



**Texas  
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Producers and  
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Association**

## **TIPRO SEEKS NEW DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS**

The Texas Independent Producers & Royalty Owners Association (TIPRO) is searching for a new director of state government affairs following the resignation of Lindsey Miller, who has handled the association's government and regulatory affairs since 2012. Miller's last day with TIPRO will be on

Wednesday, March 7, 2018.

"TIPRO would like to thank Lindsey for her service on behalf of the association's membership and congratulate Lindsey on her next opportunity where she will serve as the manager of government affairs for Texas for Anadarko Petroleum," said TIPRO President Ed Longanecker. "Lindsey made many substantive contributions to the association's advocacy program over the last five years. She will certainly be missed, but we look forward to working with her in her new role at Anadarko, an active member of TIPRO for the past 11 years."

"The experience I have had with TIPRO has been invaluable," commented Miller. "The organization provided many rewarding opportunities for professional and individual growth and I cannot thank TIPRO's membership and staff enough for their support over the years. It goes without saying that I wish the best for the association; through their leadership and advocacy program continued success is imminent and I look forward to working together for many years to come."

TIPRO remains committed to effectively representing the Texas oil and natural gas industry and the association's membership from a legislative and regulatory standpoint and looks forward to the addition of a new team member to support TIPRO's strong advocacy program. TIPRO's influence and impact over the years is a reflection of its talented personnel, member involvement and a commitment to the organization's mission.

TIPRO will immediately begin accepting resumes from individuals interested in joining the association's government affairs team. For more information on this high profile employment opportunity, please contact TIPRO.

## **BLM MOVES TO EASE REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS UNDER FEDERAL WASTE PREVENTION RULE**

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has released proposed changes to the 2016 final Methane Waste Prevention Rule, also known as the venting and flaring rule. The BLM's latest regulatory proposal, announced on February 12, 2018, seeks to eliminate duplicative regulatory requirements and re-establish long-standing requirements for industry that were enforced prior to the implementation of the 2016 final rule. "In order to achieve energy dominance through responsible energy production, we need smart regulations not punitive regulations. We believe this proposed rule strikes that balance and will allow job growth in rural America," said Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management Joe Balash.

The regulation, finalized under the Obama Administration in 2016, adopted new requirements to reduce waste of natural gas from venting, flaring, and leaks during oil and natural gas production activities on onshore Federal and Indian leases. The rule also served to clarify when produced gas lost through venting, flaring, or leaks would be subject to royalties.

Congressional leaders last week expressed support for the BLM's roll-back of the Waste Prevention regulation. Senate Environment and Public Works Committee Chairman John Barrasso (R-WY) said, "I am glad that Secretary Zinke is proposing to replace the unnecessary and costly methane rule. If left in place, the rule would have discouraged energy production and job creation in Wyoming and across the West." Congressman Steve Pearce (R-NM) stated, "The impacts of BLM's Obama-era venting and flaring rule would be devastating to the economy of New Mexico, which relies on the production of energy resources for thousands of jobs along with roughly 30-40 percent of the state's operating funds. The full implementation of this rule would directly threaten funding for schools, teachers, hospitals, law enforcement, and other essential services our communities rely on. I appreciate the secretary's commitment to improving this rule and look forward to working with the department to move these necessary reforms forward."

Previously the BLM announced it was suspending and delaying certain requirements of the federal policy until January 17, 2019, to ensure oil and gas operators were not obligated to expend their resources on complying with requirements of the 2016 rule that the BLM was working to replace.

The BLM will accept public comment on proposed revisions to the federal government's Waste Prevention Rule until April 23, 2018. Amongst general feedback, the BLM is also requesting public input on ways in which the BLM can reduce the waste of gas by incentivizing the capture, reinjection, or beneficial use of the gas.

## EARLY VOTING BEGINS IN TEXAS FOR 2018 PRIMARY ELECTION

This week, early voting began in Texas for the 2018 primary election, offering Texans the chance to select the nominees for the Republican and Democratic parties leading to the General Election in November. This year, Texas is hosting the first statewide primary election in the nation.

Early voting will last through Friday, March 2. Texas' Primary Election will take place the following Tuesday, March 6, 2018. A reminder that voters are required to present one of seven approved forms of photo identification in order to vote, including:

- Texas Driver License issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS
- Texas Personal Identification Card issued by DPS
- Texas Handgun License issued by DPS
- United States Military Identification Card containing the person's photograph
- United States Citizenship Certificate containing the person's photograph
- United States Passport (book or card)

To find polling locations near you or to review other important information on voting early, visit [www.votetexas.gov](http://www.votetexas.gov).

## SPECIAL CONFERENCE REVIEWS WATER ISSUES IN THE PERMIAN BASIN

The University of Texas of the Permian Basin this week hosted the inaugural Permian Basin Water In Energy Conference (PBWIEC), bringing together industry professionals, academics, and policymakers to facilitate discussions relating to water issues for the energy sector in the Permian Basin region. The meeting also offered an opportunity for attendees to review new water management innovations and trends. The conference was held in the heart of the Permian Basin with events in both Odessa and Midland on February 20 – 23, 2018.

"More changes have occurred in the petroleum energy sector in the past decade than in the last 100 years. In UTPB's sponsored energy conference, we will be exploring the latest technologies for the future of water exploration, extraction, transportation, storage, enhanced drilling and disposal," said event organizers. "The PBWIEC will bring together leaders and visionaries from industry, government, community, and the private sector who are looking at the water value chain in a holistic way. These experts will speak about and debate the development of these complex changes, which are redefining the future of energy in the USA."

## PARSLEY ENERGY HELPS PROVIDE PROTECTIVE GEAR FOR AUSTIN POLICE OFFICERS



Credit: Austin Police Department

The Austin Police Department recently received new protective gear for its bike officers thanks to donations provided by Parsley Energy, an Austin-based independent oil and gas company and member of TIPRO. Parsley donated funds to allow the Austin Police Department to purchase new helmets and bike pads for officers' elbows, knees and shins. "When the officers wreck or fall down from getting pushed, even if it's inadvertently from a crowd, the injuries are happening on their legs from the gears of the bikes," said Corporal Chris Carlisle at a news conference held in downtown Austin on Friday, February 16. "I was filling out workman's comp requests and injury reports on these officers. Since we've had the gear, we haven't had to fill out an injury report yet. We'd be looking at a year delay if it wasn't out of the generosity of this company." Already, about 50 officers have received new protective gear, reports the police department, with hopes of eventually providing new gear for all of the city's 128 bike officers.

## TCEQ PROPOSES RULEMAKING IMPLEMENTING STATUTES PASSED BY STATE LEGISLATURE

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has proposed new rules that would provide for implementation of policies passed previously by the Texas legislature. Specifically, the agency has proposed a rule package to implement HB 1600 and SB 567 (83<sup>rd</sup> Legislature) as well as HB 1648, HB 3735, SB 864 and SB 1430 (85<sup>th</sup> Legislature). TIPRO members interested in learning more on the regulatory proposals set forth by the TCEQ may visit the following website: <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/rules/prop.html#17034>.

The TCEQ will hold a public hearing on the proposed rulemaking in Austin on March 20, 2018.

### TIPRO Calendar of Events

<p><b>MARCH 14, 2018</b> HOUSTON — IPAA/TIPRO Leaders in Industry Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. Houston Petroleum Club. For info, call: (202) 857-4733.</p>	<p><b>MARCH 26-27, 2018</b> HOUSTON — TIPRO's 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention, Westin Memorial City Hotel. For info, call: (512) 477-4452.</p>	<p><b>APRIL 11, 2018</b> HOUSTON — IPAA/TIPRO Leaders in Industry Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. Houston Petroleum Club. For info, call: (202) 857-4733.</p>	<p><b>MAY 9, 2018</b> HOUSTON — IPAA/TIPRO Leaders in Industry Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. Houston Petroleum Club. For info, call: (202) 857-4733.</p>
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## TCEQ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO RETIRE IN APRIL

Richard Hyde, executive director of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), announced in mid-February he will retire from the agency this coming April. “It has been a privilege to work for the people of this great state, but now it’s time for myself and my family to begin the next chapter in our lives,” Hyde said. “I’m thankful to have worked with so many dedicated employees at the TCEQ. TCEQ’s employees work hard every day to protect the environment using good science and common sense.”

Hyde has managed staff and overseen internal activities at the TCEQ as executive director since January 2014. Previously he served as deputy executive director of the state agency, and before that, deputy director of the Office of Compliance and Enforcement. He joined the TCEQ in 1992 and worked as a permit engineer, team leader, and manager in the Air Permits Division prior to becoming director. Hyde also holds experience in the private sector having worked as an environmental consultant.

Following Hyde’s retirement announcement, last week each of the TCEQ commissioners expressed appreciation for his years of service. “Throughout his many years at the TCEQ, Richard has worked tirelessly for the state of Texas and the employees of the TCEQ,” said TCEQ Chairman Bryan W. Shaw, Ph.D., P.E. “As someone who has grown within the agency, he knows the agency process inside and out. We owe a tremendous debt to Richard for his service and leadership of this agency.”

TCEQ Commissioner Jon Niermann also commented, “With all the demands of running a large state agency, Richard has remained laser-focused on protecting public health and the environment. He has approached this mission with excellent judgment and superb leadership. Texans have been fortunate to have a public servant of Richard’s caliber.”

“The executive director of the TCEQ is a tough and often thankless job, and Richard did it with the highest degree of competence and integrity,” observed TCEQ Commissioner Toby Baker. “He has served this agency and the state of Texas honorably over a long and impressive career, and we wish him the very best.”

The TCEQ reports that Hyde will step down as executive director at the end of March, but will remain at the TCEQ through the month of April to allow the agency to transition smoothly to new leadership.

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR ANNOUNCES CHANGES TO POLICY ADVISORY TEAM

A slate of new policy advisors have been announced serving the office of Texas Governor Greg Abbott. The new advisors will assist the governor in formulating and implementing state policy by coordinating with respective state agencies and departments, the legislature and various constituents and stakeholder groups. Each agency is assigned a designated policy advisor and budget advisor who is available to provide assistance to the agency. To view the updated list of individuals handling specific areas for the governor, visit the following link: [https://gov.texas.gov/organization/bpp/agency\\_assignments](https://gov.texas.gov/organization/bpp/agency_assignments).

## ALVIN NEW APPOINTED TO THE TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Texas Governor Greg Abbott has appointed Alvin New to the Texas Transportation Commission, the governor’s office announced on February 20, 2018. The commission governs the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and is responsible for policymaking regarding the state’s highway system, developing a statewide transportation plan, assisting the development of public transportation and adopting rules for TxDOT’s operation. New is the former mayor of San Angelo, owner of 4N Ranches, and a former CEO of Town & Country Food Stores. His term at the Texas Transportation Commission is set to expire February 1, 2021.

## GOVERNOR CALLS SPECIAL ELECTION FOR OPEN SEAT IN HOUSE DISTRICT 13

Texas Governor Greg Abbott has called for a special election to be held for Texas House of Representatives District No. 13 on Saturday, May 5, 2018, for the purpose of electing a state representative to serve out the unexpired term of the Honorable Leighton Schubert. Schubert resigned from his seat in the Texas House, effective February 4, 2018, to accept a role at Blinn Junior College. While serving in the state legislature, Schubert was a member of the House Energy Resources Committee, as well as involved with the House Administration Committee and House Special Purpose Districts Committee.

Candidates interested in having their names placed on the special election ballot will have until March 5<sup>th</sup> to file their applications with the secretary of state in accordance with Section 201.054(a)(1) of the Texas Election Code.

Early voting for the special election in House District 13 will begin Monday, April 23, 2018.

## HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE LAUNCHES NEW E-NEWSLETTER, *THE AQUEDUCT*

TIPRO members interested in tracking the latest policy developments on water issues can subscribe to *The Aqueduct*, a new e-newsletter launched by the state’s House Natural Resources Committee. “We look forward to using this platform to provide updates on the work of the committee, as well as updates on the implementation of water legislation passed by the Texas Legislature, new developments in water projects in Texas and across the country, relevant court cases, water studies, conferences and water events, and other resources we encounter as we work to develop comprehensive water policy for the state,” describes Representative Lyle Larson, chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee.

To sign up for the House Natural Resources Committee’s new e-newsletter, email [info@texasaqueduct.com](mailto:info@texasaqueduct.com).

## INTERIOR DEPARTMENT SETS DATE FOR LARGEST OIL & GAS LEASE SALE IN U.S. HISTORY

Next month, the U.S. government will hold its largest oil and gas lease sale ever, the Interior Department announced on February 16, 2018. In support of President Donald Trump's America-First Energy Strategy, Deputy Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt has announced that the department is going to offer 77.3 million acres offshore Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida for oil and gas exploration and development. The region-wide lease sale, the largest to be held in U.S. history, is scheduled for March 21, 2018, according to the Interior Department, and will include all available unleased areas in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico.

“Responsibly developing our offshore energy resources is a major pillar of President Trump's American Energy Dominance strategy,” Deputy Secretary Bernhardt said. “A strong offshore energy program supports tens of thousands good paying jobs and provides the affordable and reliable energy we need to heat homes, fuel our cars, and power our economy. We have the strongest safety regulations in the world and today's technology is making the responsible development of our resources even safer. We look forward to this important sale and continuing to raise energy revenues, which fund efforts to help safeguard our natural areas, water resources and cultural heritage, and to provide recreation opportunities to all Americans.”

“American energy production can be competitive, while remaining safe and environmentally sound,” commented Vincent DeVito, counselor of energy policy for the Interior. “People need jobs, the Gulf Coast states need revenue, and Americans do not want to be dependent on foreign oil.”

Lease Sale 250 will be the second offshore sale under the National Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 2017-2022, officials note. It will include about 14,776 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 (three to 3,400 meters). As part of the planned lease sale, the federal government has incorporated special stipulations to protect biologically sensitive resources, mitigate potential adverse effects on protected species, and avoid potential conflicts associated with oil and gas development in the region. Additionally, terms include a 12.5 percent royalty rate for leases in less than 200 meters of water depth, and a royalty rate of 18.75 percent for all other leases issued pursuant to the sale, in order to ensure taxpayers receive a fair return for use of the OCS.

Funds generated from OCS leases (including high bids, rental payments and royalty payments) will be directed to the U.S. Treasury, Gulf Coast states, the Land and Water Conservation Fund and Historic Preservation Fund.

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) estimates that the OCS contains up to 90 billion barrels of undiscovered technically recoverable oil and approximately 327 trillion cubic feet of undiscovered technically recoverable gas. The Gulf of Mexico OCS, covering about 160 million acres, specifically has technically recoverable resources of over 48 billion barrels of oil and 141 trillion cubic feet of gas.

See additional information on this upcoming offshore lease sale by visiting [www.boem.gov/Sale-250/](http://www.boem.gov/Sale-250/).

## USFWS LISTS TEXAS HORNSHELL AS ENDANGERED SPECIES

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) announced this month it is adding the Texas hornshell (*Popenaias popeii*), a freshwater mussel native to the southwest, to the national list of endangered and threatened wildlife. According to the USFWS, the hornshell population has over time been increasingly threatened by habitat fragmentation and loss as a result of impoundments and reduced water quality and quantity. After review of the best available science including the Species Status Assessment, input from the state agencies and academia, additional surveys in Mexico and public comments, the USFWS has determined that the Texas hornshell should be listed as endangered. The hornshell will receive protected status under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) effective March 12, 2018.

“The ESA is a tool used to help species recover to healthy populations. Going forward, the service will work with state and local stakeholders to enhance conservation of the hornshell while also respecting local voices,” said USFWS's Southwest Regional Director Amy Lueders.

The USFWS has been working closely with the oil and gas industry, landowners and state government agencies to develop a Candidate Conservation Agreement (CCA) and a Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances (CCAA) for the Texas hornshell, which was finalized in October 2017. The CCA and CCAA will be in effect for 30 years and cover conservation activities that take place on federal and non-federal lands in the Black and Delaware Rivers in Eddy County, N.M. and Culberson County, Texas. Interested parties have until March 12, 2018 - the effective date of the listing - to enroll in the CCA or CCAA.

USFWS says it also has been actively working with partners in Texas and New Mexico to find solutions that help to conserve the hornshell species. The agency reports that in Texas the Nature Conservancy and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department are managing their lands in the Devils River watershed to reduce sediment inputs and contaminants, thereby benefitting the Texas hornshell and other aquatic species. Research focused on helping improve the understanding of the species is being funded by the office of the Texas Comptroller.



## PRESIDENT TRUMP UNVEILS INITIATIVE TO REBUILD U.S. INFRASTRUCTURE NETWORK

In mid-February, President Donald Trump shared his administration's plans for what he calls "the biggest and boldest infrastructure initiative in at least a half-a-century." The plan will enable the federal government to address the nation's crumbling roads, bridges and waterways, and sets forth reforms that will strengthen the U.S. economy, reduce the costs of goods and services for American families and enable Americans to enjoy some of the best infrastructure in the world, said the president.

"This framework will lead to a \$1.5 trillion investment in American infrastructure; a faster permitting process that takes two years, instead of ten years, and maybe less. We're looking to get it down to one year, if possible. Because when the money goes out, we want them to be able to spend the money not wait around for many, many years while they get their permits."

President Trump continued, "Fifty billion dollars [are needed] for rural infrastructure, including broadband internet access. Rural communities have not been treated fairly, so we're going to spend \$50 billion on rural infrastructure and internet access, which is so important.

The president suggested that state and local governments should also have a part in the approval process for infrastructure development. These officials should be involved in conversations tied to infrastructure projects for nearby areas and should have authority to assist in decision-making, too, given they know best the infrastructure needs of their communities.

Other principles of the president's plan include:

- Eliminate barriers that prevent virtually all infrastructure projects from being efficiently developed and managed.
  - Provide more flexibility to transportation projects that have minimal Federal funding but are currently required to seek Federal review and approval.
  - Incentivize the efficient development and management of water infrastructure, in part, by providing more flexibility to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and its partners.
  - Give the Department of Veterans Affairs the flexibility to use its existing assets to acquire new facilities by allowing it to retain property sale proceeds and exchange existing facilities for construction of new facilities.
  - Expand funding eligibility for land revitalization projects through the Superfund program and establish tools to help manage their legal and financial matters.
- Streamline permitting and simplify the approval process for infrastructure projects
  - Establish a "one agency, one decision" structure for environmental reviews.
  - Shorten the lengthy environmental review process to two years while still protecting the environment.
  - Eliminate certain redundant and inefficient provisions in environmental laws.
  - Create two new pilot programs to test new ways to improve the environmental review process.

"Infrastructure is the backbone of our economy, and key to keeping our country competitive. The president's proposal will create new jobs, strengthen our economy and improve quality of life for everyone," advised U.S. Secretary of Transportation Elaine L. Chao, who worked with the president and other senior cabinet members to create the infrastructure proposal.

The White House is urging Congress to prioritize the infrastructure initiative, and act soon to pass legislation that will achieve the objectives outlined in the plan that has been developed by the Trump Administration. To achieve this goal, last week the White House released a comprehensive 55-page legislative outline on rebuilding infrastructure in America that was sent to members of the United States Congress. To see the White House's outline, please visit <http://bit.ly/2EnkefW>.

## FROM TIPRO'S SHIPPING PROGRAM PARTNERS: DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE AT A \$25,000 GRANT!

Every year FedEx conducts a Small Business Grant contest with the top prize winner receiving \$25,000. From now until March 28, entries for the contest are being accepted -- enter today for the chance to win one of 10 available grants that could change the future of your business.

Prize packages include:

- Grand prize: One winner of \$25,000, plus \$7,500 in FedEx Office® print and business services
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- Bronze prize: Eight winners of \$7,500, plus \$1,000 in FedEx Office print and business services

TIPRO members interested in participating may enter in just four easy steps:

1. Write a short profile. Include why you started your business, a description of your product or service, and what makes your business stand out.
2. Gather photos and a logo. Highlight the best parts of your business through photos.
3. Create a one-minute "elevator pitch" video that describes your business.
4. Share your profile with fans during the voting period from February 28 to April 4. Their votes may help get you noticed and are only one of the many factors considered when choosing finalists and winners.

For more information on the FedEx Small Business Grant contest, visit <http://bit.ly/2o9LWH8>.

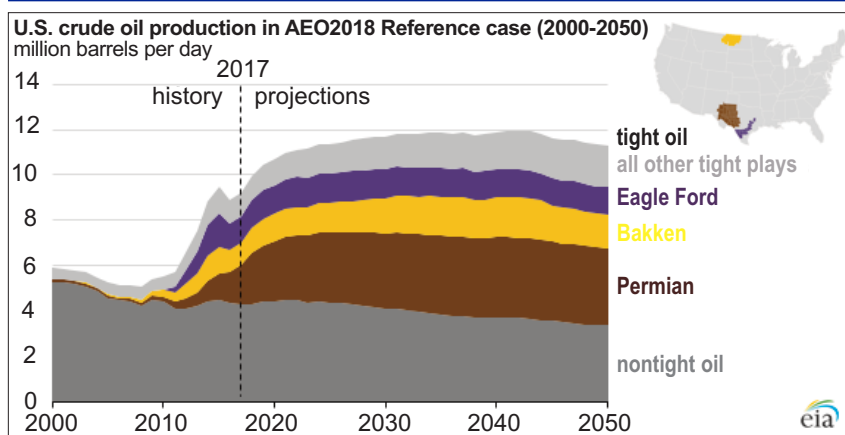
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## U.S. ENERGY DEPT. ESTABLISHES NEW OFFICE DEDICATED TO ENERGY SECURITY

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) announced in February that Energy Secretary Rick Perry has established a new Office of Cybersecurity, Energy Security, and Emergency Response (CESER). The office will focus specifically on boosting protection of the nation's energy infrastructure, and will support expanded national security responsibilities under the jurisdiction of the agency. The CESER division also will work to address issues relating to cybersecurity and elevate the government's ability to respond to possible attacks.

"DOE plays a vital role in protecting our nation's energy infrastructure from cyber threats, physical attack and natural disaster, and as Secretary, I have no higher priority," said Secretary Perry. "This new office best positions the department to address the emerging threats of tomorrow while protecting the reliable flow of energy to Americans today."

## EIA: SPRABERRY, BONE SPRING, AND WOLFCAMP ACCOUNT FOR 36% OF U.S. TIGHT OIL PRODUCTION



According to new data from the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), last year, three major tight oil plays in the Permian Basin—the Spraberry, Bone Spring, and Wolfcamp—accounted for 36 percent of U.S. tight oil production. Oil production from these three plays is expected to continue to increase, and could provide 43 percent of cumulative tight oil production by 2050, forecasts the EIA.

The EIA also is projecting that the Eagle Ford formation will offer strong contributions to U.S. tight oil supply in the coming decades, accounting for approximately 17 percent of cumulative tight oil production in the U.S. by 2050.

Altogether, total U.S. oil production is expected to increase over the next 20 years, from 9.3 million b/d in 2017 to nearly

12 million b/d in the early 2040s, the EIA reports. Of that, tight oil will account for nearly 70 percent of total U.S. production output, providing 8.2 million barrels per day (b/d), indicates the EIA.

## TIPRO HOSTS ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION WITH REPRESENTATIVE STAN LAMBERT

On Thursday, February 22, TIPRO hosted a roundtable discussion in Abilene including members of the association and state Representative Stan Lambert from House District 71, which includes Abilene. Representative Lambert, who sits on the Texas House Energy Resources Committee, discussed with TIPRO several of the key issues the legislature is focusing on this interim session. TIPRO members also went over with the representative top policy priorities for the Texas oil and gas industry.

## NOTICE: TIPRO ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING TO BE HELD MARCH 27<sup>TH</sup>

In accordance with Article IV, Section 1, of the TIPRO Bylaws, Chairman Allen Gilmer hereby calls a membership meeting for all TIPRO members in conjunction with the association's 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention. The annual membership meeting will be held on March 27<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m. in the Wysteria Ballroom of the Westin Memorial City Hotel in Houston, Texas.

At the TIPRO Board Meeting held January 31, members of the TIPRO Nominations Committee presented their recommendations for nominees of TIPRO officers and directors, beginning terms on July 1, 2018.

The board unanimously approved the following candidates and hereby present the slate of recommended candidates for TIPRO to vote on during its upcoming membership meeting.

In accordance with Article V, Section 2, of the TIPRO Bylaws, the following candidates are presented:

- Mr. Michael Kendrick, Kendrick Oil & Gas Co. - Region 4 (Class A Director)
- Mr. David Walker, Cambridge Production, Inc. - Region 6 (Class A Director)

In accordance with Article V, Section 3, of the TIPRO Bylaws, the following candidates are presented:

- Mr. Eugene Garcia, Hurd Enterprises, Ltd. - Chairman of the Board (Class B Director)
- Mr. John Swords, Tracker Services - Treasurer (Class B Director)
- Mrs. Patricia D. Boswell McCall, Boswell Interests, Ltd. - Secretary (Class B Director)

In accordance with Article V, Section 5, of the TIPRO Bylaws, the following candidates are presented:

- Rex White (Class D Director)
- Raymond Welder (Class D Director)
- Rusty Howell (Class D Director)
- Joseph Abel (Class D Director)

TIPRO would like to thank all the candidates for graciously accepting their nominations and agreeing to serve on the association's Board of Directors.

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**TIPRO's 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention**  
**March 26-27, 2018**  
**Houston, Texas**

The Texas Independent Producers & Royalty Owners Association is excited to return to Houston on March 26-27 for the association's signature meeting. At TIPRO's conference, hear from senior oil and gas executives, leading policymakers, and other industry experts on opportunities and challenges facing the Texas oil and natural gas industry today. During the convention, also enjoy the chance to network with other business leaders and oil and gas professionals.

*Featured Speakers Include:*

- Chris Wallace, "Fox News Sunday" ◀
- Michael Nedd, Bureau of Land Management ◀
- Allen Gilmer, DrillingInfo ◀
- Michael Cohen, Barclays ◀
- Travis Moran, Welund North America ◀
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With more than 3,000 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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