works. Before his time at the full Senate EPW Committee, Wheeler also served in a similar capacity for six years for the Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate Change, Wetlands and Nuclear Safety. He began his career during the George H. W. Bush Administration as a special assistant in EPA's Pollution Prevention and Toxics office.

After the transition in leadership at the EPA, President Donald Trump commented in a tweet, "I have no doubt that Andy will continue on with our great and lasting EPA agenda. We have made tremendous progress and the future of the EPA is very bright!"

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## EPA ISSUES FINAL OZONE DESIGNATIONS FOR SOUTH TEXAS COUNTIES

On July 18, 2018, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced final designations for 2015 ozone standards for eight counties in South Texas. TIPRO has closely tracked developments regarding this issue in recent months, as the counties under review hold oil and gas drilling activity and are part of the Eagle Ford Shale formation.

After extensive evaluation, federal officials have classified seven of the eight counties in the San Antonio area as attainment/unclassifiable for the 2015 standard. This designation covers Atascosa, Bandera, Comal, Guadalupe, Kendall, Medina and Wilson counties. However, Bexar County -- which is home to the city of San Antonio -- was designated as nonattainment status. This designation will take effect 60 days after the EPA notice relating to this action is published in the *Federal Register*.

"Information provided by the state indicates that the San Antonio area is on the path toward attainment, and we expect Bexar County will be able to demonstrate that it meets the standard well in advance of the attainment date in 2021," commented Acting EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler. "Analysis from Texas about the role of international emissions, including from Mexico, and the pending closure of a coal-fired power plant in Bexar County will help ensure that implementation of this standard has minimal burdens on economic development."

Leaders of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) however, have disputed the EPA's final ozone ruling for Bexar County, asserting that the federal agency's decision "will create unnecessary burden on the residents, industry, and governing bodies of Bexar County without any associated benefit from an air quality perspective." The TCEQ also has criticized the move as "blatant disregard for Cooperative Federalism" given the EPA's designation directly countered Texas Governor Greg Abbott's recommendation on the ozone status of the county. Such action shows the disconnect between states and Washington D.C., reflected the TCEQ.

TCEQ also warned this ruling will have a negative impact on economic growth and citizens in Bexar County for decades to come. "The EPA and the Alamo Area Council of Government's modeling both predict that Bexar County is already expected to meet the federal air quality standard by 2023. 2023 is the first year in which Texas might have to demonstrate attainment through modeling in an attainment demonstration plan. Given this information in particular, the TCEQ does not see how the EPA's decision to disagree with the Texas designation recommendation and designated Bexar County as nonattainment benefits Texans."

To view additional information on the EPA's recent area designations for eight counties in the San Antonio, Texas, area, including the nonattainment designation for Bexar County, visit: <https://www.epa.gov/ozone-designations/designations-san-antonio-metropolitan-area>.

## INTERIOR DEPARTMENT TO HOST NEXT OFFSHORE OIL & GAS LEASE SALE AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup>

In a federal offshore lease sale scheduled for August 15, the U.S. Department of Interior's Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) will offer approximately 78 million acres offshore of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida for oil and gas exploration and development, officials announced in mid-July. Lease Sale 251 will present all available unleased areas in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico, including approximately 14,622 unleased blocks located from three to 231 miles offshore, in the Gulf's Western, Central and Eastern planning areas in water depths ranging from nine to more than 11,115 feet.

"Responsibly developing our offshore energy resources is a major pillar of this Administration's energy strategy," said Deputy Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt. "We look forward to this important sale, as the Gulf of Mexico continues to be the crown jewel of the Outer Continental Shelf. A strong offshore energy program supports tens of thousands of well-paying jobs and provides the affordable and reliable energy Americans need to heat homes, fuel our cars, and power our economy."

The BOEM's Lease Sale 251 in August will be the third offshore sale to take place under the National Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 2017-2022.

All terms and conditions for Gulf of Mexico Region-wide Sale 251 are detailed in the Final Notice of Sale (FNOS) information package, available online at: <http://www.boem.gov/Sale-251/>.

## STILL NEED A HOTEL ROOM FOR TIPRO'S SUMMER CONFERENCE?



The deadline has now passed for TIPRO's room block at the Hyatt Hill Country Resort in San Antonio for the association's 2018 Summer Meeting. However, members still needing to secure hotel accommodations for the TIPRO conference on August 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> should contact TIPRO directly by calling (512) 477-4452 or please email [joanne@tipro.org](mailto:joanne@tipro.org).





# TIPRO's 2018 Summer Conference **AGENDA**

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup>

- 1:00 P.M. Audit Committee Meeting
- 3:00 P.M. Board Meeting
- 5:30 P.M. Welcome Reception

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 9<sup>TH</sup>

- 8:00 A.M. Breakfast
  - Presentation of Inaugural TIPRO Oil & Gas Industry Advocacy Award
  - “Update on TCEQ Air Permitting”  
Susan Jablonski, TCEQ Central Texas Area Director  
Keith Sheedym, TCEQ Technical Advisor
- 9:00 A.M. General Session
  - Welcome & Sponsor Recognition  
Ed Longanecker, President of TIPRO
  - Opening Remarks  
TIPRO Chairman Eugene Garcia, President of Hurd Enterprises
- 9:15 A.M. Texas Legislative Update (.75 CLE)  
State Representative Drew Darby, Chairman of the House Energy Resources Committee
- 10:00 A.M. “Federal Priorities Facing Texas Oil & Gas” (.75 CLE Credit)  
U.S. Representative Will Hurd
- 10:45 A.M. Break
- 11:00 A.M. “The Texas-Mexico Energy Nexus” (1 CLE Credit)  
NAFTA Committee Member Gerardo Schwebel, EVP, Corporate International Division, IBC Laredo
- Noon Keynote Luncheon  
Matt Gallagher, President and Chief Operating Officer of Parsley Energy
- 1:30 P.M. Break
- 2:00 P.M. “Linking the Permian and South Texas to Mexico” (.75 CLE Credit)  
Mike Howard, Chairman and Chief Operating Officer of Howard Energy Partners
- 2:45 pm “Driving Reservoir Growth and Innovation” (.75 CLE Credit)  
Stephen Ingram, VP of Production Enhancement for Halliburton
- 3:30 P.M. “Texas Downstream Trends” (1 CLE Credit)
- 4:00 P.M. Afternoon Break
- 6:00 P.M. TIPRO Reception & Chairman’s Dinner  
2018 Mr. TIPRO Award Presentation
- 7:30 P.M. Casino Night





# TIPRO Summer Conference Registration Form



On August 8-9, TIPRO is excited to again return to the Hyatt Hill Country Resort in San Antonio, Texas, for the association's annual summer conference. We look forward to seeing you there this August for TIPRO's 2018 summer meeting!



## REGISTRATION FEES:

### MEMBER FEES:

(Includes all conference sessions and meals)

- ☐ Member: \$450
- ☐ Spouse: \$275
- ☐ Dinner-Only Ticket: \$150

### CHILDREN:

- ☐ 13-17 Years Old: \$100
- ☐ 12 Years Old - Under: Free

### NON-MEMBER FEES:

(Includes all conference sessions and meals)

- ☐ Non-Member\*: \$650  
\*Registration also includes 1 year regular TIPRO membership
- ☐ Non-Member Spouse: \$325
- ☐ Dinner-Only Ticket: \$250

### CHILDREN:

- ☐ 13-17 Years Old: \$100
- ☐ 12 Years Old - Under: Free

☐ Interested in also playing a round of golf with other members of TIPRO? Please check the box to be contacted and paired up to play golf at the Hyatt Hill Country's golf course on Friday, August 10.

## ATTENDEE INFORMATION:

Attendee Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Registered Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Names: \_\_\_\_\_

In order to help us plan our conference, below please confirm which events all registered guests will be attending by checking the corresponding box:

	Member/Non-member	Spouse	Child	Child	Child
Welcome Reception	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Breakfast	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Keynote Luncheon	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chairman's Dinner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Forms must be accompanied by payment. In order to receive a refund, TIPRO must be notified of your cancellation no later than July 31, 2018.

## STATE SENATOR SYLVIA GARCIA TO EXIT TEXAS LEGISLATURE IN JANUARY

In a letter sent to the attention of Texas Governor Greg Abbott on Monday, July 23, Texas State Senator Sylvia Garcia revealed her intent to resign from the Texas Legislature, effective on January 2, 2019. Garcia, who was elected in 2013 to represent Senate District 6 covering parts of Houston, is currently the Democratic nominee to replace retiring Congressman Gene Green, and is widely expected to win that seat. In advance of November's General Election, Garcia has informed the governor five months early of her departure from the Texas Senate, with hopes that Governor Abbott will call a special election for Senate District 6 in the next uniform election date, to occur November 6, which would ensure continued representation of Harris County as the next legislative session begins.

"The people of Senate District 6 deserve someone who will continue that fight in the Texas Senate on day one of the 86<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session, which is why I am submitting this letter over five months before the legislatures convenes," wrote Garcia. "I humbly ask that you call a special election for Senate District 6 in the next uniform election date, which will ensure continued representation and save Harris County taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars. Holding the election on November 6<sup>th</sup> will also afford the voters ample time to meet the candidates and make an educated decision on who will serve as their next state senator," Garcia concluded.

## CONGRESSIONAL PANEL REVIEWS EXCLUSION PROCESS FOR STEEL AND ALUMINUM TARIFFS

Members of the U.S. House Ways and Means Trade Subcommittee met Tuesday, July 24<sup>th</sup> in Washington, D.C., to review the experiences of U.S. companies participating in the product exclusion process seeking relief from steel and aluminum tariffs imposed by the Trump Administration. Federal lawmakers heard from executive leaders representing a range of sectors, including the oil and gas industry, to understand problems with the exclusion process from the Section 232 steel and aluminum tariffs, and discuss how the federal government could implement necessary changes to provide relief to American businesses and job creators.

Plains All American Pipeline Executive Vice President, COO and incoming CEO Willie Chiang provided testimony during Tuesday's hearing, offering perspective to congressional members after the U.S. Department of Commerce recently denied a request from Plains seeking a tariff exemption for imported steel to be used for its Cactus II pipeline system that will transport oil from the Permian Basin in West Texas to the U.S. Gulf Coast. "We are an American company headquartered in Houston, and we are proud to source more than 85 percent of our capital investments domestically. We support policies that encourage domestic production of steel, just as we have a preference for the domestic production of energy. However, currently steel imports are essential given the lack of domestic availability for certain products," explained Chiang. In his remarks, Chiang pointed to the needs for infrastructure development to support rising production output from prolific formations like the Permian Basin, the largest driver of current and projected future U.S. energy production growth. "Permian Basin energy production growth benefits job creation, national energy security and the balance of trade. However, crude oil production growth in the Permian Basin is being threatened by the very fact that it is rapidly outpacing available pipeline takeaway infrastructure," stressed Chiang. "As a result, we expect, within the coming months, there will not be enough pipeline takeaway capacity to move forecasted volume growth, forcing crude oil production to be shut-in or moved by rail and long-haul truck. These alternative transportation methods are much more costly and are limited in their ability to service projected production growth. Timely construction of proposed pipeline infrastructure in this region is critical to ensure adequate pipeline capacity that will sustain Permian production growth. If sufficient pipeline infrastructure, including our Cactus II Pipeline system, is built within the next 18 months as planned, it is anticipated the Permian Basin will surpass China, Canada and Iraq to become the fourth largest liquids petroleum producing region in the world."

As part of his testimony, Chiang also outlined a series of recommendations for the committee to consider in efforts to improve the Section 232 process:

1. Exempt international steel orders placed prior to the imposition of tariffs and quotas.
2. Exempt critical infrastructure project components from tariffs and quotas.
3. Recognize technical decisions regarding product specifications must be made by individual companies, not the U.S. government.
4. Ensure companies receive due process in the exclusion request procedures.
5. Consolidate exclusion requests by project or purchase order instead of requiring individual filings for nearly identical products.

Four months have passed since the steel and aluminum tariffs were imposed by the Trump Administration in March. Since that time, according to congressional documentation, less than 700 out of the 27,000 requests have resulted in determinations by the U.S. Commerce Department, with only 266 accepted and 421 denied.

On behalf of the association's membership, TIPRO has continued to engage this issue to fight for a solution. An editorial authored by TIPRO President Ed Longanecker discussing this topic was recently published by the *Dallas Morning News* -- to view the op-ed, please visit: <http://bit.ly/2uJ5Uvx>.

### TIPRO Calendar of Events

<b>AUGUST 8, 2018</b> <b>HOUSTON — IPAA/TIPRO</b> Leaders in Industry Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. Houston Petroleum Club. For info, call: (202) 857-4733.	<b>AUGUST 8-9, 2018</b> <b>SAN ANTONIO — TIPRO</b> 2018 Summer Conference, Hyatt Hill Country Resort. For info, call: (512) 477-4452.	<b>AUGUST 15-16, 2018</b> <b>HOUSTON — Summer</b> NAPE Expo, George R. Brown Convention Center. For info, call: (817) 847-7700.	<b>SEPTEMBER 12, 2018</b> <b>HOUSTON — IPAA/TIPRO</b> Leaders in Industry Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. Houston Petroleum Club. For info, call: (202) 857-4733.
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## ENERGY DEPT. EXPEDITES APPROVAL PROCESS OF SMALL-SCALE NATURAL GAS EXPORTS

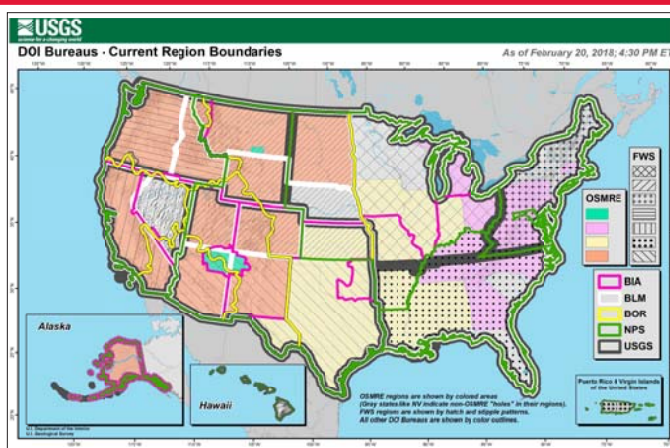
In late July, the U.S. Department of Energy finalized a new rule that will allow faster permitting of small-scale natural gas exports from the United States. The department announced the new rule on Wednesday, July 25, with the policy set to take effect August 24, 2018. According to officials, this deregulatory measure expedites the review and approval process of qualifying applications to export small amounts of natural gas in the emerging small-scale LNG export market, which is primarily comprised of countries in the Caribbean, Central America, and South America. Upon receipt of any complete application to export natural gas (including LNG) to non-free trade agreement countries, the Energy Department will automatically grant the application provided that the application meets two criteria: the application proposes to export no more than 51.75 billion cubic feet per year of natural gas, and the proposed export qualifies for a categorical exclusion under National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations. For applications meeting these criteria, the government now will consider such exports as “small-scale natural gas exports” deemed to be in the public interest under the Natural Gas Act. Exports of natural gas to countries with a qualifying free trade agreement are already deemed in the public interest under the Act.

“The finalization of this rule will expedite the permitting of certain small-scale exports of natural gas,” said Energy Secretary Rick Perry. “The so-called ‘small-scale rule’ will further unleash American energy by reducing the regulatory burden on American businesses while also providing significant benefits to our trading partners in the Caribbean, Central America and South America.”

## INTERIOR DEPARTMENT UNVEILS PREVIEW OF NEW PROPOSED UNIFIED REGIONAL BOUNDARIES

Since taking office as head of the U.S. Department of Interior, Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke has championed a reorganization of the entire agency -- including resetting the territories for the various branches of the Interior -- to improve management of federally-owned lands and to make governance of U.S. resources more efficient. As part of this effort, in July, the department released its updated map for realignment that would consolidate the dozens of bureau regions into just 12 unified departmental regions serving the Interior Department. Under the updated territories, boundaries primarily have been established following state lines, while still adhering to the original goal of organizing boundaries along natural features. “Over the past six months, we have released several draft maps that outline our proposal for new unified regional boundaries at the department,” said a spokesman for the agency. “These unified regions were developed by looking at natural features such as watersheds, animal migration corridors, and ecosystems. As this proposed change would be a major shift in the organization of Interior, we asked for feedback from our senior executive staff, members of Congress, governors, and other partners and friends. After more than 300 meetings, numerous phone calls, and many letters, we have heard you, and have incorporated your feedback.”

At this time, the federal agency intends to establish unified regional boundaries for all of Interior’s bureaus except for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians, and the Bureau of Indian Education. TIPRO members can reference the previous regional boundaries for the department [*right, top map*] compared to newly drawn regions set for the Interior [*right, bottom map*]. This final map has been submitted to the U.S. House and Senate Interior Appropriations Subcommittees for review, according to the Interior.



## REMINDER: DEADLINE APPROACHING FOR IOGCC ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AWARDS

Time is running out to submit your nomination for the 2018 Chairman’s Stewardship Awards presented by the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission (IOGCC). These awards represent the IOGCC’s highest honor for exemplary efforts by oil and gas companies in environmental stewardship. Every year, IOGCC recognizes producers who go above and beyond the regulatory mandates to protect and enhance the nation’s natural resources. According to the IOGCC, the intention of the awards is to recognize achievement and challenge organizations, companies and individuals nationwide to demonstrate innovation, dedication and passion for our environment.

Nominations for the awards must be received on or before Thursday, August 2, 2018. Please note that organizations or individuals may apply on their own behalf or nominate another project. Past winners are also encouraged to apply with new projects. Previous projects that have received honorable mention may resubmit the project if it has been enhanced or revised.

Award winners will be announced at the IOGCC Annual Meeting in Idaho on September 30 – October 2, 2018, with attending governors presenting the awards in the four categories of: Energy Education, Environmental Partnership, Large Company and Small Company.

More information can be found by visiting: <http://iogcc.ok.gov/chairmansstewardship>.



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