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## NEW STUDY SHOWS AMERICA'S SHALE REVOLUTION IS SAVING BILLIONS FOR LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Unconventional oil and gas development has generated a variety of positive economic benefits, both in the state of Texas and across the nation. However, a new report published on June 5 details how the U.S. shale revolution also has saved billions for American schools districts. The study, prepared by IHS Global Insight, calculates U.S. public elementary and secondary school districts saved approximately 9.3 percent on electricity and 21.3 percent on natural gas during the 2012-2013 fiscal year, all thanks to rising domestic oil and natural gas production. Altogether, that equals a total savings of \$1.2 billion.

"The oil and natural gas revolution has created millions of jobs, but that only scratches the surface of the economic benefits we're seeing at the state and local level," said Kyle Isakower, vice president for regulatory and economic policy for the American Petroleum Institute (API). "U.S. school districts saved over a billion dollars on energy last year, enough to employ over 14,200 teachers\*. During the same period, state and local taxpayers saved another \$720 million on other government spending. For cities and schools still struggling with the ripple effects of a recession, the economic benefits resulting from new advances in U.S. energy production are making a huge difference."

The new study also reveals the savings for local and state governments as a result of shale development. Analysis shows that local and state governments saved an estimated 9.5 percent on electricity and 21.6 percent on natural gas, for a total of \$720 million, or the cost to employ about 10,995 government workers\*.

"America is now the world's top producer of natural gas, and it's helped to push down the cost of keeping our students warm and local governments running," added Isakower. "For taxpayers, these energy savings can mean more funding for education and local services. To protect these benefits and grow the economy, policymakers in Washington must turn aside efforts that would impose duplicative regulations on shale development, slow permitting, or limit access to domestic resources."

The IHS study includes estimates of specific school and government savings within individual states and regions. In the Lone Star State, during fiscal year 2012-2013, unconventional oil and natural gas production helped:

- Save Texas schools approximately 8.8 percent on energy, or \$97.9 million, enough to employ 1,379 teachers\*;
- The state and local governments in Texas save an additional 10.7 percent on other energy costs, or \$33.2 million, enough to employ about 550 government workers\*.

\*Energy savings as a number of government positions or teachers is based on the labor compensation cost of full-time equivalent employees for the two types of positions.

## JOB GROWTH CONTINUES NEAR EAGLE FORD SHALE, ACROSS TEXAS



In just five years, the number of San Antonio-area workers in the E&P sector has more than doubled, reveals new employment statistics released earlier this month. In the San Antonio-New Braunfels metropolitan statistical area alone, over 9,500 people reported working for the industry, representing a jump of approximately 121 percent from the same month in 2009.

Altogether, analysts estimate well over 116,000 oil and gas jobs are supported throughout the Eagle Ford region, which spans across more than 24 counties in South Texas.

"The oil-and-gas industry is the fastest growing industry in our region right now," commented Eva Esquivel, spokeswoman for Workforce Solution, a job-placement agency.

Outside of the Eagle Ford, other regions across the Lone Star State also continue to see unemployment rates drop. "April was a robust month for Texas job growth; the unemployment rate continues to fall and we posted the highest monthly job growth in well over three years," said Andres Alcantar, chairman of the Texas Workforce Commission. "With all 11 major industries adding jobs over the year, I encourage job seekers to visit Workforce Solutions offices around the state and seize the opportunities created by Texas employers."

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

TIPRO Members -

On June 2, 2014, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released its highly anticipated proposed regulations on carbon emissions, as it strives to cut energy pollution and slow climate change. In its proposal, the federal agency calls for carbon emissions from the power sector to be reduced by 30 percent before 2030. This "Clean Power Plan," as it has been labeled, comes at the direction of President Obama, who in June 2013 laid out his goals regarding climate action through a Presidential Memorandum.

Following the EPA's announcement last week, many have expressed concern over the possible effects of such drastic new federal mandates, not only on the cost and availability of electricity but also the broader impact on the economy. Texas Governor Rick Perry has gone so far as to dub the EPA rules as "one of the most direct assaults yet on energy providers that employ thousands of Americans." House Speaker Joe Straus also has expressed his apprehension on the new EPA standards, which has since led him to direct the House Committee on Environmental Regulation to review the potential impact of these EPA requirements on Texas. The committee will present their findings ahead of the 2015 legislative session, which starts next January.

It's quite clear this latest set of regulations outlined by the EPA is yet another attack by the President's administration against fossil fuels, which ironically support the large majority of Americans energy needs. Although we certainly should continue to diversify our energy portfolio in the future, and expand output from alternative resources when possible, imposing stringent and restrictive mandates is not the right approach. We should also keep in mind the example set forth by none other than the Lone Star State, as air emissions in Texas have actually declined in recent years, despite remarkable growth in population and expanding E&P activities throughout the state. We've successfully demonstrated that it is possible to have government policies in place which enhance environmental conservation, but don't necessarily cause American businesses to falter or the economy to weaken.

The EPA says it will accept public comment on its proposal for 120 days after publication in the Federal Register. The agency also plans to hold four public hearings on the proposed Clean Power Plan during the week of July 28 in the following cities: Denver, Atlanta, Washington, D.C. and Pittsburgh. Based on public input, the EPA will then finalize its regulations on carbon emissions by June 2015. As members of the energy sector, I would advise that we all keep an eye on developments related to this set of new federal rules.

On a separate note, I want to once more encourage all members of our association to please take a moment and submit your nominations for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Texas Top Producer awards. This year, TIPRO has again partnered with the publishers of *Texas Monthly*, along with the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG) and the American Association of Professional Landmen (AAPL), to honor the best professionals in the Texas oil and gas industry. Let us know about a colleague of yours or a fellow business associate who is deserving of recognition. Nominations may be submitted online through TIPRO's website at [www.tipro.org](http://www.tipro.org). The deadline to submit nominations for consideration will be Tuesday, June 24, 2014.

Sincerely,




**Ed Longanecker**

## U.S. NATURAL GAS OUTPUT COULD SET A RECORD IN 2014

A new government report compiled by the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) forecasts that this year U.S. natural gas output will reach 73 billion cubic feet a day (Bcf/d). This figure was raised from the agency's initial natural gas production estimate of 72.26 billion, after new infrastructure projects have started to come online and offered additional support for domestic natural gas development. Collectively, marketed gas output in the lower 48 states will increase 4 percent from 2013, the EIA calculates, setting a record for the fourth straight year.

In its latest energy report, released on Tuesday, June 10, EIA officials added, "Rapid natural gas production growth in the Marcellus formation is contributing to falling natural gas forward prices in the Northeast, which often fall below Henry Hub prices outside of peak winter demand months. Consequently, some drilling activity may move away from the Marcellus back to Gulf Coast plays such as the Haynesville and Barnett, where prices are closer to the Henry Hub spot price."

### TIPRO Calendar of Events

JULY 9, 2014	JULY 9-10, 2014	AUGUST 7-9, 2014	AUGUST 13, 2014
HOUSTON — IPAA/TIPRO Leaders in Industry Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. Houston Petroleum Club. For info, call: (832) 233-5502.	SAN ANTONIO — South Texas Oilfield Expo, Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center. For info, call: (866) 918-5550.	SAN ANTONIO — TIPRO's Summer Conference & Golf Tournament, Hyatt Hill Country Resort. For info, call: (512) 477-4452.	HOUSTON — IPAA/TIPRO Leaders in Industry Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. Houston Petroleum Club. For info, call: (832) 233-5502.

## TEXAS RAILROAD COMMISSION OFFICIALLY LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE

As part of the agency's full IT overhaul, the Texas Railroad Commission (RRC) recently launched its new website, accessible at [www.rrc.texas.gov](http://www.rrc.texas.gov). In doing so, the commission says it hopes to make additional online resources available regarding the regulation of the oil and gas industry in the state of Texas. It also seeks to make the agency's website more user-friendly.

"The new website is part of Phase 1 of our IT modernization that we hope will ultimately result in stakeholders and the public having greater ease and access to our agency's data, which includes everything from Texas oil and gas production statistics to drilling permits," said RRC Commissioner David Porter.

Some of the new features of the revamped RRC website include:

- An index of pages organized by different industries - "Oil & Gas," "Gas Services," "Pipeline Safety," "Mining & Exploration," and "Alternative Fuels";
- Audience-specific web pages for consumers, land and mineral owners and media;
- A Resource Center that will allow users to find the most commonly used commission resources and services, including online research queries, GIS map viewer and frequently asked questions;
- A calendar of upcoming events on the home page listing all events, training and certifications hosted by the commission; and
- A responsive design that allows users to view the commission's website on smartphones and tablets.

In the coming months, the agency will continue to migrate content from the old website to its new site. The RRC will also make additional improvements online, such as: offering information through mapping interfaces (GIS); consolidating many queries related to oil and gas production data and drilling permit information available on the Online Research Queries web page; releasing an improved RRC Online application for users to submit required regulatory filings online; and making available additional online filings through RRC Online.

The commission's previous website will still be available to the public at [www.old.rrc.state.tx.us](http://www.old.rrc.state.tx.us) until July 1, 2014. However, please note that this website's web content will no longer be updated.

## DOMESTIC SHALE BOOM HELPS U.S. BETTER MEET ITS OWN ENERGY DEMANDS

With a surge in domestic oil and gas production over the last few years, the U.S. has been better able to satisfy the energy consumption demands of Americans. In fact, the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) reports that more than 84 percent of total U.S. energy demand was met in 2013, equal to 81.7 quadrillion British thermal units of energy out of the 97.5 quads demanded. That's up significantly from 2005 when the amount of energy produced domestically met just 69 percent of demand, a historical low.

"Since 2005, production of domestic resources, particularly natural gas and crude oil, has been increasing as a result of the application of technologies that can develop harder-to-produce resources," says the federal data agency. "At the same time, reduced road travel, improved vehicle efficiency, and competition among fuels for electric power generation have limited consumption of petroleum and coal."

As a result of elevated levels of domestic unconventional oil and gas production, U.S. dependence on imported petroleum continues to decline. This in turn has further enhanced national energy security for the U.S., allowing it to reach the highest level seen in a quarter century.



## NEW ENERGY COALITION LAUNCHES IN SA TO HIGHLIGHT ADVANTAGES OF LNG EXPORTS

Supported by a diverse group of state officials, a new energy coalition launched earlier this month in San Antonio to educate the public and lawmakers on economic opportunities presented by expanding LNG export markets. The Texas-chapter of Our Energy Movement will join a growing national alliance focused on spreading awareness and promoting the benefits associated with LNG exports, such as job creation in addition to a robust, healthy and competitive energy market.

"Expanding LNG exports is good for the U.S. and great for Texas," said State Representative J.M. Lozano (R-Kingsville) at a press conference announcing the Texas launch of the coalition. "The economic impact in my district will be realized almost immediately after the federal government approves the necessary permits for the Corpus Christi Liquefaction facility. LNG exports will help create quality, well-paying jobs for hardworking Texans."

Analysts project LNG exports could create up to 155,000 jobs in Texas by 2035 in construction, operations, exploration and production sectors, in addition to helping generate economic benefits across the U.S. economy as new wealth is created in the state, according to the new energy group.

"We must ensure that the U.S. doesn't miss this historic opportunity, and Texas has a critical role to play in guaranteeing that we don't," said Jason French, spokesperson for the coalition.



## YOU'RE INVITED TO TIPRO'S SUMMER CONFERENCE!

Register today for TIPRO's 2014 Summer Conference & Golf Tournament! This year's meeting is scheduled to be held at the Hyatt Hill Country Resort & Spa in San Antonio, Texas, on August 7-9.

This annual event brings together independent producers, royalty owners, industry leaders, government officials and other oil and gas professionals, providing a platform to discuss current and future challenges for the Texas E&P sector.

### Conference agenda:

#### Thursday August 7, 2014

1:30 p.m.	Audit Committee Meeting
3:00 p.m.	Board Meeting
5:30 p.m.	Welcome Reception

#### Friday August 8, 2014

8 a.m.	Breakfast
9 - 11:30 a.m.	General Session Presentations
Noon	Keynote Luncheon
1:30 - 4 p.m.	General Session Presentations
6:30 p.m.	Chairman's Dinner & Casino Night

#### Saturday August 9, 2014

7:30 a.m.	TIPRO's Annual Golf Tournament
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This year, presentation topics will include: federal regulations on hydraulic fracturing, state oversight of the oil and gas industry, the 2014 elections, a look ahead to the 84<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative Session, new drilling technologies, and much more.

TIPRO's Summer Meeting also provides several opportunities to network with other members of the association and form new business connections.

To register to attend, please fill out and return the forms in this newsletter, or call (512) 477-4452.

## HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS



Don't forget to reserve your room at the Hyatt Hill Country Resort. This hotel offers a charming mix of authentic Texas hospitality blended perfectly with all the activities you could ever want in a Hill Country resort. Whether you go for par on the award-winning 27-hole championship golf course or take a ride down the Lazy River Pool, you are sure to create great memories while staying as a guest at this San Antonio resort.

To book your reservation, call the Hyatt Hill Country at (210) 647-1234. Ask for the TIPRO rate of \$196.

You can also reserve your room online at <http://bit.ly/lqVhbTi>.

Please note that the deadline for the group discount at the Hyatt will be July 17, 2014.

# CONFERENCE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

## REGISTRATION FEES:

### MEMBER FEES:

(Includes all conference sessions & meals)

☐ Member: \$395

☐ Spouse: \$245

### CHILDREN:

☐ 13-17 Years Old: \$100

☐ 12 Years Old - Under: Free

☐ Dinner-Only Ticket: \$150

### NON-MEMBER FEES:

(Includes all conference sessions & meals)

☐ Non-Member\*: \$595

\*Registration also includes 1 year regular TIPRO Membership

☐ Non-Member Spouse: \$295

### CHILDREN:

☐ 13-17 Years Old: \$100

☐ 12 Years Old - Under: Free

☐ Dinner-Only Ticket: \$250



## ATTENDEE INFORMATION:

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

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

T-Shirt Size (please indicate shirt size for each registrant):

\_\_\_\_ Youth Small \_\_\_\_ Youth Medium \_\_\_\_ Youth Large \_\_\_\_ Small \_\_\_\_ Medium \_\_\_\_ Large \_\_\_\_ XLarge \_\_\_\_ XXL Large

In order to help us plan our conference, below please confirm which events you 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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Signature

*Registrations with shirt sizes must be submitted by July 25, 2014, to receive guaranteed size.*

*Please return completed form to TIPRO at: 919 Congress Avenue, Suite 1000, Austin, Texas 78701 or fax to (512) 476-8070.*

*Online registration is also available at [www.tipro.org](http://www.tipro.org).*

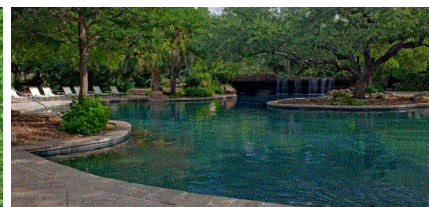
*Forms must be accompanied by payment. No refunds after August 1, 2014.*

# SIGN UP TO SPONSOR TIPRO'S 2014 SUMMER CONFERENCE!

TIPRO is excited to host its annual Summer Conference on August 7-9, 2014, at the Hyatt Hill Country Resort in San Antonio, Texas!

Sponsorship opportunities are designed to showcase your business to TIPRO membership and conference attendees.

All sponsorships will include recognition in promotional materials, the event program and conference signage.



## AVAILABLE CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIPS:

### ☐ GOLD SPONSOR: \$6,000

Receive 3 complimentary meeting registrations, 1 complimentary golf registration and special recognition at the Chairman's Dinner.

### ☐ SILVER LEVEL: \$3,500

Receive 2 complimentary meeting registrations (does not include golf) and special recognition during the Keynote Luncheon.

### ☐ BRONZE LEVEL: \$2,000

Receive 1 complimentary meeting registration (does not include golf) and special recognition during the Keynote Luncheon.

## ADDITIONAL SPONSORSHIP OPTIONS:

### ☐ T-SHIRT SPONSORSHIP: \$4,000

Receive 1 complimentary meeting registration and company logo\* printed on conference t-shirts.

### ☐ PHOTOBOOTH SPONSORSHIP: \$3,000

Receive 1 complimentary meeting registration and company logo featured on backdrop of photobooth at the Chairman's Dinner.

### ☐ PHOTO FLIPBOOK SPONSORSHIP: \$3,000

Receive 1 complimentary meeting registration and company logo featured on backdrop of photo flipbook offered at the Chairman's Dinner.

### ☒ ~~HOSPITALITY SUITE SPONSOR: \$2,500~~ \*SOLD OUT\*

Receive 1 complimentary meeting registration and exclusive recognition in the hospitality suite.

### ☐ AMENITY SPONSOR: \$2,500

Receive 1 complimentary meeting registration and company logo printed on notecard placed along with amenity in guest's hotel room.

### ☒ ~~SPORT TOTE BAG SPONSOR: \$2,500~~ \*SOLD OUT\*

Receive 1 complimentary meeting registration and company logo\* featured on conference bag.

### ☒ ~~NOTEBOOK SPONSOR: \$2,500~~ \*SOLD OUT\*

Receive 1 complimentary meeting registration and company logo\* printed on the front of notebooks distributed during the conference.

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Receive 1 complimentary meeting registration and company logo\* featured on attendee's lanyards.

\* Please note: all sponsorship logos are limited to one-color

Please also consider signing up to sponsor TIPRO's 2014 Golf Tournament - golf sponsorship opportunities are listed on the following page.

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# Register for TIPRO's Annual Golf Tournament

## DATE:

Saturday, August 9, 2014

## TEE TIME:

7:30 a.m.

## LOCATION:

Hyatt Hill Country Resort  
San Antonio, Texas

## FORMAT:

Four-Man Scramble

## COMPETITIONS:

Hole-in-One Car  
Giveaway, Longest Drive  
Contest, Closest to the  
Pin, and much more!

## FOUR SOME:

\$700

## INDIVIDUAL:

\$200

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## GOLF SPONSORSHIPS:

### ☐ 19TH HOLE LUNCHEON & AWARDS SPONSOR\*: \$5,000

Receive 2 complimentary golf registrations, 1 complimentary meeting registration, company logo featured on tournament trophies, exclusive opportunity to present golf awards and company logo prominently displayed on all event signage.

### ☐ GOLF GOODIE BAG SPONSOR\*: \$2,000

Receive 1 complimentary golf registration and company logo featured on golf goodie bag.

### ☐ GOLF TOWEL SPONSOR\*: \$2,000

Receive 1 complimentary golf registration and company logo featured on golf tournament towel.

### ☐ GOLF HAT SPONSOR\*: \$2,000

Receive 1 complimentary golf registration and company logo printed on golf tournament hat.

### ☐ DIVOT TOOL & BALL MARKER SET SPONSOR\*: \$1,500

Receive 1 complimentary golf registration and company logo printed on divot tool & ball marker set.

### ☐ BEVERAGE CART SPONSOR (2 SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE): \$1,500

Receive 1 complimentary golf registration and company logo featured on tournament beverage carts. Sponsors may use golf cart to interact with and hand out promotional items to tournament participants.

### ☐ DRIVING RANGE SPONSOR\*: \$750

Receive 1 complimentary golf registration and company logo displayed prominently on signage on driving range prior to tournament.

### ☐ HOLE SPONSOR: \$500

Company logo on signage and opportunity to interact with tournament participants at assigned tee box.

\*One sponsorship available

## PARTICIPANTS:

Name:	Company:	Email Address:	Handicap:

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With more than 2,500 members, TIPRO is the nation's largest statewide association representing both independent producers and royalty owners. Our members include small family-owned companies, the largest publicly traded independents and large and small mineral estates and trusts.

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