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## **HYDRAULIC FRACTURING DRILLING PROCESS PROVEN SAFE FOR 50+ YEARS**

The U.S. House Natural Resources subcommittee on Energy and Minerals Resources heard compelling testimony today from the preeminent groundwater protection agency, state regulators, and independent producers about the reliable safety of hydraulic fracturing as a production technique used in natural gas exploration. Backed by testimony from the Ground Water Protection Council, supportive statements from the Texas Railroad Commission and a resolution from the Texas House of Representatives, members of the subcommittee heard testimony about the 50+ year safe track record of hydraulic fracturing. The witnesses agreed the regulation of hydraulic fracturing should remain the subject of state review and not be included under the regulatory authority of the EPA Safe Drinking Water Act.

The Texas resolution outlines, “Whereas, the current approach to regulating hydraulic fracturing has effectively protected groundwater and drinking water sources from impacts related to oil and gas exploration and production activities; more restrictive regulation, which may not increase the protection of underground drinking water, could harm the supply of oil and natural gas at a time when the country requires more domestic energy production than ever before.”

“Though hydraulic fracturing has been used for over 50 years in Texas, our records do not indicate a single documented contamination case associated with hydraulic fracturing,” said TX RRC Chairman Victor Carrillo.

Texas Congressman Louie Gohmert, First Congressional District and member of the subcommittee, questioned the need for a “one size fits all federal approach” for the regulation of hydraulic fracturing. Pointing out that the hydrology in his district, where natural gas exploration was occurring thousands of feet below any useable drinking sources of groundwater, was much different than natural gas production in New York or Pennsylvania. Congressman Gohmert urged companies to locate to Northeast Texas and contribute to the economy of the region where common-sense regulations protect groundwater but do not stifle jobs and our recovery.

As one of the initial partners of the Energy in Depth coalition, TIPRO’s voice is heard as an integral leader in this industry coalition responding to inaccuracies and misinformation from various environmental groups and media outlets.

“The process of hydraulic fracturing allows producers to produce reservoirs that, previously, were hard to access,” said Adam P. Haynes, executive vice president of TIPRO. “It opens up the viability of a critical piece in the puzzle of our domestic energy supply. Producing clean-burning natural gas reduces America’s dependence on foreign sources of oil and increases our energy security.”

With more than 2,500 members, TIPRO is the nation’s largest statewide association representing both independent producers and royalty owners. Founded in 1946, TIPRO members include small family-owned companies, the largest publicly traded independents, and large and small mineral estates and trusts.

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