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NEW TIPRO LEGISLATIVE ACTION CENTER LAUNCHED ONLINE

The Texas Independent Producers & Royalty Owners Association (TIPRO) will now offer members the exclusive opportunity to track important state and federal legislative developments through the association's new online Legislative Action Center. Accessible on the TIPRO website, under the "Issues" tab, this new resource will allow TIPRO members the opportunity to access a wide range

of tools that will assist with achieving public policy goals.

Currently a variety of issues threaten to impact independent oil and gas producers and royalty owners, from potential tax hikes to an overly burdensome regulatory process. Resources like the TIPRO Legislative Action Center will allow members of the association to band together to take action on these issues and more. In doing so, the industry will be successful in efforts to preserve the ability to explore for and produce oil and gas in America.

Within the Action Center, you can find out who represents you at the Texas Legislature and in Washington, D.C. and on what committees they serve. Moreover, you'll be able to learn about the candidates running for office in the upcoming elections, and discover where they stand on those issues that matter most, including how each elected official's voting record lines up with the policy and issue agendas of various organizations across the political spectrum. The resource even provides the ability to contact your representatives and share your input on policy initiatives. You'll also find general election information and background on how the government works, as well as tips for how you can be more effective with making your voice heard by elected officials.

Please note, the Legislative Action Center is a member-only benefit. Accordingly, if you do not have login information or have lost your member password, contact TIPRO's Membership Coordinator Anjelica Torres by email at atorres@tipro.org for assistance.

OPERATORS NOW REQUIRED TO SUBMIT ADVANCE NOTICE OF COMPLETIONS

Beginning Monday, October 15, 2012, oil and gas operators will be required to provide the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality (TCEQ) with advance notice of all completions of hydraulically fractured wells 48 hours ahead of time. The new requirement was passed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) back in April 2012, as part of the federal agency's New Source Performance Standards (NSPS), found in subpart OOOO. While the other components of the agency's new rules are scheduled to be phased into compliance over time, this specific provision will take effect on October 15.

Operators must submit the following information and data to EPA no later than 2 days prior to the commencement of completion:

- The anticipated date of the well completion operation
- Contact information for the operator
- API well number
- Latitude/Longitude coordinates for each well in decimal degrees to an accuracy and precision of five decimals of a degree using NAD-1983
- Planned date of the beginning of flowback

At this time, operators should plan to submit well completion and flowback notification on paper to the TCEQ, according to the instructions on the Well Completion/Flowback Notification Form, which may be viewed online at <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/permitting/air/Forms/20640.pdf>.

However, after October 18, 2012, producers should be able to submit notifications online through the State of Texas Environmental Electronic Reporting System (STEERS).

Andrea Morrow, a spokeswoman for the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality (TCEQ), said "TCEQ staff have been working diligently to ensure industry has a simple mechanism to comply with EPA's new reporting requirements for completion of hydraulically fractured gas wells."

For questions regarding the requirements of this new regulation, including notification of completions, email AirOG@tceq.texas.gov or call (512) 239-1250.

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

TIPRO Members-

The General Election is now less than one month away, with just 26 more days until we know who will be selected as the next officials to lead our state and national government the coming years. From President of the United States all the way down to our State Representatives and Senators, and even county officials, there are a number of critical races taking place this November. At that time, we'll also be voting on two commissioners for the Texas Railroad Commission, the state agency that regulates oil and gas activity in Texas.

Accordingly, between now and election day, we all need to do our research and pay attention to the political debates taking place, so that we can each better understand who we are selecting to serve as our future representatives and leaders.

The outcome of this election will surely have a significant impact on our industry's ability to explore for and produce oil and natural gas in America, as a number of important rules and regulations regarding hydraulic fracturing and air emissions will be developed in the years ahead. Pending the results of this election, the direction of our nation's policy towards energy regulation could drastically change - hence the incredible importance of active participation by all American citizens, including all members of TIPRO. We need for our state's independent producers and royalty owners to band together to make our voice heard at the polls next month, in order to send an important message to government officials of how dearly we value domestic oil and gas development. It is key to our nation's future, and will allow for our country to successfully rebound from the most recent economic recession. Already we are seeing great recovery here in the Lone Star State due to the increase in drilling, especially in areas like the Permian Basin and Eagle Ford Shale, and need for our entire country to be able to enjoy the same boost as well. Although the recent energy boom is helping to contribute millions of dollars of income to our government and supporting hundreds of thousands of jobs, this will continue only with the right policies in place. Moreover, the increase in exploration and production will continue to allow for a decline in crude imports from foreign nations in the future, which is critical for our energy independence and national security.

Of course, once in office, it is likely that these newly elected government officials, both on the state and federal levels, will have their work cut out, as they must address a number of issues related to the oil and gas industry, from managing water usage during these times of drought to enhancing well-bore integrity or even imposing new casing requirements for wells. Taxes inevitably will come up for review as well, as it always does. All too often we see inexperienced officials make incorrect assumptions on the tax structure currently in place, and impassioned individuals call for change to a system that they do not understand. That is where TIPRO comes in, with your backing and support, to fight on these issues and more. Each day, we'll continue to work hard to ensure those at the Texas Legislature, U.S. Congress and other regulatory agencies appreciate the vital role that our industry plays in supporting Texas and America. We'll strive to educate them on the in's and out's of the drilling process, as well as explain why tax incentives are necessary for the future development of shale formations.

I'm proud to say that our association has just launched a new online resource called the TIPRO Legislative Action Center that will be incredibly helpful for members to utilize in the months ahead - both in preparation for the General Election in November and during the upcoming 83rd Legislative Session. This is a benefit exclusive to TIPRO members. It is also easy to access, day or night. To view, simply visit the TIPRO website at www.tipro.org. Once on the site, you can see the top issues relevant to the oil and gas industry, and be advised of how to take action to make a difference. This is just another reason you should contact your business associates to join TIPRO so they can be informed and help us in the upcoming battles. By collectively making use of the Legislative Action Center, we'll amplify our efforts to fight for the ability to develop natural resources here in Texas and across the entire nation. I hope all of you will take a moment to check it out!

Sincerely,




David F. Martineau

Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER 14, 2012

HOUSTON IPAA/TIPRO
Leaders in Industry
Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.
Houston Petroleum Club.
For info, call: (832) 233-5502.

DECEMBER 12, 2012

HOUSTON IPAA/TIPRO
Leaders in Industry
Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.
Houston Petroleum Club.
For info, call: (832) 233-5502.

JANUARY 9, 2013

HOUSTON IPAA/TIPRO
Leaders in Industry
Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.
Houston Petroleum Club.
For info, call: (832) 233-5502.

FEBRUARY 5-8, 2013

HOUSTON Winter
NAPE Expo,
George R. Brown
Convention Center
For info, call: (817) 847-7700.

UT-AUSTIN TO STUDY METHANE EMISSIONS RELEASED DURING NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION

Researchers at The University of Texas at Austin (UT) plan a study to measure methane emissions from natural gas production, working hand-in-hand with a variety of stakeholders to collect data about a subject to which little empirical data currently exists. Alongside the experts at the university, nine of the nation's leading natural gas producers will also participate, including: Anadarko Petroleum Corporation, BG Group plc, Chevron, Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc., Pioneer Natural Resources Company, Shell, Southwestern Energy, Talisman Energy, USA and XTO Energy, an ExxonMobil subsidiary. The Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) will also contribute to the study.



Researchers will measure the methane emission rates at a sample of natural gas production sites in order to help establish a greater understanding of the actual amount of methane emitted into the atmosphere. Emissions will be analyzed from many of the nation's key shale plays, including the Barnett Shale in North Texas, Eagle Ford in South Texas and the Haynesville formation in East Texas, among others.

Methane is the primary component of natural gas, but can be a potent greenhouse gas that can be released into the atmosphere. With the advancement of technology in recent years, and increasing production of natural gas from shale formations, it is important to better understand how much methane is released into the atmosphere during natural gas production, processing and transportation.

UT Professor David Allen, the Melvin H. Gertz regents chair in chemical engineering, is leading the research team. Allen is the director of the Cockrell School of Engineering's Center for Energy and Environmental Resources. He also is the author of six books and over 200 papers in areas ranging from coal liquefaction and heavy oil chemistry to the chemistry of urban atmospheres. He received his Ph.D. in chemical engineering in 1983 from the California Institute of Technology. For more than a decade, his work has focused on urban air quality and the development of materials for environmental and engineering education.

"This study is unparalleled in its scope and approach," said Allen. "Through the data our research team collects from wells and facilities in the nation's major shale producing areas and the data we receive from the nine participating natural gas producers, we hope to bring hard, scientific findings to an environmental issue that is still not well understood."

"The study is unique in that it brings multiple, key stakeholders to the table to make measurements of emissions at the well-pad. If we want natural gas to be an accepted part of a strategy for improving energy security and moving to a clean energy future, it is critical for all of us to work together to quantify and reduce methane emissions as may be appropriate. Such a strategy could yield enormous environmental and health benefits," commented Mark Brownstein, chief counsel to EDF's national energy program and head of EDF's natural gas efforts.

Field measurements for the study began in May and will continue through early fall. According to UT, the major focus of the field work is quantifying emissions from well completions, gas well liquid unloading and well workovers — activities that have not been extensively characterized to date — in addition to other routine well-site fugitive emissions.

Following completion of collecting data from well sites, a scientific advisory panel composed of six academic experts will independently review the report before it is published.

Results from the study are expected to be released in January 2013, and will be made publically available, as well as published in a peer-reviewed journal at that time.

Findings from the study will assist policymakers in the future as they work to measure, monitor and regulate methane emissions from industry operations.

~ LAST CHANCE TO SUBMIT UPDATED CONTACT INFORMATION FOR NEXT DIRECTORY ~

Don't forget to submit your updated contact information for TIPRO's 2013 membership directory. You should have recently received your 2013 membership directory listing form in the mail - please return back to TIPRO as soon as possible.

If you need assistance or did not receive your copy of the form, please contact TIPRO's Membership Coordinator Anjelica Torres by email at atorres@tipro.org or by phone at (512) 477-4452.

RRC EXTENDS COMMENT PERIOD FOR PROPOSED CHANGES TO SWR 13



On Tuesday, October 2, 2012, in an open conference, the Texas Railroad Commission (RRC) agreed to a 45-day extension on the public comment period for proposed changes to Statewide Rule 3.13, relating to casing, cementing, drilling and completion requirements. The extension comes in response to a request made by TIPRO and others in industry for an extension in order to allow for adequate review of the rule and development of constructive comments. The public comment period was originally set to end on October 9, 2012; the comment period extension will move that deadline to November 20, 2012.

TIPRO is currently working to develop comments on proposed rule changes, and welcomes any suggestions or input from members. Please send your feedback on the changes to Lindsey Skinner, public affairs representative for TIPRO, by email to lskinner@tipro.org.

Meanwhile, a public hearing concerning the Commission's proposed changes is scheduled to be held on Friday, October 19, 2012, from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. in room 12-126 of the Railroad Commission's office at the William B. Travis Building, 1701 North Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas 78711. Any interested party may appear at the hearing and offer comments or statements on the statewide rule, either verbally or in writing.

RRC COMMISSIONER PORTER NAMED AS TEXAS REPRESENTATIVE TO THE IOGCC

Texas Governor Rick Perry has appointed Railroad Commissioner David Porter as the Official Representative of Texas for the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission (IOGCC), a multi-state government agency that works directly with state officials to ensure the nation's oil and natural gas resources are conserved and maximized while protecting health, safety and the environment. The IOGCC, which was formed more than 70 years ago, advocates for environmentally-sound ways to increase the supply of American energy.

"It is an honor to serve as the Official Representative for our state, and I would like to thank Governor Perry for this appointment," Commissioner Porter said. "Texas is the nation's top energy producer and, like the IOGCC, is known globally for its leading role in energy policy. I will continue to work closely with other states to keep the federal government at bay and maintain responsible development of our nation's abundant natural resources."

In the role, Porter's on-going responsibilities will include serving as spokesman for the group in Texas, meeting with the Governor to discuss current pressing issues, authoring or sponsoring IOGCC resolutions, voting on proposals during business session, participating in committees and regularly attending IOGCC meetings.

Additionally, Commissioner Porter will serve as the host for IOGCC's upcoming 2012 Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas, which is scheduled for October 29-31, 2012. The meeting will serve as a forum for dialogue between state officials who are helping shape the future of oil and natural gas exploration and production.



NATURAL GAS VEHICLE SEMINAR TO BE HELD IN AUSTIN ON OCT. 31

On Wednesday, October 31, 2012, the Texas Railroad Commission (RRC) will host a seminar focusing on Natural Gas Vehicle (NGV) use. The state's top energy agency invites central Texas fleet managers to attend the seminar so they may learn how to save money on fuel costs and reduce vehicle emissions with increasing use of NGVs.

"Thanks to technological advancements like hydraulic fracturing, our state and nation are enjoying an abundance of inexpensive natural gas," said RRC Chairman Barry Smitherman. "In fact, Texas is experiencing an unprecedented rate of natural gas production at some 7.2 trillion cubic feet a year, and this domestic resource will help move us closer to energy independence as a nation."

"Moving more of our vehicles, such as fleets, toward natural gas, is a step that I have long advocated to help reduce our nation's reliance on foreign energy resources," commented RRC Commissioner David Porter. "This seminar is a great opportunity for local fleet managers to relate their first-hand experiences with running natural gas fleets. Seminar participants will also learn about the latest breakthroughs in home refueling for natural gas vehicles."

The event will last from 9 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, October 31, at the William B. Travis Building, room number 1-100, located at 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas.

For more information on the upcoming NGV seminar, or to learn about incentives made available for switching fleets to NGVs, contact the RRC's Alternative Energy Division by calling (800) 64-CLEAR.

RRC CHAIRMAN INITIATES RULE MAKING FOR INDOOR CNG REFUELING UNITS

On October 2, 2012, the Texas Railroad Commission (RRC) voted to publish a rule proposal that would remove a regulatory roadblock to increased natural gas use in Texas. The proposal resulted from a request to RRC staff from Chairman Barry Smitherman to examine regulatory barriers to increasing the use of residential CNG home refueling appliances (HRA).

"It is critical that we continue to develop and use domestic natural resources so that we may move closer towards energy independence," said Chairman Smitherman. "Technological advancements like hydraulic fracturing and horizontal drilling have resulted in unprecedented levels of natural gas production. Allowing installation of residential CNG refueling units indoors will make it easier for Texans to use natural gas as a transportation fuel."

The desire to move the U.S. towards energy independence is shared by many, and has led many corporations to convert their fleet vehicles to run on CNG. Additionally, policy makers in government continue to explore ways to increase the use of natural gas by consumers.

However, current Texas regulations require that a residential CNG compression and dispensing unit be located and operated outdoors. The current industry standard for HRAs is what is referred to as a "slow-fill unit", or one that slowly replenishes the natural gas tanks on a CNG vehicle overnight. By preventing HRAs from being located inside a garage, the current rules essentially serve as a disincentive for conversion because individuals who convert their vehicles to CNG are not able to park their car in their garage while they allow the unit to refill their fuel tank. This requirement was intended to increase safety; however, the modern home refueling appliances are safe regardless of location. In fact, the Department of Energy's Alternative Fuels Data Center issued a publication entitled Evaluating the Safety of a Natural Gas Home Refueling Appliance which states the following regarding the use of CNG refueling units (specifically in this study, a "Phill") in home garages:

...the annual probability of a deflagration due to all non-misuse failures is 1 in 7 million. An individual is 10 times more likely to be struck by lightning than to experience a non-misuse deflagration. Even if intentional misuse (e.g., attempting to use Phill to inflate a pool toy) is considered, an individual is still more than twice as likely to be struck by lightning than for Phill to cause a deflagration. Structure fires resulting from use of Phill are even less likely.

The proposed rule package provides safety and installation standards that must be met before it is installed in a residence. The complete rule proposal may be found at: <http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/rules/prop-amend-13-185-indoor-fueling-Oct2012.PDF>. When presented with the initial rule proposal in open conference, Chairman Smitherman expressed concern that the proposal may be too specific in its requirements and suggested streamlining the proposal by tying the safety standards to an established, accepted safety standard such as the National Fire Protection Association Code. TIPRO staff will be closely following this regulatory development and will likely submit official comments to the RRC before the November 19, 2012 deadline.

GE LAUNCHES CNG In A Box™, ADDING INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT NATURAL GAS USE



Animation courtesy of GE

General Electric, in partnership with Chesapeake Energy affiliate Peake Fuel Solutions, has launched the CNG In A Box™ system, a new plug-and-play on-site fueling solution that allows retailers to quickly and simply add low-cost natural gas fuel to their operations. The new system compresses natural gas (CNG) from a pipeline into CNG on-site at a traditional automotive fueling station or industrial location. By utilizing the box, retailers will be able to easily add CNG as a refueling option for drivers, ultimately helping boost use of the abundant resource by adding necessary infrastructure to stations across the country.

According to the company, a vehicle fleet operator that uses the CNG In A Box™ system for natural gas fueling rather than traditional gasoline fueling could save up to 40 percent in fuel costs. At least 250 CNG In A Box™ systems will be distributed, beginning this fall.

"In collaboration with Peake Fuel Solutions, GE is developing infrastructure solutions to accelerate the adoption of natural gas as a transportation fuel," commented Mike Hosford, general manager of unconventional resources for GE Oil & Gas. "The CNG In A Box™ system is a unique fueling solution that brings together some of the best innovation from across GE to help fleet owners and everyday drivers realize the benefits of cleaner burning, abundant, more affordable natural gas."

General Electric ecomagination Vice President Mark Vachon added, "Natural gas is produced at a relatively lower cost and is cleaner burning than gasoline or diesel fuel - natural gas vehicles can show an emissions reduction of up to 80 percent compared to gasoline vehicles. Through ecomagination, we'll continue to deliver to the industry innovative solutions that deliver both great economics and environmental performance, and the CNG In A Box™ system exemplifies this commitment."

STUDY DETAILS GROWTH OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRY THANKS TO SHALE PRODUCTION

Increasing domestic production of natural gas from shale formations has dramatically helped to decrease the costs of raw materials and energy used by the United States chemical industry, providing a much-needed boost for the industry, revealed a new report by PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC). With technological advancements in recent years, in addition to the development of new methods to recover natural resources, an excess of natural gas inventory has resulted. Coupled with the fact that the price of natural gas has remained low throughout the year, at approximately \$3 per million British thermal units (MMBtu), the U.S. is now poised to become a major global, low-cost provider of energy and feedstock for the chemical industry, according to PwC.

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“Based on industry reports, we estimate that the U.S. chemicals industry has invested \$15 billion in ethylene production, increasing capacity by 33 percent,” noted Garrett Gee, Director of Chemical Advisory Services at PwC. “We are already seeing increased investment activity among multinational companies in building the infrastructure to export liquefied natural gas (LNG) products.”

“As the U.S. chemical industry expands NGLs conversion into a higher volume of downstream products, the positive impacts could flow through the value chain into other manufacturing sectors, particularly given that chemicals are used in an estimated 90 percent of all manufactured products,” added Anthony J. Scamuffa, U.S. chemicals leader for PwC. “Not only could the abundance of NGLs help drive reduced pricing for derivative products, it could also potentially drive domestic re-shoring activity and possibly bring about a favorable shift in the U.S. balance of trade as ethylene capacity comes on line.”

Development of shale formations is also improving business for the manufacturing industry, with as many as 1 million new jobs in the industry created by 2025, according to PwC. Long-term, this is expected to positively affect the position of American manufacturing against other global competitors worldwide.

With low natural gas prices available in the U.S., and the reduced costs of energy, companies now have larger incentive to produce goods domestically and reverse their offshore manufacturing activity. They will be able to take advantage of the reduced cost of chemicals to create needed materials such as metal, glass, wood, electronic components and packaging.

GAO CONFIRMS NO EVIDENCE OF GROUNDWATER CONTAMINATION FROM FRACING

A new report from the United States Government Accountability Office (GAO) The analysis, titled “Information on Shale Resources, Development, and Environmental and Public Health Risks,”

The purpose of the study was to determine what is known about the (1) size of shale oil and gas resources and the amount produced from 2007 through 2011 and (2) environmental and public health risks associated with the development of shale oil and gas.

The study found that while risks from domestic oil and gas development could exist, “the extent of these risks remains unknown.” For example, studies and publications reviewed by the GAO were often specific to individual well sites, and did not provide enough information or evidence to determine an overall and cumulative impact on the environment, air quality or water for a community. In general, many of the environmental studies were anecdotal in nature, focused on the short-term impact and only examined conditions of a particular site or geographic location. “The extent and severity of environmental and public health risks identified in the studies and publications GAO reviewed vary significantly across shale basins and also within basins because of location- and process-specific factors, including the location and rate of development; geological characteristics, such as permeability, thickness, and porosity of the formations; climatic conditions; business practices; and regulatory and enforcement activities.”



In the new report, the GAO also found no conclusive evidence of hydraulic fracturing fluids migrating from depth up into groundwater.

Within the report, the GAO stresses it is not making any policy recommendations with their findings. A draft of the report was sent to the U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. Department of the Interior, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for review prior to publication, to which comments were incorporated when appropriate.

USGS RELEASES DATA RELATED TO PAVILLION CASE, WITH FINDINGS DIFFERENT FROM EPA

On September 26, 2012, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) released two new reports that include data on groundwater-quality, quality-control and well yields for two monitoring wells under investigation in Pavillion, Wyoming.

Back on December 14, 2011, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) had announced the federal agency believed groundwater in Pavillion had been contaminated as a result of hydraulic fracturing operations in the area. However, in the following weeks and months, many questions, doubts and uncertainties arose, with inconclusive evidence to support the claims made by EPA. As a result, the EPA agreed to partner with the USGS, the state of Wyoming and regional tribes in order to conduct a new series of water sampling. To ensure that the results of the next phase of testing were available for the peer review process, the EPA delayed convening the peer review panel until the USGS data was publicly released. In addition, the EPA agreed to extend the public comment period on the draft report through October 2012 in order to provide additional time for the public to review and comment on the data.

"The USGS reports are intended to provide additional scientific information to decision makers and all interested parties on the composition of the groundwater represented in the aquifer underlying Pavillion," said David Mott, Director of the USGS Wyoming Water Science Center. "While USGS did not interpret the data as part of this sampling effort, the raw data results are adding to the body of knowledge to support informed decisions."

However, when comparing the USGS reports and the findings originally presented by the EPA in December, Energy In Depth has identified more than 50 individual measurements from the EPA's draft Pavillion report that are discredited by the USGS. Other inconsistencies appear to also exist between the data results by the EPA and USGS.

TIPRO MEMBERS INVITED TO ATTEND DRILLINGINFO'S 2012 WORLD MEMBERS MEETING

Pack up your laptop and head to beautiful Austin, Texas for DrillingInfo's 3rd Annual World Members Meeting, to be held October 24-26, 2012. This year's meeting is sure to be full of insights on the world's leading unconventional plays, and will feature presentations by the experts on unconventional oil and gas development. Drillinginfo's team will also provide insights and discussions on existing opportunities in the U.S. and International markets.

The meeting will include two tracks for general session. The first track will offer panels, training and tips on Drillinginfo's products and platforms. The second track concentrates specifically on international oil and gas opportunities, featuring discussions by Drillinginfo's regional experts. During the Conference, Drillinginfo will be also launching several new products - be first in line to take these exciting new products for a test drive!

All sessions will be held at the Hilton Downtown Austin. Although the event is free, seating is limited.

For additional information and to register to attend, visit www.diuserconference.com.

PRODUCTION OF NATURAL GAS LEVELS OFF DUE TO LOW PRICES

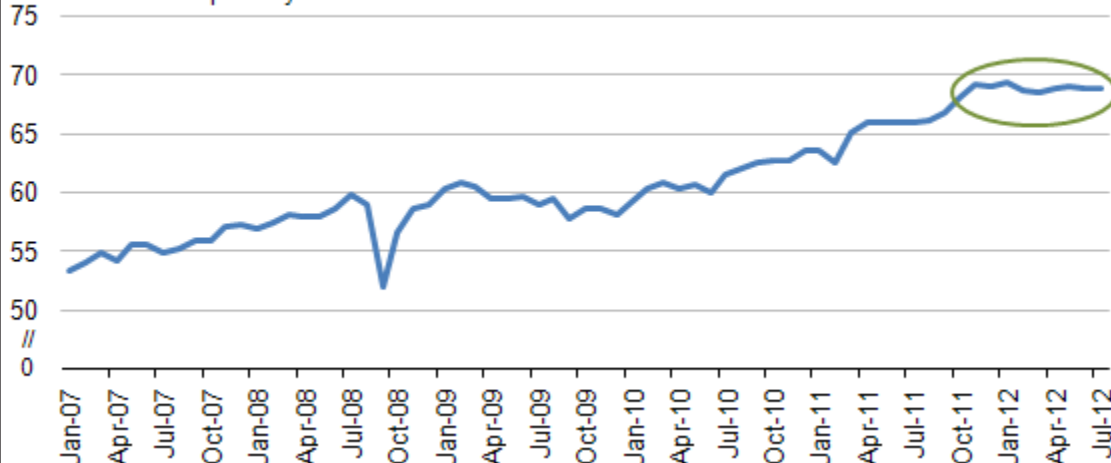
Since late 2011, U.S. marketed production levels of natural gas have leveled off, due mostly in part to the low price of natural gas.

With more and more operators electing to shift the focus of their company's activity to the production of oil or liquids in shale formations, the average daily production of natural gas has remained constant and even dropped in some cases.

Nonetheless, the overall supply of natural gas remains at historically high levels, and continues to break records. According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), from January through July 2012,

U.S. marketed natural gas production set a record high for the first seven months of any year, averaging 68.9 billion cubic feet per day (Bcf/d), up nearly 4 Bcf/d, or 5.9 percent, from the same period a year earlier.

U.S. monthly natural gas marketed production
billion cubic feet per day



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Natural Gas Monthly

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