

From: Jack Cramton
Sent: Mon, 27 Jan 2025 02:20:21 +0000
To: Affolter, Shawn
Cc: Dietderich, Ben; Cortina, Cynthia
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: API Applauds President Trump's Day One Energy Executive Orders

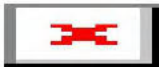
Perfect, will do.

Jack Cramton

Vice President
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From: Affolter, Shawn <shawn.affolter@hq.doe.gov>
Sent: Sunday, January 26, 2025 9:04 PM
To: Jack Cramton <CramtonJ@api.org>
Cc: Dietderich, Ben <ben.dietderich@hq.doe.gov>; Cortina, Cynthia <cynthia.cortina@hq.doe.gov>
Subject: RE: API Applauds President Trump's Day One Energy Executive Orders

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Hi Jack,

Please contact Ashley Hebert: ashley.hebert@hq.doe.gov

Thanks,

-Shawn

From: Jack Cramton <CramtonJ@api.org>
Sent: Sunday, January 26, 2025 8:51 PM
To: Affolter, Shawn <shawn.affolter@hq.doe.gov>
Cc: Dietderich, Ben <ben.dietderich@hq.doe.gov>; Cortina, Cynthia <cynthia.cortina@hq.doe.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: API Applauds President Trump's Day One Energy Executive Orders

Good evening,

We plan to invite Mr. Wright to speak to our board in March once he has been confirmed— hopefully this week.

Could you please provide contact information for the POC in the secretary's office so we can send the invitation?

Thank you,

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From: Affolter, Shawn <shawn.affolter@hq.doe.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2025 11:05 AM
To: Jack Cramton <CramtonJ@api.org>
Cc: Dietderich, Benjamin <benjamin.dietderich@hq.doe.gov>; Cortina, Cynthia <cynthia.cortina@hq.doe.gov>
Subject: Re: API Applauds President Trump's Day One Energy Executive Orders

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Thank you. Adding Ben from the our communications team and Cynthia from our public engagement team.

Can you please add both our emails to your distro list?

Thanks,

-Shawn

From: Jack Cramton <CramtonJ@api.org>
Sent: Monday, January 20, 2025 9:13 PM
To: Affolter, Shawn <shawn.affolter@hq.doe.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] FW: API Applauds President Trump's Day One Energy Executive Orders

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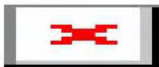
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From: API Press <Press@api.org>
Sent: Monday, January 20, 2025 9:05 PM
Subject: API Applauds President Trump's Day One Energy Executive Orders

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API Applauds President Trump's Day One Energy Executive Orders

WASHINGTON, January 20, 2025 – American Petroleum Institute (API) President and CEO Mike Sommers issued the following statement in response to President Trump's Day One executive orders to [unleash American energy](#).

"Americans sent a clear message at the ballot box, and President Trump is answering the call on Day One—U.S. energy dominance will drive our nation's economic and security agenda. Directing regulators to expand access to [resources](#), lift the LNG pause, streamline permitting processes and roll back heavy-handed vehicle mandates will help deliver a stronger, more prosperous energy future for all Americans. This is a new day for American energy, and we applaud President Trump for moving swiftly to chart a new path where U.S. oil and natural gas are embraced, not restricted."

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From: Fitzsimmons, Alexander
Sent: Thu, 30 Jan 2025 23:05:20 +0000
To: Jack Cramton
Cc: Korzh, Yuliya (CONTR)
Subject: RE: Oil and Gas Tariff Exemption Request

Hi Jack,

Thanks for reaching out. Adding my scheduler, Yuliya, to find time for us on Monday.

Best,

Alex

From: Jack Cramton <CramtonJ@api.org>
Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2025 4:02 PM
To: Fitzsimmons, Alexander <alexander.fitzsimmons@hq.doe.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Oil and Gas Tariff Exemption Request

Alex,

As the administration considers the next steps on trade policy, we want to make sure you are aware of the imported products that the industry views as essential for achieving American energy dominance. The attached document includes a list of products assembled through a survey of our membership which would inhibit the administration's objective of achieving their energy goals if tariffs were applied to them. We are asking that these products be exempted from potential tariffs. Additionally, I have attached a document demonstrating the importance of Canadian crude to U.S. refineries.

We would like to meet with you and your team to discuss this request at your convenience.

Please let us know if you have any questions and are available to meet.

Best,

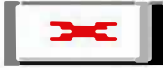
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Sent: Thu, 30 Jan 2025 21:02:08 +0000
To: Fitzsimmons, Alexander
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Oil and Gas Tariff Exemption Request
Attachments: US Oil and Natural Gas - New Tariff Exemptions.pdf, Benefits of North American Crude.pdf

Alex,

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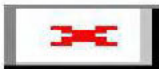
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Tariff Exemptions for Energy Dominance

Tariffs Exemptions for Oils, Natural Gas, and Refined Products

Context: The U.S. has a global advantage in oil and natural gas production and refining/manufacturing. Historically, increased costs on crude oil, natural gas, or refined products led to upward pressure on costs to consumers. Tariffs would likely have a similar result and, could erode the U.S.'s standing as a net exporter of energy. U.S. refineries take advantage of heavy-grade crude oil from Canada and Mexico to meet U.S. consumers' demand, especially in Indiana, Montana, and Michigan. While there is the possibility to retool U.S. refineries to utilize light-grade crude from the U.S., it would jeopardize U.S. energy dominance.

Ask: Exempt from tariffs crude oil, natural gas, refined products, and used cooking oil under these HTS code headings (see Appendix A for the ten-digit HTS codes):

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Tariffs Exemptions for Critical Industrial Materials

Context: The U.S.'s global advantage in oil and natural gas is also built, in part, with industrial materials that cannot be sourced sufficiently in the U.S. to produce, transport, and refine hydrocarbons. These industrial materials include pipes for drilling, production, and pipelines; turbines; transformers; and taps, valves, pressure/temperature measuring devices, and centrifuges for facilities. US suppliers do not meet specifications required for procurement of these products.

Ask: Exempt from tariffs the industrial materials critical to U.S. oil and natural gas under these HTS code headings (see Appendix B for the ten-digit HTS codes):

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Appendix A: Hydrocarbon Products to Exempt from Tariffs

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Appendix B: Industrial Materials Critical to US Oil & Natural Gas to Exempt from Tariffs

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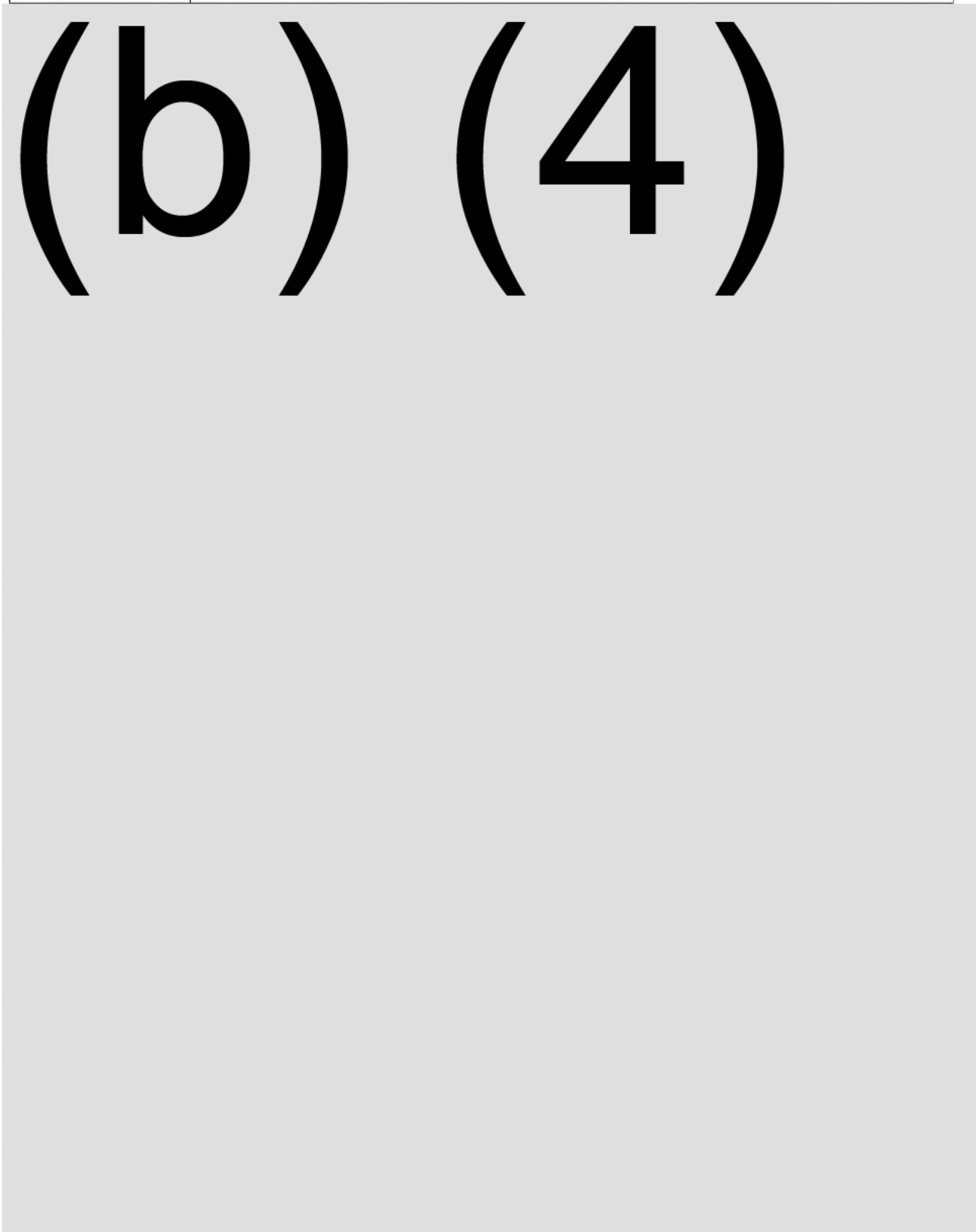
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U.S. Consumers Benefit from Oil & Natural Gas Imports from Canada and Mexico

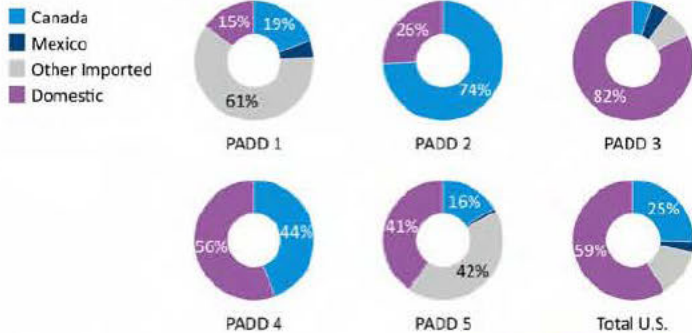
Crude oil imports from **CANADA AND MEXICO ACCOUNT FOR 28%** of the crude oil run through U.S. refineries.



U.S. refineries are configured for heavier crude oil from Canada and Mexico, which cannot be replaced with lighter domestic crude oil.

Canadian imports account for **74% OF CRUDE OIL** used in PADD 2 (Midwest) refineries.

Imports of Canadian crude oil account for 74% of crude used in refineries located in PADD 2 (Midwest) and 44% in PADD 4 (Rocky Mountains)



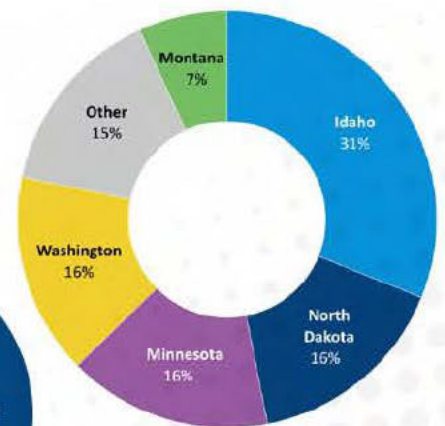
Source: U.S. EIA

Imports from Canada are equivalent to **9% OF TOTAL U.S. NATURAL GAS CONSUMPTION**

THE MAJORITY OF THE NATURAL GAS ENTERS THE U.S. IN THE WEST with +30% entering through Idaho, though the majority of this is ultimately sent to Washington.

31% of U.S. natural gas imports entered the country through Idaho in 2023

Share of total U.S. natural gas imports by point-of-entry



Geography and existing pipeline infrastructure make it easier to get natural gas to market from Canada than shipping it from the South or East.

Note: This does not account for interstate transfers once the natural gas is imported. For example, 2.5 bcf/d of Canadian natural gas entered the U.S. through Idaho in 2023, but Idaho then transferred a net 2.1 bcf/d across state lines, with the majority going to Washington.

Source: U.S. EIA



Midwest Refineries Case Studies

ExxonMobil Joliet, IL



EMPLOYEES &
CONTRACTORS
900



INFLOW
FROM CANADA
238,000
BPD



REFINERY PRODUCTS
Gasoline, Diesel,
Coke, Sulfur,
Propylene, Asphalt



OUTFLOW
TO THE U.S.
252,000
BPD

BP Whiting, IN



EMPLOYEES &
CONTRACTORS
2,700



INFLOW
FROM CANADA
350,000
BPD



REFINERY PRODUCTS
Gasoline, Diesel,
Jet Fuel, Asphalt



OUTFLOW
TO THE U.S.
440,000
BPD

Phillips 66 Wood River, IL



EMPLOYEES &
CONTRACTORS
800



INFLOW
FROM CANADA
134,000
BPD



REFINERY PRODUCTS
Gasoline, Diesel, Jet
Fuel, Petrochemical
Feedstocks, Asphalt,
Coke



OUTFLOW
TO THE U.S.
356,000
BPD

Phillips 66 Billings, MT



EMPLOYEES &
CONTRACTORS
290



INFLOW
FROM CANADA
68,000
BPD



REFINERY PRODUCTS
Gasoline, Diesel,
Jet Fuel, Coke



OUTFLOW
TO THE U.S.
67,000
BPD

Marathon Petroleum Detroit, MI



EMPLOYEES &
CONTRACTORS
525



INFLOW
FROM CANADA
68,000
BPD



REFINERY PRODUCTS
Gasoline, Distillates,
Asphalt, Natural
Gas Liquids and
Petrochemicals,
Propane, Heavy Fuel Oil



OUTFLOW
TO THE U.S.
140,000
BPD

Marathon Petroleum Robinson, IL



EMPLOYEES &
CONTRACTORS
650



INFLOW
FROM CANADA
238,000
BPD



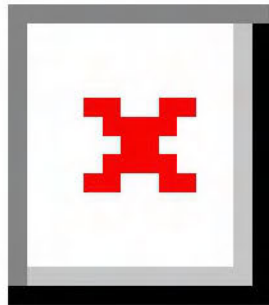
REFINERY PRODUCTS
Gasoline, Distillates,
Natural Gas Liquids
and Petrochemicals,
Propane, Heavy Fuel Oil



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From: API Press
Sent: Thu, 30 Jan 2025 23:56:21 +0000 (UTC)
To: Affolter, Shawn
Subject: [EXTERNAL] API Statement on Confirmation of Doug Burgum as Interior Secretary

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API Statement on Confirmation of Doug Burgum as Interior Secretary

WASHINGTON, January 30, 2025 – American Petroleum Institute (API) President and CEO Mike Sommers issued the following statement on the Senate's confirmation of former Governor Doug Burgum to lead the U.S. Department of the Interior.

“As Governor of a top production state, Secretary Doug Burgum has long been a champion for American energy leadership. We look forward to working with him to implement a pro-American energy approach to federal leasing, starting with removing barriers to development on federal lands and waters and developing a new five-year offshore program.”

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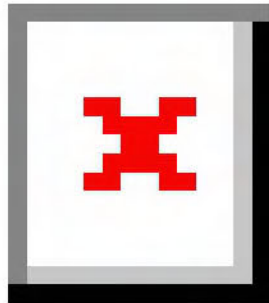
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From: API Press
Sent: Sat, 01 Feb 2025 23:26:29 +0000 (UTC)
To: Dietderich, Ben
Subject: [EXTERNAL] API Statement on Tariffs on Canada, Mexico and China

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API Statement on Tariffs on Canada, Mexico and China

WASHINGTON, February 1, 2025 — The American Petroleum Institute issued the following statement from President and CEO Mike Sommers on the Trump administration's decision to impose tariffs on U.S. imports from Canada, Mexico and China.

"Energy markets are highly integrated, and free and fair trade across our borders is critical for delivering affordable, reliable energy to U.S. consumers. We will continue to work with the Trump administration on full exclusions that protect energy affordability for consumers, expand the nation's energy advantage and support American jobs."

The U.S. is by far the world's largest oil producer, but U.S. refineries—primarily in the Midwest—rely on Canadian crude to produce the gasoline, diesel and jet fuel that's critical for transportation, agriculture and American consumers. The U.S. is the largest market for Canadian crude oil exports and Mexico is the No. 1 destination for U.S. refined product exports. U.S. oil and natural gas exports to China totaled more than \$14.4 billion in 2023 and are critical to reducing our trade deficit.

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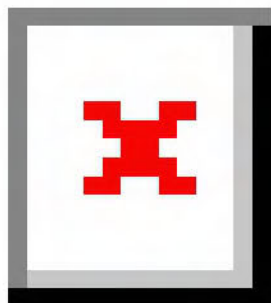
From: Dustin Meyer on behalf of "Francis Weaver" <weaverf@api.org>
Sent: Mon, 3 Feb 2025 15:27:50 +0000
To: Fitzsimmons, Alexander
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Declined: Call w/Jack Cramton

Apologies - Major meeting at same time....with VP's and CGCN (Mike Catanzaro)

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Sent: Mon, 03 Feb 2025 23:38:03 +0000 (UTC)
To: Dietderich, Ben
Subject: [EXTERNAL] API Statement on Confirmation of Chris Wright as Energy Secretary

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API Statement on Confirmation of Chris Wright as Energy Secretary

WASHINGTON, February 3, 2025 – American Petroleum Institute (API) President and CEO Mike Sommers issued the following statement on the Senate’s confirmation of Chris Wright to lead the U.S. Department of Energy.

“Secretary Chris Wright’s experience in the American energy sector gives him an important perspective that will inform his leadership of the Department of Energy. We look forward to working with him to bolster American geopolitical strength by swiftly approving new LNG export permits and ensuring the open access of American energy for our allies around the world.”

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Sent: Tue, 4 Feb 2025 03:16:38 +0000
To: Padilla, Aaron; Jack Cramton; Dustin Meyer; Fitzsimmons, Alexander
Subject: Meeting (ScheduledMeeting)/Thread Id:
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From: Hebert, Ashley
Sent: Tue, 4 Feb 2025 17:35:32 +0000
To: Jack Cramton
Cc: Fitzsimmons, Alexander; Kristin A. Westmoreland; Tyler Cianciotti; Lamanna, Isabelle
Subject: RE: API Invitation for Secretary Wright- March 20th
Attachments: Sec._Event Request Form.docx, Sec. Meeting Request Form.docx

Good afternoon, Jack –

Thanks for reaching out and for this invitation! It's great to be in touch. At your earliest convenience, please complete one of the attached request forms for consideration (please note the Event Form is for more of a formal remarks/speaking role while the Meeting Request is for more of an active participatory role in a meeting, based on what you're looking for him to do). Once returned, we will review with the Secretary and get back to you soon.

I'm also pleased to loop in and introduce you to our Director of Scheduling, Izzy Lamanna.

Warm regards,
Ashley

Ashley Hébert
Director of Scheduling & Advance
Office of the Secretary | U.S. Department of Energy
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From: Jack Cramton <CramtonJ@api.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2025 9:50 AM
To: Hebert, Ashley <ashley.hebert@hq.doe.gov>
Cc: Fitzsimmons, Alexander <alexander.fitzsimmons@hq.doe.gov>; Kristin A. Westmoreland <WestmorelandK@api.org>; Tyler Cianciotti <CianciottiT@api.org>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] API Invitation for Secretary Wright- March 20th

Ashley,

Please find attached an invitation for Secretary Wright to speak to API's Board of Directors on March 20, 2025 in Washington, D.C.

Additionally, please see attached a roster of our Board of Directors. We would love it if the Secretary could join us in March.

Let me know if you have any questions at all.

Best,

Jack Cramton

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Event Information Request Form

Thank you for your interest in hosting the U.S. Secretary of Energy at your event. To ensure that the appropriate individual within the Department of Energy is participating in your event and because the Office of the Secretary is committed to maintaining the highest ethical standards, we need the information requested below before we can agree to confirm a speaker.

Please respond to the questions below and send your response to (b)(6) - Secretary Wright.
If you have any questions you may contact the Secretary's Scheduling Office at (b) (6)

Title of the Event (please note if the event is a weekly, monthly, annual, etc.):	
Date of Event (please note if the date is flexible):	
Event Location (venue, address, city and state/country):	
Point(s) of Contact (Name, Email, Phone):	
Briefly describe the event in detail including the purpose and desired role of the Secretary (i.e. deliver keynote remarks, attend an event, meet with attendees etc.):	
Is the event a fundraiser? If yes, please explain who it is benefiting (i.e. specific charity, a political candidate, etc.):	
Audience	
Approximately how many people are expected to attend the event?	
Please describe the target audience of the event (elected officials, local community leaders, academics, industry representatives, public sector representatives, etc.).	
Will the attendees at the event include persons with a diversity of views or interests, or representatives from throughout an industry or profession, or the range of persons interested in a matter? (If yes, please describe.)	

Is the event open to the public (this includes ticketed individuals)? If not, please describe who is privately invited.	
Who are other VIPs or speakers <u>confirmed</u> and in what role?	
Who are other VIPs or speakers <u>invited</u> ?	
Remarks	
If you are requesting remarks, are there any specific issues you would like the Secretary to highlight/address in his remarks?	
What is the desired format of his remarks (will he be delivering the keynote, sharing the stage, participating in a panel or roundtable, etc.)?	
What is the public registration/ticket fee to attend/participate in the event?	
Will there be a teleprompter available? Will there be a podium?	
Communications/Press	
Is the event open or closed to press?	
If open, are you expecting local, state, or national news coverage?	
If this is an annual event, which news outlets typically cover the event?	
Will you be advertising or live streaming the event on any social media outlets or websites? (If yes, please explain.)	
Logistics/Other*	
What does the invitation include: registration/conference event fee; meals or refreshments; receptions or other entertainment; informational materials; and memento or token of appreciation	
What is the monetary value of the invitation to the Secretary, etc.? Please identify how the costs were determined. (Please attach separate sheet if necessary.)	
Does the invitation extend to the Secretary's spouse or other guest? If yes, will others in	

attendance generally be accompanied by a spouse or other guest?	
If the Secretary is not able to attend, is a surrogate desired? If yes, anyone specific?	
Any additional notes or information?	
Event Host and Sponsor	
Who is the <u>event host</u> ? (Please identify and provide background on the Event host as well as any other organization involved in the Event.)	
<u>Event host</u> website/url.	
Is the <u>event host</u> a registered lobbyist or lobbying organization, and/or registered under the Foreign Agents Registration Act? (If yes, please identify.)	
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Requesting individual/organization: (Please identify the person(s) (name and affiliation) requesting the meeting, including any background information on the affiliated organization(s).)	
Contact information (Name, Email, Phone):	
Please describe the action sought from the Office of the Secretary:	
Meeting date (if date is flexible please indicate the range): Please explain any time sensitivity that impacts the date of the meeting, such as court-ordered or statutory deadline:	
Proposed meeting location (City, State/Country):	
Describe the proposed meeting topic/ agenda, provide available briefing materials, and identify desired outcome(s):	
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If the Secretary is unable to meet, is a surrogate desired? If yes, who specifically?	
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To: Hebert, Ashley; Jack Cramton
Cc: Fitzsimmons, Alexander; Tyler Cianciotti; Lamanna, Isabelle
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: API Invitation for Secretary Wright- March 20th

Thank you, Ashely! We will complete the from and circle back asap. All the best, Kristin

Kristin Westmoreland

Chief of Staff and Vice President, Membership and Events

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Attachments: Sec._Event Request Form_API 02-11-25.docx

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Date of Event (please note if the date is flexible):	March 20, 2025 or Dinner on March 19, 2025
Event Location (venue, address, city and state/country):	API Headquarters 200 Massachusetts Ave NW Washington, DC 20001
Point(s) of Contact (Name, Email, Phone):	Jack Cramton, Vice President, Federal Affairs CramtonJ@api.org (b) (6)
Briefly describe the event in detail including the purpose and desired role of the Secretary (i.e. deliver keynote remarks, attend an event, meet with attendees etc.):	API's March Board of Directors Meeting brings together chief executives from across the oil and natural gas industry for off-the-record discussions with policymakers, industry thought leaders and API leadership. Secretary Wright is invited to address the Board in this off-the-record setting to share his views on the Administration's priorities and efforts to restore U.S. energy leadership.
Is the event a fundraiser? If yes, please explain who it is benefiting (i.e. specific charity, a political candidate, etc.):	No
Audience	
Approximately how many people are expected to attend the event?	75
Please describe the target audience of the event (elected officials, local community leaders, academics, industry representatives, public sector representatives, etc.).	Industry Chief Executives, API Senior Leaders
Will the attendees at the event include persons with a diversity of views or interests, or	Attendees of this event represent chief executives from across the oil and gas value chain, including

representatives from throughout an industry or profession, or the range of persons interested in a matter? (If yes, please describe.)	operators as well as service, supply and technology providers (drilling contractors, solutions providers, etc.).
Is the event open to the public (this includes ticketed individuals)? If not, please describe who is privately invited.	No, this event is limited to API Board members and a senior government affairs professional from their companies.
Who are other VIPs or speakers <u>confirmed</u> and in what role?	No speakers are confirmed yet at this time.
Who are other VIPs or speakers <u>invited</u> ?	Donald J. Trump, President Secretary Doug Burgum, Department of Interior Secretary Lee Zeldin, Environmental Protection Agency Governor Josh Shapiro, Governor of Pennsylvania
Remarks	
If you are requesting remarks, are there any specific issues you would like the Secretary to highlight/address in his remarks?	LNG Exports, Department's role in permitting role, Secretary's role on National Energy Dominance Council, Department activities related to increased access and Hydrogen
What is the desired format of his remarks (will he be delivering the keynote, sharing the stage, participating in a panel or roundtable, etc.)?	Remarks from head of Board table plus Q&A from Board members.
What is the public registration/ticket fee to attend/participate in the event?	No fee associated with attendee participation.
Will there be a teleprompter available? Will there be a podium?	Speakers are invited to address the Board from the Board table director.
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Any additional notes or information?	No
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Is the <u>event host</u> seeking or currently have any business interests with the Department such as permits, contracts, litigation, grants, etc.? (If yes, please describe.)	As appropriate, API has intervened in proceedings at FERC and DOE. Below details two current proceedings for which API has filed amicus briefs: On 10/28/24, API led an amicus brief with AXPC, CLNG, NGSA, LNG allies, IPAA, TXOGA, in support of the Next Decade/Rio Grande LNG petition for rehearing in Case nos. 23-1174 and 23-1175, <i>City of Port Isabel, et al v. FERC</i> , in the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. This petition is still pending.

	<p>On 4/20/24, API filed an amicus brief in support of the group of 16 State AGs' request for a preliminary injunction challenging the LNG pause in the United States District Court for the Western District of LA in Case 2:24-cv-00406-JDC-TPL, <i>Louisiana, et al v. Biden, et al.</i> On 7/1/24, the Western District of LA granted the P.I. On 8/5/24, the case was appealed to the United States Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit in Case 24-30489, <i>State of Louisiana v. Biden.</i> That appeal is in abeyance until 4/1/2025.</p>
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Sent: Thu, 13 Feb 2025 15:54:51 +0000
To: Woods, Andrea
Cc: Trevor Falk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Introduction

Andrea,

I hope all is well and you have settled in over at DOE. I wanted to introduce you to Trevor Falk from NABTU (cc'd here) who manages environment and energy issues for them. As you know NABTU is an important partner to API and Trevor is key to that partnership. I wanted him to have your contact information going forward.

Congrats on the new post and hope our paths cross soon!

Regards,

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Cc: Hebert, Ashley; WestmorelandK@api.org; Tyler Cianciotti
Subject: RE: API Invitation for Secretary Wright- March 20th

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I hope you are having a great start to the week. Thank you very much for the patience as we work through this request.

As the Secretary is coming from the Private Sector, we are doing an in-depth ethics check on all meeting and event requests while we work through the Secretary's divesting process over the given time frame he has.

Unfortunately, until the divesting window closes, this event falls under a conflict of interest, so he won't be able to attend. We really appreciate the invitation and your interest in having him join everyone at the API Board Meeting.

Thank you again and have a great rest of your week.

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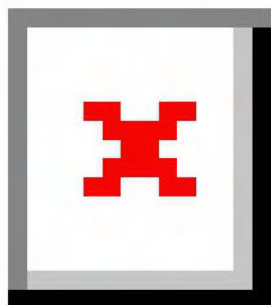
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From: API Press
Sent: Thu, 27 Feb 2025 18:08:40 +0000 (UTC)
To: Affolter, Shawn
Subject: [EXTERNAL] API Applauds Passage of Resolution to End EPA's Duplicative Methane Fee

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NEWS RELEASE

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WASHINGTON, February 27, 2025 – The American Petroleum Institute (API) today released the following statement from Executive Vice President and Chief Advocacy Officer Amanda Eversole applauding House and Senate passage of a Congressional Review Act (CRA) resolution to begin repealing the EPA's Waste Emissions Charge (WEC) established under the Inflation Reduction Act.

"This bipartisan resolution is an important step toward repealing the so-called 'methane fee'—a duplicative, punitive tax on American energy production that stifles innovation. Thanks to industry action, methane emissions continue to decline as production increases, and we support building on this progress through smart and effective regulation. We applaud Sen. Hoeven, Rep. Pfluger and members on both sides of the aisle for their efforts to undo this misguided rule, and we look forward to working together on full repeal and pro-consumer policies that embrace American energy leadership."

The WEC rule is redundant and penalizes early adopters of methane-cutting technologies. U.S. oil and natural gas producers are already regulated under EPA methane standards. U.S. methane emissions declined by 42 percent from 2015-2023 while production increased by 51 percent.

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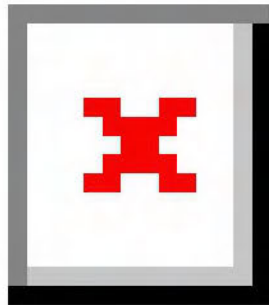


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From: API Press
Sent: Mon, 03 Mar 2025 18:48:51 +0000 (UTC)
To: Affolter, Shawn
Subject: [EXTERNAL] API Highlights America's Energy Opportunity Ahead of Joint Session of Congress

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NEWS RELEASE

API Highlights America's Energy Opportunity Ahead of Joint Session of Congress

New TV and digital ad campaign underscores how U.S. energy production benefits all Americans

WASHINGTON, March 3, 2025 – Ahead of President Trump's joint address to Congress, American Petroleum Institute President and CEO Mike Sommers commended the administration for taking steps to unleash U.S. oil and natural gas resources and outlined [policy solutions](#) to secure the nation's energy future. API also released a new [TV and digital ad campaign](#) highlighting how U.S. oil and natural gas production benefits all Americans and supports local communities.

"President Trump won on a pro-energy agenda, and his administration has moved swiftly to unleash our nation's vast oil and natural gas resources. From lifting the LNG pause and taking steps to restore consumer choice to directing his administration to open leasing—it's clear that it's a new day for American energy. With rising demand driven by surging electricity use and new data centers, the Trump administration and Congress have an opportunity to build on this momentum through our [five-point policy roadmap](#). We will continue to work with policymakers to advance durable permitting reform, process LNG permits, legislate regular lease sales and preserve a pro-investment tax landscape."

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From: Mike Sommers
Sent: Thu, 6 Mar 2025 14:39:56 +0000
To: Winberg, Steven
Cc: Tyler Cianciotti
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Invite: 3/19 American Petroleum Institute Board of Directors Dinner

Steve –

On behalf of the American Petroleum Institute’s (API) Board of Directors, I invite you to join our March Board Dinner the evening of Wednesday, March 19, 2025, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at API Headquarters (200 Massachusetts Avenue NW). In addition to API’s Board, guests will include industry leaders, energy association executives and other partners.

Please RSVP with Tyler Cianciotti by Friday, March 14.

Hope to see you in a couple of weeks.

All the best,
Mike



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From: Jordan Christman
Sent: Tue, 25 Mar 2025 13:57:59 +0000
To: Barrios, Audrey
Cc: Rogers, Evan M.; Inguanta, Michael; Woods, Andrea; Affolter, Shawn
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Mock Hearing 3/26

Good Morning All,

Apologies for the delayed response—I unfortunately have a conflict during this time tomorrow.

Please keep me updated on future hearings though, and I will do my best to participate.

Thanks so much.

Best,
Jordan Noelle Christman

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From: Barrios, Audrey <audrey.barrios@hq.doe.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 21, 2025 2:25 PM
Cc: Rogers, Evan M. <evan.rogers@hq.doe.gov>; Inguanta, Michael <michael.inguanta@hq.doe.gov>; Woods, Andrea <andrea.woods@hq.doe.gov>; Affolter, Shawn <shawn.affolter@hq.doe.gov>
Subject: Mock Hearing 3/26

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Hello-

Would you be interested in participating in a mock hearing for Wells Griffith on 3/26 from 3-5PM at the James Forrestal building. If you are able to participate, please reply all and we will be in touch next week with additional instructions.

Thank you,
Audrey



Audrey Barrios
Advisor to the Secretary
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From: Hebert, Ashley
Sent: Wed, 9 Apr 2025 18:38:47 +0000
To: Jack Cramton
Cc: Fitzsimmons, Alexander; Kristin A. Westmoreland; Tyler Cianciotti; Kristin Whitman; Lamanna, Isabelle; McGregor, Ruby
Subject: RE: API Invitation for Secretary Wright- June 4th
Attachments: API Invite_Secretary Wright.pdf, 2025 API EC 03 26 2025.pdf

Hi Jack,

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From: Jack Cramton <CramtonJ@api.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 9, 2025 1:23 PM
To: Hebert, Ashley <ashley.hebert@hq.doe.gov>
Cc: Fitzsimmons, Alexander <alexander.fitzsimmons@hq.doe.gov>; Kristin A. Westmoreland <WestmorelandK@api.org>; Tyler Cianciotti <CianciottiT@api.org>; Kristin Whitman <WhitmanK@api.org>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] API Invitation for Secretary Wright- June 4th

Ashley,

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Additionally, please see attached a roster of our Executive Committee. We would love it if the Secretary could join us in June.

Let me know if you have any questions at all.

Best,

Jack Cramton

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April 9, 2025

The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Wright,

On behalf of the American Petroleum Institute (API), I would like to invite you to join our Executive Committee for an off-the-record discussion on Wednesday, June 4, at a time convenient for your schedule between 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. at API's Headquarters (200 Massachusetts Avenue, NW).

API's Executive Committee brings together the chief executives from the United States' most prominent oil and natural gas companies. The Committee would welcome the opportunity to discuss the Administration's decisive actions thus far to secure America's energy leadership and continued efforts to meet the energy dominance agenda. Enclosed is the current API Executive Committee roster.

Jack Cramton, Vice President of Federal Relations, will follow up with your office to facilitate your participation. In the meantime, please reach out with any questions.

I hope you can join us in June.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mike Sommers', is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Enclosure



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Mr. Mike Sommers
President and Chief Executive Officer
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From: Kristin A. Westmoreland
Sent: Fri, 11 Apr 2025 00:08:55 +0000
To: Lamanna, Isabelle; Hebert, Ashley; Jack Cramton
Cc: Fitzsimmons, Alexander; Tyler Cianciotti; Kristin Whitman; Mcgregor, Ruby
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: API Invitation for Secretary Wright- June 4th

Understood! Figured we would ask just in case.

Thanks,
Kristin

From: Lamanna, Isabelle <Isabelle.Lamanna@hq.doe.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2025 11:19 AM
To: Kristin A. Westmoreland <WestmorelandK@api.org>; Hebert, Ashley <ashley.hebert@hq.doe.gov>; Jack Cramton <CramtonJ@api.org>
Cc: Fitzsimmons, Alexander <alexander.fitzsimmons@hq.doe.gov>; Tyler Cianciotti <CianciottiT@api.org>; Kristin Whitman <WhitmanK@api.org>; Mcgregor, Ruby <ruby.mcgregor@hq.doe.gov>
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Thanks so much for the invitation and extra info Kristin!

As Ashley mentioned, we are scheduled to be traveling during the first week of June, but I'll make sure to keep you posted if anything changes!

Thanks,

Izzy

From: Kristin A. Westmoreland <WestmorelandK@api.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 9, 2025 4:41 PM
To: Hebert, Ashley <ashley.hebert@hq.doe.gov>; Jack Cramton <CramtonJ@api.org>
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Hi Ashley –

We appreciate your quick response. The Executive Committee will have a dinner at API the evening beforehand (June 3). If the Secretary happens to be in town that evening, we would love for him to join us. Thank you for considering.

All the best,
Kristin

Kristin Westmoreland

Chief of Staff and Vice President, Membership and Events

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From: Mike Sommers
Sent: Thu, 24 Apr 2025 17:02:23 +0000
To: Fitzsimmons, Alexander
Subject: [EXTERNAL] API USTR Letter
Attachments: API - USTR Sec 301 Impacts.pdf

Alex –

Hope you are well. Please see the attached letter for Secretary Wright. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you need anything from me or my team.

All the best,
Mike



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April 23, 2025

The Honorable Chris Wright
 Secretary of Energy
 1000 Independence Ave., SW
 Washington, DC 20585

The Honorable Doug Burgum
 Chair, National Energy Dominance Council
 1650 17th St., NW
 Washington, DC 20006

RE: USTR Sec. 301 Action on China's Targeting of the Maritime, Logistics, and Shipbuilding Sectors for Dominance

Dear Secretary Burgum and Secretary Wright:

The American Petroleum Institute ("API") is the national trade association representing all segments of America's oil and natural gas industry, which relies upon a safe, efficient and competitive maritime industry. While API acknowledges the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) conclusion that China has targeted the maritime, logistics, and shipbuilding sectors for supremacy, the remedies finalized last week risk disrupting various segments of the U.S. oil and gas industry, especially exports of liquefied natural gas (LNG) and imports and exports of crude oil and refined products, and ultimately undermining President Trump's vision of energy dominance. **We urge the Administration to reconsider these Section 301 remedies and work with the industry to minimize negative impacts.**

API sincerely appreciates the Trump Administration's strong support for the LNG industry, including lifting the misguided permitting pause that sowed uncertainty and froze U.S. LNG project development for more than a year. However, USTR's new requirement that an increasing share of U.S. LNG be exported on U.S.-built, U.S.-flagged, and U.S.-operated vessels beginning in 2029 is not possible to comply with and risks counteracting the significant progress the Trump Administration has made towards reducing uncertainty and unleashing U.S. LNG. It also puts our industry at a disadvantage relative to competing exporting nations.

Today, there are no large-scale LNG vessels that meet those criteria, and a lack of needed shipyard capacity, required infrastructure, skilled labor and seafarers are significant obstacles to building them here in the U.S.¹⁻² Current shipbuilding capacity cannot keep pace with demand for U.S. defense vessels,³ and rising commercial ship demand may overburden the same shipyards that are already backlogged.⁴ According to the Government Accountability Office, only two U.S. shipyards have docks long enough to build LNG carriers, orders they may receive in the near term for other types of vessels may delay future construction of LNG carriers, and these shipyards estimate that it

¹ USTR-2025-0002-00111967-CAT-6406-Public-Document.pdf

² <https://www.wsj.com/articles/trump-wants-to-dominate-shipping-america-doesnt-have-enough-shippers-a35e18e0>

³ <https://www.gao.gov/products/gao-25-106286>

⁴ https://armedservices.house.gov/uploadedfiles/031125_spf_state_of_shipbuilding_orourke_statement.pdf



would take about 4 to 5 years to build just one LNG carrier from the time of initial contact with a buyer.⁵ For all of these reasons, U.S. LNG exporters have not historically built their own vessels and in most cases don't own or operate them, meaning they have little control over their ability to comply with USTR's new requirements but ultimately will face the consequences of not doing so – the suspension of their export license. This penalty also sets a troubling precedent that could be weaponized by future administrations.

Last year, more than 1,400 cargoes of U.S. LNG were delivered to buyers around the world⁶ – a number that is slated to nearly double by the end of the decade as terminals that are currently under construction enter service. Under USTR's requirement for 1% of U.S. LNG exports starting in 2029 to be transported on U.S.-built vessels, as many as five U.S.-built LNG vessels would be required by the end of the decade, which is not feasible. These Section 301 remedies will compromise our ability to lead the global LNG industry, which we are poised to do for years to come and cement our role as an energy superpower.

In addition to the impacts to LNG, U.S. refining companies also face significant challenges from USTR's remedies. Crude oil imports by sea are a critical component of our refining network, enabling U.S. refineries to produce the full spectrum of fuels and petrochemical products that drive our economy and that the U.S. exports to the world. Introducing fees on these imports and exports disrupts a carefully balanced supply chain and risks undermining the global competitiveness of the U.S. refining industry. Given their strategic importance, we urge the Administration to exempt crude oil and refined products imports and exports – consistent with this Administration's approach to exempt these same products from baseline and reciprocal tariffs.

API supports efforts to counter China's dominance in the maritime sector and urges the Administration to reconsider these remedies to ensure that any actions taken minimize impacts to the U.S oil and gas industry.

All the best,

Mike Sommers

⁵ <https://www.gao.gov/assets/gao-16-104.pdf>

⁶ <https://www.energy.gov/sites/default/files/2025-03/Natural%20Gas%20Imports%20and%20Exports%20Monthly%20December%202024.pdf>

From: Fitzsimmons, Alexander
Sent: Wed, 30 Apr 2025 16:57:00 +0000
To: Barrios, Audrey; Affolter, Shawn; Kristin Whitman <WhitmanK@api.org>
Cc: CoughlinA@api.org; Dustin Meyer
Bcc: COS Conference Room
Subject: Meet w/API
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