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Subject: FW: ICYMI: What Energy Experts are Saying About President Trump Restoring
LNG Exports



Press Release

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January 24, 2025

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ICYMI: What Energy Experts are Saying About President Trump Restoring LNG Exports

Following President Donald J. Trump's day one order to "[unleash American Energy Dominance](#)," the Department of Energy [announced](#) earlier this week it ended the Biden administration's pause on Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) export permits and was returning the department to regular order.

The announcement has been met with widespread praise from policymakers, industry leaders, and trade associations.

What They're Saying:

"This policy has created great excitement, not only in the energy industry but in other industries as well. It will restore [energy dominance](#) and independence here in the United States, giving the President so many more options regarding foreign policy." – *Former U.S. Department of Energy Secretary Dan Brouillette (R-LA)*

"The one [Executive Order] that hit me—and will have the quickest effect on us—is getting rid of the LNG pause that Biden put into place overnight. The message there is clear—not only to U.S. producers and those operating export facilities along the Gulf Coast, but also to our allies: you can count on the United States again to deliver energy. For instance, the folks in Ukraine, the folks in Europe—all of those people who had to rely on Russian gas instead of U.S. gas can now [depend on us](#)." – *Former U.S. Department of Energy Secretary Rick Perry (R-TX)*

“EQT has long been an advocate for the role that U.S. LNG plays in allowing the United States to promote its values abroad while addressing the world’s energy needs. We are appreciative of the Day One action from the President to lift the pause on LNG exports. This action signifies a strong understanding from the Administration of the need to allow market forces – not political forces – to drive the cheapest, most reliable energy to the market. This decision will only further our ability to create jobs, lower global emissions and ensure energy security for our allies.” – **Toby Rice, CEO, EQT Corp., the largest gas producer in the United States**

"Tourmaline, Canada’s largest natural gas producer, strongly supports growing LNG exports from across North America, providing an improved standard of living to the developing world with natural gas, reducing global emissions through coal displacement and creating sustained economic growth in both the United States and Canada." – **Michael Rose, CEO, Tourmaline Oil, the largest gas producer in Canada**

"Our country has been incredibly blessed with massive quantities of natural gas as well as our neighbors to the north in Canada and we should make that natural gas available to the world. It's awesome that President Trump has lifted the permit pause for LNG facilities." – **Bill Armstrong, CEO, Armstrong Oil & Gas, Inc.**

"There is the initial positive impact of putting people back to work not only with LNG transport, but with the existing ongoing LNG construction sites that are currently under contract but were paused by Biden, as well as several projects that had been permitted and will now be financed and the construction work allowed to begin. Additionally, all the pipeline and rig work out of the gas fields will increase as well - all pointing to more high-paying energy jobs as promised by President Trump. On the international stage, the wave of LNG exports will be significant in balancing the trade deficit that the Biden administration left us with and will help strengthen America's energy dominance." – **James Flores, CEO, Sable Offshore Corp.**

“Americans sent a clear message at the ballot box, and President Trump is answering the call on Day One. Lifting the LNG pause, streamlining permitting processes, and embracing U.S. oil and natural gas will drive 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.” – **Mike Sommers, president and CEO, American Petroleum Institute (API)**

“U.S. LNG exports are a vital geopolitical tool that help balance trade deficits, grow natural gas production at home, ensure energy security for our allies, and reduce global emissions. We are happy to see President Trump’s promise to end the pause has been kept. We will work with the Trump administration to counter the negative impacts of the pause and return to normal order.” – **Charlie Riedl, executive director, Center for LNG**

“Natural gas is a critical source of energy to power our country, support America’s industrial renaissance, reduce emissions, and ensure our allies’ energy security now and into the future. We are excited to see so much interest in our abundant supply of natural gas and regulatory certainty to get more supply to market. We look forward to working with the Trump administration to unlock the many benefits of U.S. natural gas.” – **Dena Wiggins, president and CEO, Natural Gas Supply Association**

“Thank you, President Trump, for unlocking American potential by lifting the LNG export permit ban on Day One. Strong natural gas leads to energy security, which creates a strong United States of America. Texas is leading the way with natural gas exports and jobs.” – **Todd Staples, president, Texas Oil & Gas Association**

“The PBPA is very grateful that President Trump has lifted the ban on exporting LNG. This ill-conceived idea never should have taken root. America’s allies and consumers the world over will benefit from this newly available natural gas to warm their homes and run their economies.” – **Ben Shepperd, president, Permian Basin Petroleum Association**

“AXPC applauds President Trump’s decision to lift the prior administration’s ‘pause’ on LNG exports and setting a path for export authorizations, because American LNG exports strengthen our economy, shore up global security, and advance collective emissions reductions goals — all while U.S. natural gas prices remain affordable and stable here at home. This move is critical, because the U.S. economy and our allies around the world deserve a stable and predictable LNG export approval process to help meet the rising global demand for energy.” – **Anne Bradbury, CEO, American Exploration & Production Council**

“We applaud President Trump for making energy security and affordability one of his first priorities. With energy demand increasing at home and abroad, it is critical that we unleash American energy to benefit consumers and our allies. In particular, lifting the ban on LNG exports, expanding access to oil and gas production on federal lands and waters, providing reliable and affordable electricity, and reforming our broken permitting process are important steps that will help grow the economy. We look forward to working with the Trump Administration and Congress to build upon these actions and to secure our energy future.” – **Marty Durbin, president, U.S. Chamber Global Energy Institute**

“Biden’s LNG export freeze made America weaker, our enemies stronger, and the environment dirtier. President Trump’s decision to reverse this misguided policy on day one is a huge victory for our energy producers and our national security. I look forward to working with President Trump and Secretary Wright to unleash American energy and make America affordable again.” – **U.S. Senator Mike Lee, chairman, Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (R-Utah)**

“President Trump’s executive order reversing the Biden-era ban on LNG exports is an important step to unleashing American energy and achieving energy dominance. Clean-burning natural gas has enabled the United States to lead global emissions reductions more than any other country in the world over the past 20 years, and will be critical to helping our allies finally get off of Russian gas. These are facts. I applaud President Trump for rescinding this counterproductive Biden policy and acting on behalf of our world-class energy workers, our global environment, and our allies around the world.” – **U.S. Senator Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska)**

“American energy is part of America’s strength. By unleashing our energy resources, President Trump is strengthening our economy, our security, and our future.” – **U.S. Senator John Kennedy (R-La.)**

“The war on American energy, American workers, our national security, and our allies is over! Louisiana is ready and equipped to lead the way in supplying the world with American natural gas.” – **U.S. Senator Bill Cassidy (R-La.)**

“President Trump has held office for less than 24 hours, but he has already done more to improve the everyday lives of Americans than Joe Biden did in four years. President Trump is using the power of the pen and the authority granted to him by Congress to secure our borders, restore American energy dominance, slash unnecessary government bureaucracy, cut regulations, and reverse the disaster wrought by the Biden Administration. This is just the beginning, and House Republicans will work closely with President Trump to continue delivering for the American people.” – **Speaker Mike Johnson (R-La.)**

“With President Trump back in the White House, and Republican majorities in the House and the Senate, we will lower costs for American families, shut down the Biden-Harris border crisis, unleash American energy, stand up to our adversaries, strengthen our economy, return to common sense, and restore our nation to greatness.” – **House Majority Leader Steve Scalise (R-La.)**

“On his first day in office, President Trump is already delivering on his promise to increase baseload power, lower costs, and deliver real results for the American people. Today’s executive orders will expand production of American energy sources by incentivizing new investments and unlocking the potential of our natural resources to drive innovation and lower consumer costs. This return to energy dominance is critical to

safeguarding national security and creating a strong economy for the people we serve.” – ***U.S. Representative Brett Guthrie (R-Ky.), chairman, U.S. House Energy & Commerce Committee***

“President Trump is taking strong and desperately needed action to unleash American energy dominance. By ending the disastrous Green New Deal agenda, restarting the approval process for LNG projects, and unleashing American energy production, President Trump is putting America back on the path to energy dominance and global leadership. HEAT stands ready to work with President Trump and Congress to seize this historic opportunity.” – ***U.S. Representative Troy Balderson (R-Ohio), chairman, House Energy Action Team***

"We need a return to U.S. energy dominance, and the executive orders signed by President Trump to unleash American energy are a great start. By expanding production of U.S. energy sources, we can lower costs for the American people and bolster our national security. As Chair of Energy and Commerce's Energy Subcommittee, I'm looking forward to working with President Trump to advance an all-of-the-above energy strategy to secure North American energy independence and make the U.S. energy dominant once again." – ***U.S. Representative Bob Latta (R-Ohio), chairman, Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Energy***

“President Trump’s decisive action on Day One to reverse the radical ban on LNG exports is a game-changer for the Gulf Coast, which bore the brunt of that disastrous policy. America is back in business, and we are ready to take charge of exporting American LNG, ensuring we remain the global leader in energy production and innovation.” – ***U.S. Representative Randy Weber (R-Texas), vice chairman, Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Energy***

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Sent: Fri, 24 Jan 2025 21:11:07 +0000
To: Lamanna, Isabelle
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Meeting request for Darren Woods, CEO of Exxon Mobil Corporation- Feb. 13th

Thank you so much! We will get working on the form. Have a wonderful weekend.

Mimi

From: Lamanna, Isabelle <Isabelle.Lamanna@hq.doe.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 24, 2025 11:40 AM
To: Braniff, Mimi A <mimi.a.braniff@exxonmobil.com>; Secretary <(b)(6) - Secretary Wright >
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I hope you are having a great start to your Friday. It is great to e-meet you!

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We look forward to hearing from you. Have a great weekend!

Izzy Lamanna

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Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2025 4:15 PM
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Thank you for your consideration.

Best, Mimi Braniff

Mimi Braniff
Head of Federal Government & Regulatory Affairs
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Meeting Information Request Form

Thank you for your interest in meeting with U.S. Secretary of Energy. To ensure that the appropriate individual within the Department of Energy is meeting with you on a given matter 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 schedule a meeting¹.

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) .

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):	
Expected meeting participants (name, title, and organizational affiliation):	
Are any expected meeting participants registered lobbyists or lobbying organizations, and/or registered under the Foreign Agents Registration Act? (If yes, please identify.)	
Are any expected meeting participants a	

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partisan political candidate, a representative of a political party or a registered political action committee (PAC)? (If yes, please identify.)	
Do any expected meeting participants seek or currently have any business interests with the Department of Energy such as permits, contracts, litigation, grants, etc.? (If yes, please identify.)	
Will the meeting involve legislation, broad policy options, or other general matters that involve a large and diverse range of persons and interests? (If yes, please describe.)	
Will the meeting involve regulations, rules, or other matters that impact a specific industry, sector of the economy, or group of persons? (If yes, please describe.)	
If the Secretary is unable to meet, is a surrogate desired? If yes, who specifically?	
Any additional notes or information?	

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From: Ben Lieberman
Sent: Sat, 25 Jan 2025 15:01:28 +0000
To: Hrkman, Lou (Louis)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Hello

Absolutely. Just let me know what works for you. Ben
Sent from my iPhone

> On Jan 25, 2025, at 8:38 AM, Hrkman, Lou (Louis) <lou.hrkman@hq.doe.gov> wrote:
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> Ben
> We should talk in the next few weeks.
> Lou Hrkman
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Cc: Dietderich, Ben; Cortina, Cynthia
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: API Applauds President Trump's Day One Energy Executive Orders

Perfect, will do.

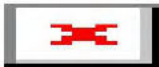
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From: Affolter, Shawn <shawn.affolter@hq.doe.gov>
Sent: Sunday, January 26, 2025 9:04 PM
To: Jack Cramton <CramtonJ@api.org>
Cc: Dietderich, Ben <ben.dietderich@hq.doe.gov>; Cortina, Cynthia <cynthia.cortina@hq.doe.gov>
Subject: RE: API Applauds President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

Jack Cramton

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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

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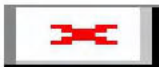
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API Applauds President Trump's Day One Energy Executive Orders

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"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."

API represents all segments of America's natural gas and oil industry, which supports more than 11 million U.S. jobs and is backed by a growing grassroots movement of millions of Americans. Our approximately 600 members produce, process and distribute the majority of the nation's energy, and participate in [API Energy Excellence®](#), which is accelerating environmental and safety progress by fostering new technologies and transparent reporting. API was formed in 1919 as a standards-setting organization and has developed more than 800 standards to enhance

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From: Philip Dion
Sent: Tue, 28 Jan 2025 20:13:29 +0000
To: Philip Dion; Hrkman, Lou (Louis); Montoni, Nicholas; Snyder, Carolyn; Lienemann, Sydney; Berube, Michael; Cooper, Christy; Mcgeown, David (CONTR); Adam Cooper; Steve Kiesner; Alexandra Young; Eric Holdsworth; Shin, Teri (CONTR); Moreno, Alejandro; Frye, Heather (CONTR)
Cc: Gail Croom; Adam Cooper
Subject: DoE EERE visit to EEI offices

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To: Philip Dion; Montoni, Nicholas; Snyder, Carolyn; Lienemann, Sydney; Berube, Michael; Cooper, Christy; Mcgeown, David (CONTR); Adam Cooper; Steve Kiesner; Alexandra Young; Eric Holdsworth; Shin, Teri (CONTR); Moreno, Alejandro; Frye, Heather (CONTR)
Cc: Gail Croom; Adam Cooper
Subject: DoE EERE visit to EEI offices
When: Tuesday, February 4, 2025 11:30 AM-1:30 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
Where: 701 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004; 4th Floor; Benjamin Franklin Room

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Cc: Gail Croom; Adam Cooper

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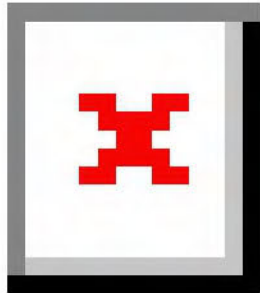
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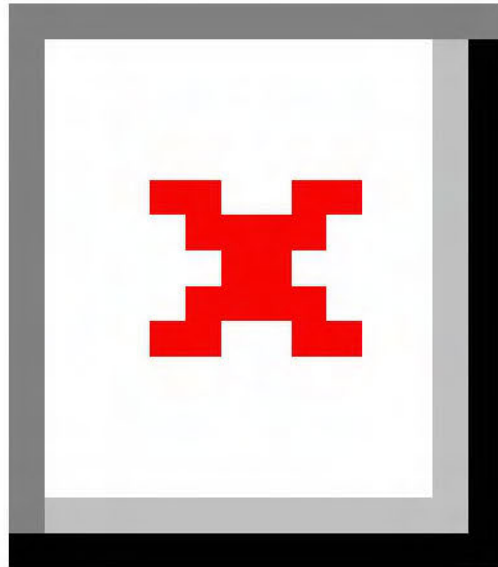
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To: Affolter, Shawn
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Send Your Capitol Hill Clean Energy Crush a #CRESCandygram! ❤️

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Treat your **Capitol Hill Clean Energy Crush** to something sweet this Valentine's Day by sending them a **#CRESCandygram!** Whether it's a Member of Congress or their hardworking staff, this is your chance to spread the love and celebrate all forms of American-made clean energy.

We'll deliver candygrams to U.S. House and Senate offices on February 14, so don't miss out on the chance to make your crush's day a little sweeter.

Submit your #CRESCandygram by **Tuesday, February 11, at 12 PM EST!**

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XOXO,

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To: Duncan-McDuffie, Michelle (CONTR); Tala Goudarzi; Winberg, Steven; Cohen, Derek
Cc: Loman, Carol (CONTR)
Subject: RE: Briefing Materials 1.31.25

Thank you, Michelle!

From: Duncan-McDuffie, Michelle (CONTR) <michelle.duncan-mcduffie@hq.doe.gov>
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To: Tatulyan, Kevin <kevin.tatulyan@hq.doe.gov>; Tala Goudarzi <tgoudarzi@eei.org>; Winberg, Steven <steven.winberg@hq.doe.gov>; Cohen, Derek <derek.cohen@hq.doe.gov>
Cc: Loman, Carol (CONTR) <carol.loman@hq.doe.gov>
Subject: Briefing Materials 1.31.25

Attached are briefing materials update as of 1.30.25 @ 3:24 pm. Any corrections/updates will be done in the morning.

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Attached are briefing materials update as of 1.30.25 @ 3:24 pm. Any corrections/updates will be done in the morning.

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Charlie Riedl
Executive Director, Center for LNG
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Charlie Riedl is the Executive Director for the Center for LNG (CLNG) and Vice President of the Natural Gas Supply Association (NGSA). CLNG is the top U.S. LNG trade association.

Charlie manages the operations of CLNG and is responsible for member relations, media engagement, advocacy and government affairs activities. He leads efforts to advance the U.S. liquefied natural gas (LNG) industry's economic and environmental agenda with CLNG member companies, regulators, legislators and other key stakeholders.



He has testified in both chambers of the U.S. Congress, and frequently speaks with key Hill and White House staff, FERC and other policymakers, on the importance and benefits of LNG exports and regulatory certainty. He has led hundreds of discussions on CLNG priority issues at conferences, has appeared on leading television news programs like CNBC's *Squawk Box* and is regularly quoted as an industry expert in the media, including *The New York Times*, *The Houston Chronicle*, *Bloomberg News*, *Politico* and *The Hill*.

Charlie has been instrumental in leading the CLNG team to its recent successes, including securing modernized risk-based LNG safety regulation in PHMSA reauthorization legislation passed by Congress; long-term extension of non-FTA export authorizations through 2050. He is a fierce advocate for pipeline and infrastructure permitting improvements.

He is also a key part of the team developing NGSA's annual Winter Outlook forecast on natural gas supply and customer demand, adding context to how LNG exports impact price pressure.

Prior to joining CLNG, Charlie worked at America's Natural Gas Alliance and at a major exploration and production company in various roles focused on natural gas market development and government relations. He graduated from The Ohio State University with a bachelor's degree in Communications.

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Federal Partnerships Division (FE-263)

Adam Eisele
Division Director
U.S. Department of Energy
Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management



MEETING OBJECTIVES

- **Overview of Past, Current, and Future Plans**
- **Alignment with Administration Priorities**
- **Discussion**

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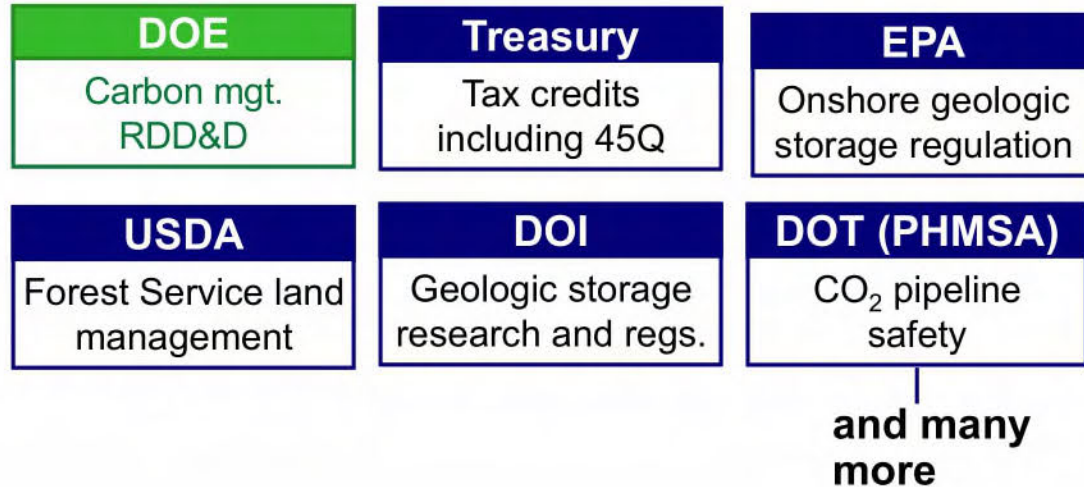


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CONTEXT

DOE is one of several federal agencies involved in carbon management



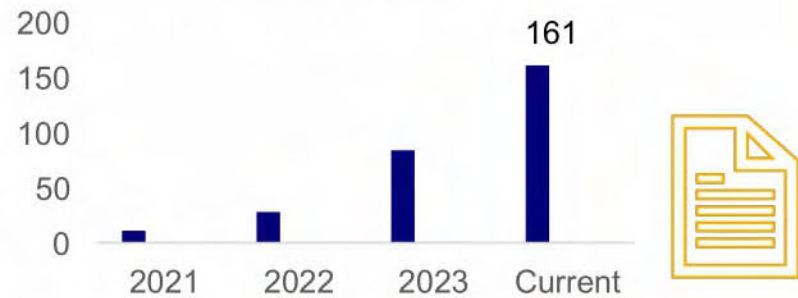
Note: EPA is Environmental Protection Agency; DOI is Department of the Interior; DOT is Department of Transportation; PHMSA is Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration; USDA is United States Department of Agriculture

Federal Partnerships Division engages federal and tribal governments

- Government partnerships have historically enhanced DOE's ability to successfully develop and deploy technologies
- DOE has been leading federal CCUS coordination and serving as a technical resource for agencies for over 15 years
- Collaboration on technical challenges informs DOE R&D efforts, facilitates successful execution of R&D programs, and leverages DOE expertise to inform other agency actions
- **Federal Partnerships Division serves to streamline interagency collaboration**

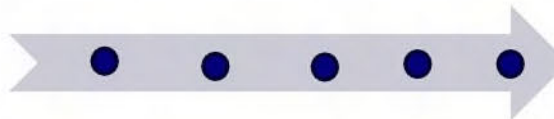
CLASS VI PERMIT STATUS

EPA Class VI Permit Applications



EPA Target Approval Timeframe

24 months



Number Permits Approved by EPA

8



Number of CarbonSAFE projects with permit applications in 2024

29



States with Class VI Primacy

**ND, WY, LA,
WV***

Submitted Applications for Class VI Primacy

**AK, AL, CO,
OK, MS, TX,
UT**

* Pending Federal Register publication

FEDERAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (FTAP) FOR CLASS VI PERMITS

Federal Partnerships Division Manages FTAP with EPA

- EPA needed technical assistance processing timely Class VI permits
- DOE and EPA have an Interagency Agreement (IAA) through 2029 to provide technical assistance on Class VI permit reviews and technical capacity-building
- Roles:
 - FECM serves program management role
 - Identifying expertise/assigning reviews
 - Works with EPA on review & capacity building requests & processes
 - EPA provides technical direction and funds to National labs directly
 - \$4.8 million EPA BIL funds sent to labs in 2024; Total capacity of IAA: \$30 million

Participating National Labs

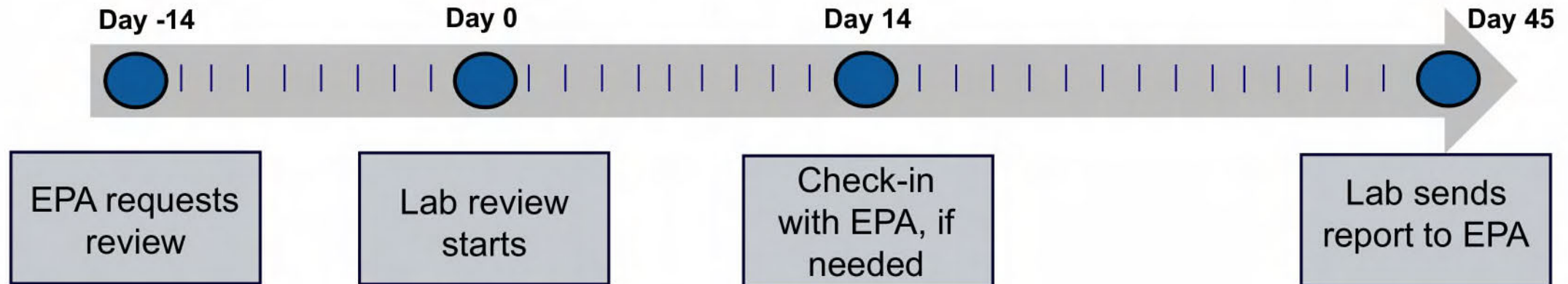
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	SNL Sandia National Lab	

FTAP: CLASS VI PERMIT APPLICATION REVIEW

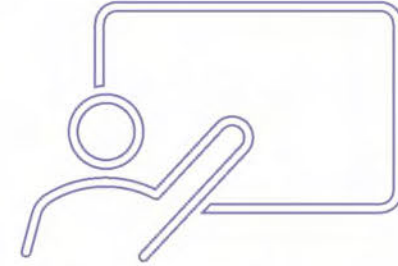
Review Requests

National Labs review certain technical components of Class VI permit applications

- 45 reviews to date on geologic characterization and/or subsurface modeling
- Labs largely complete reviews within 6-week timeframe
- Re-reviews may occur with new information from applicant
- Labs use a checklist to produce a standardized report



FTAP (CONTINUED)



Capacity-Building Requests

- FECM leverages expertise at DOE National Labs to provide capacity-building technical assistance/training for EPA and state permit reviewers
- To date, 20 capacity-building requests from EPA
 - Examples of requested topic papers include:
 - Corrosion
 - Self-healing wells
 - Other examples include:
 - ‘Ask a Scientist’ workshops
 - 101 trainings
 - Well construction material checklist

Current Status

- Paused active management this week
- Any concerns with continuing business-as-usual project management role coordinating permit - reviews and capacity building activities with EPA and labs?

FACA CCUS PERMITTING TASK FORCES

- **FECM administers two Task Forces mandated by the USE IT Act in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA)**
 - Federal Lands Task Force
 - Non-Federal Lands Task Force
- **Purpose:**
 - 1) Identify challenges that permitting authorities and project developers face in permitting projects in an efficient, orderly, and responsible manner
 - 2) Improve the performance of the permitting process and regional coordination for the purpose of promoting the efficient, orderly, and responsible development of CCUS projects and CO₂ pipelines
- **Memorandum of Understanding with the White House Council on Environmental Quality:**
 - DOE: Administers task forces
 - CEQ: Selects task force members
- **Members:**
 - In 2023, CEQ solicited membership through 2 FR Notices; announced task force members to be appointed; in 2024 DOE established and launched Task Forces and Subcommittees
 - Includes individuals from:
 - DOE (Mark de Figueiredo), PHMSA, USGS, EPA, BOEM, BSEE, BLM
 - Industry, environmental, pipeline safety, state and local govt



CCUS PERMITTING TASK FORCE APPOINTED MEMBERS, FEDERAL LANDS

Appointed to Represent:	Name	Employer/Organization
Industry	Jack Andreasen	Breakthrough Energy
Industry	Al Collins	Representative of CCUS Project Developers and Operators (retired, Oxy)
Industry	Raven Goswick	Aka Energy Group LLC
Industry	Sallie Greenberg****	Sallie Greenberg Consulting
Industry	Kenneth Jackson	Carbon-Zero US, LLC
Industry	Jenny Joyce	ExxonMobil Low Carbon Solutions
Industry	Sasha Mackler	ExxonMobil Low Carbon Solutions
Industry	Jim Powell	Southern States Energy Board
Industry	Jan Sherman	Carbonvert Inc.
Industry	Sherry Tucker	CapturePoint Solutions
NGO	Xan Fishman	Bipartisan Policy Center
Environmental NGO	Shannon Heyck-Williams	National Wildlife Federation
Environmental NGO	Matt Rota	Healthy Gulf
Environmental NGO	Nichole Saunders**	Environmental Defense Fund
Environmental NGO	Mark Spalding	The Ocean Foundation
State	Lily Barkau	Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality
State	Ken Brass	State of Louisiana
State	Jason Lanclos	Louisiana Department of Energy and Natural Resources
State	Julie Murphy	Colorado Department of Natural Resources
Fed Agency	Indra Dahal	United States Department of Interior - Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
Fed Agency	Mark de Figueiredo	United States Department of Energy (DOE)
Fed Agency	James Kendall	United States Department of the Interior - Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM)
Fed Agency	Stacey Noem	United States Department of the Interior - Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE)
Fed Agency	[vacant]	United States Department of Transportation - Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA)
Fed Agency	[vacant]	United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
Expertise	Bill Caram	Pipeline Safety Trust
Expertise	Matthew Fry***	University of Wyoming
Expertise	Matt Holmes	California Environmental Justice Coalition
Expertise	Timothy Meckel	University of Texas at Austin
Expertise	Jeremy Moddrell	United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry
Expertise	Tara Righetti*	University of Wyoming

*Federal Lands TF Chair; **Federal Lands TF Vice Chair; ***Federal Lands Subcommittee Chair; ****Non-Federal Lands Subcommittee Co-Chair.

CCUS PERMITTING TASK FORCE APPOINTED MEMBERS, NON-FEDERAL LANDS

Appointed to Represent:	Name	Employer/Organization
Industry	Andrew Duguid***	Advanced Resources International
Industry	Richard Esposito	Southern Company
Industry	Julio Friedmann*	Carbon Direct
Industry	Matthew Hagen	Air Products
Industry	Keith Tracy	Elysian Carbon Management
Industry	Poh Boon Ung	BP Gas & Low Carbon Energy
NGO	Rudra V. Kapila**	Third Way
CCUS NGO	Jarad Daniels	Global CCS Institute
CCUS NGO	Robert VanVoorhees	Carbon Sequestration Council
Environmental NGO	Laura Brannen	The Nature Conservancy
Environmental NGO	Catherine Coleman Flowers	Center for Rural Enterprise and Environmental Justice
Environmental NGO	Virginia Palacios	Commission Shift
Environmental NGO	Alexander Spike	Air Alliance Houston
Environmental NGO	John Thompson***	Clean Air Task Force
Labor / Electrical Workers	Matthew Warren	International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
Local	Rusty Bell	Gillette College Foundation
Local	Lorelei Oviatt	Kern County, California, Planning and Natural Resources
State	James Canfield	Louisiana Department of Energy and Natural Resources
State	Kristin Carter	Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
State	Rich Garman	North Dakota Department of Commerce
State	Scott Heiner	State of Wyoming
State	Tyson Todd	State of Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration
State	Michael Turner	Colorado Energy Office
Federal Agency	Mark de Figueiredo	United States Department of Energy (DOE)
Federal Agency	Sarah Ryker	United States Geological Survey (USGS)
Federal Agency	[vacant]	United States Department of Transportation - Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA)
Federal Agency	[vacant]	United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
Expertise	Kevin Connors	Energy and Environmental Research Center, University of North Dakota
Expertise	Kyle Henderson	United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry
Expertise	Jesse Richardson Jr	West Virginia University College of Law
Expertise	Sarah Saltzer****	Stanford University

*Non-Federal Lands TF Chair; **Non-Federal Lands TF Vice Chair; ***Priority Pipelines Subcommittee Chair; ****Non-Federal Lands Subcommittee Co-Chair.

TASK FORCES: PROGRESS TO DATE



- Public Meetings to date: USE IT Act requires meeting 2x/year
 - May 2024
 - Dec 2024
- Closed recurring working meetings – currently in progress
 - Federal Lands Subcommittee
 - Non-Federal Lands Subcommittee
 - Priority Pipelines Subcommittee
 - Small groups focused on:
 - Capture technologies R&D
 - CO₂ utilization
 - Financing mechanisms
- Task Forces aim to finalize recommendations by end of 2025
 - Members share diverging views on certain recommendations

PERMITTING TASK FORCES: CURRENT STATUS

- Task Forces working on identifying best practices and recommendations for streamlining permitting per USE IT Act duties
- DEI/EJ
 - While not the main focus of the Task Forces, the framing documents (charters, MOU, charges) contain a sentence on EJ not in the USE IT Act.
 - Email sent to Task Force members directing suspension of any DEI related work; DEI and EJ are not the subject of any planned meetings
 - All DOE-led Task Force meetings cancelled week of 1/27
 - Next Steps: Starting process of formally revising charter, MOU, and charge to remove EJ language
 - Process will take several months
 - Opportunity to consider other changes
 - Could occur concurrently with task force activities

TASK FORCE TENTATIVE 2025 CALENDAR

Activity	Objective	Attendees	Target Dates
CCUS Task Force Leadership Biweekly	Task Force coordination	DOE DFO, Task Force and Subcommittee Chairs	Biweekly, next meeting on Feb 10
Federal Lands Subcommittee	Development of recommendations on USE IT Act duties	DOE DFO & Subcommittee members	Biweekly, next meeting on Feb 4
Non-Federal Lands Subcommittee	Development of recommendations on USE IT Act duties	DOE DFO & Subcommittee members	Biweekly, next meeting on Feb 11
Priority Pipelines Subcommittee	Development of recommendations on USE IT Act duties	DOE DFO & Subcommittee members	Biweekly, next meeting on Feb 5
CEQ appoints new EPA and PHMSA members	Required by USE IT Act; previous members were political appointees	N/A	March
Joint Task Force Spring Meeting	Subcommittees present recommendations; Task Forces discuss and vote	DOE DFO, Task Force members & public	May 15 & 16 (tentative)
Joint Task Force Fall Meeting	Chairs/authors present Joint Report; Task Forces discuss and vote	DOE DFO, Task Force members & public	November (tentative)

FAST-41 OVERVIEW

- Title 41 of Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST) of 2015
 - Intended to modernize federal environmental permitting
 - Intended to improve transparency, predictability, and accountability and to promote agency coordination and synchronization
- BIL amendment made FAST-41 permanent and established Permitting Council
- Participation in FAST-41 is voluntary for project developers and a project must meet eligibility criteria to obtain program benefits.
- CCS is one of 19 FAST-41 sectors
- FAST-41 projects have a public dashboard showing timetables for all required reviews that are updated quarterly

FECM'S ROLE IN FAST-41

- Generally, FECM will serve as lead agency for DOE-funded CCS projects (due to NEPA requirements associated with receiving DOE-funding)
- 1st FAST-41 CCS Project: Pelican Carbon Sequestration Hub in Stockton, CA

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Pelican Carbon Sequestration Hub

PERMITTING DASHBOARD PROJECT POSTING DATE: NOVEMBER 13, 2024

All dates below are specific to the schedule of the Environmental Review and Permitting processes for this project.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND PERMITTING STATUS
PLANNED

ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND PERMITTING
PENDING

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND PERMITTING PROCESSES COMPLETED

SECTOR
Carbon Capture and Sequestration

CATEGORY
Project Category FAST-41 Covered Projects

LEAD AGENCY
Department of Energy

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Description:

Pelican Renewables, LLC and its affiliates propose to develop a carbon sequestration hub on Rindge Tract, a large island in the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta, located approximately 7 miles from the Port of Stockton. The Project's primary goal is to capture, utilize, and/or sequester CO₂ emissions. The Project will use Pelican's existing ethanol production plant at the Port of Stockton for the anchor source of carbon dioxide to kick-start Hub operations. The existing rail terminal at the plant will be used to receive carbon dioxide from external sources by rail, where it can be barged to Rindge Tract for storage. Additionally, a Pelican affiliate, ZuCO₂ Transport, LLC, will develop a barge-based CO₂ transport system that will move CO₂ from the Port of Stockton and from external sources to the Rindge Tract sequestration site.

Project Primary Address
Primary Location

Project Address
3028 Navy Drive
Stockton, CA 95206
United States
County
San Joaquin

Lead Agency Information:

POC Name: Emily Turkel
POC Email:
emily.turkel@hq.doe.gov

Agency/Department: Department of Energy

Sponsor Contact Information:

POC Name: John Zuckerman
POC Title: Managing Member
POC Email: jz@zuCO2.com



INTERAGENCY COORDINATION

- Coordinate bimonthly CCUS meetings with staff across participating federal agencies
- Support FECM's Tribal Fossil Energy and Carbon Management Working Group
 - Federal Partnership Division includes the FE-20 Tribal Liaison for engagement and consultations
- Host trainings for federal agencies
- Coordinate "Topic Team" meetings covering:
 - Land management
 - CO₂ transport
 - Engagement
- Long-standing interagency relationships can be leveraged for future initiatives

APPENDIX

USE IT ACT: CCUS PERMITTING TASK FORCE DUTIES

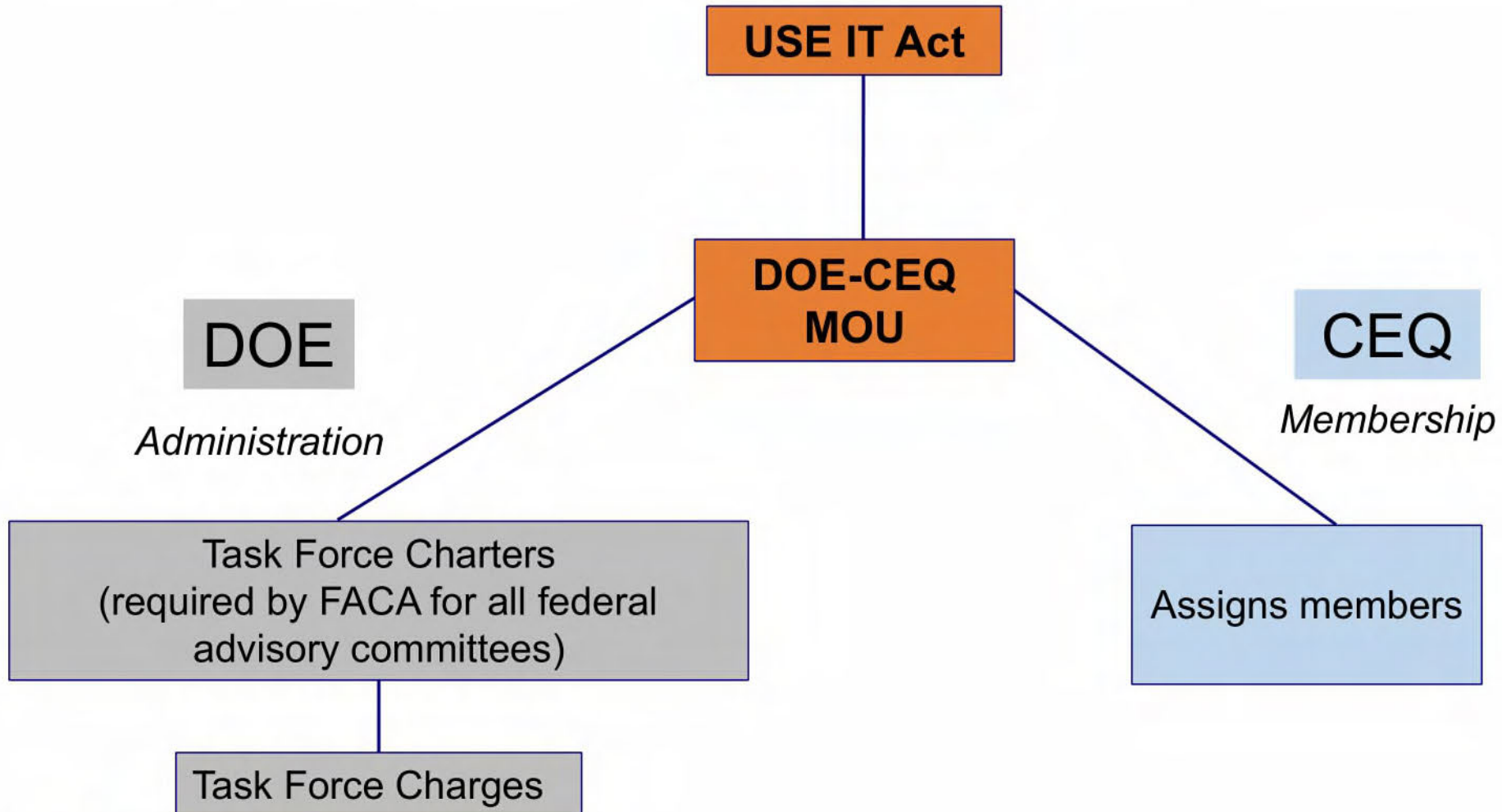
- I) inventory existing or potential Federal and State approaches to facilitate reviews associated with the deployment of carbon capture, utilization, and sequestration projects and carbon dioxide pipelines, including best practices that—
 - (aa) avoid duplicative reviews to the extent permitted by law;
 - (bb) engage stakeholders early in the permitting process; and
 - (cc) make the permitting process efficient, orderly, and responsible;
- II) develop common models for State-level carbon dioxide pipeline regulation and oversight guidelines that can be shared with States in the geographical area covered by the task force;
- III) provide technical assistance to States in the geographical area covered by the task force in implementing regulatory requirements and any models developed under subclause (II);
- IV) inventory current or emerging activities that transform captured carbon dioxide into a product of commercial value, or as an input to products of commercial value;
- V) identify any priority carbon dioxide pipelines needed to enable efficient, orderly, and responsible development of carbon capture, utilization, and sequestration projects at increased scale;
- VI) identify gaps in the current Federal and State regulatory framework and in existing data for the deployment of carbon capture, utilization, and sequestration projects and carbon dioxide pipelines;
- VII) identify Federal and State financing mechanisms available to project developers; and
- VIII) develop recommendations for relevant Federal agencies on how to develop and research technologies that—
 - (aa) can capture carbon dioxide; and
 - (bb) would be able to be deployed within the region covered by the task force, including any projects that have received technical or financial assistance for research under paragraph (6) of section 103(g) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7403(g)).

DRAFT TASK FORCE REPORT STRUCTURE & TIMELINE

Chapter Title
Executive Summary
Cross-cutting issues
Chapter 1: Permitting and reviews for CCUS projects and CO ₂ pipelines on Federal lands – approaches and best practices to facilitate reviews for land access, project and pipeline development on federal lands. Includes identifying any gaps in data or regulatory framework (<i>Duty I, VI</i>)
Chapter 2: Permitting and reviews for CCUS projects and CO ₂ pipelines on non-Federal lands – approaches to improve processes and regional coordination, and model guidelines for state-level CO ₂ pipeline regulation and oversight. Includes identifying any gaps in data or regulatory framework (<i>Duty I, II, VI</i>)
Chapter 3: Priority CO ₂ pipelines needed to enable responsible scale-up of CCUS (<i>Duty V</i>)
Chapter 4: Federal and State Financing Mechanisms for CCUS project and CO ₂ pipeline developers (<i>Duty VII</i>)
Chapter 5: CO ₂ Conversion / Utilization – Current and emerging activities (<i>Duty IV</i>)
Chapter 6: CO ₂ Capture Research & Development (<i>Duty VIII</i>)

Months	Primary Activity
Aug 2024 - Oct/Nov 2025	Subcommittee kick off and ongoing meetings
Oct – Dec 2024	Finalize workplan, assign chapter leads
Nov 2024	Chapter team kick off meetings (chapters 4,5,& 6)
Dec 2024	Subcommittee presentations
Jan 2025	Chapter team kick off meetings (chapters 1, 2,& 3)
Dec – Apr 2025	Chapter drafting
Mid-Apr 2025	Chapter rough drafts due
Jun & Jul 2025	Chapter final drafts due
Aug 2025	Technical editing
Aug – Oct 2025	Task Force review of final draft report
Oct 2025	Consolidate comments
Oct – Nov 2025	Finalize draft and submit to CEQ

USE IT ACT TASK FORCES ENABLING FRAMEWORK

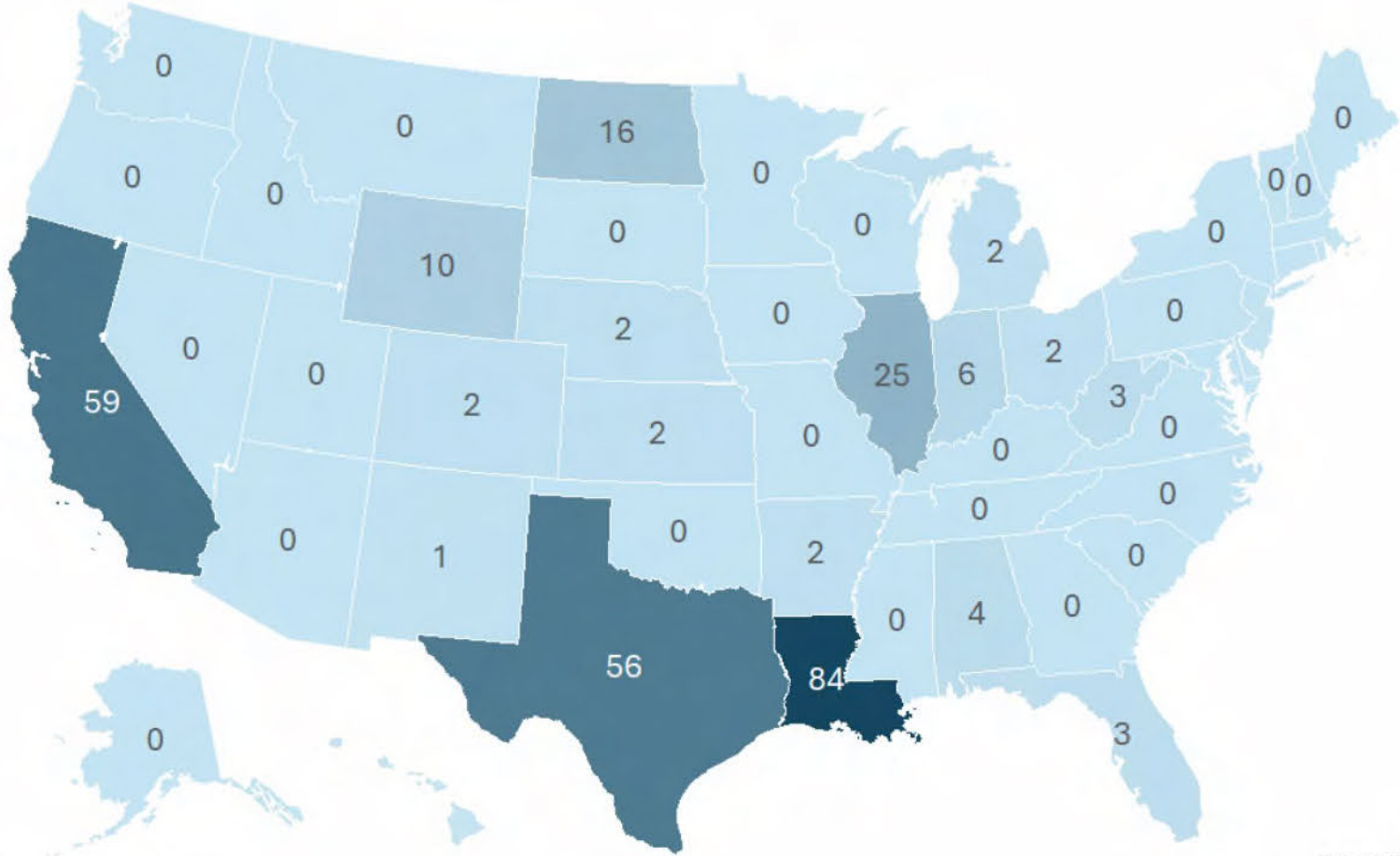


REGULATORY STATUS

Agency	Action	Status
BSEE/BOEM	Proposed rule to establish regulations governing long-term carbon sequestration on the Outer Continental Shelf related to granting a lease, easement, or right-of-way into sub-seabed geologic formations	Internal BSEE/BOEM review
PHMSA	Signed proposed rule on January 10, 2025 that includes revisions to Pipeline Safety Regulations to include safety standards and reporting requirements for gas- and liquid-phase CO ₂ pipelines	Was not published in Federal Register and is therefore subject to review by PHMSA leadership
BLM	Instruction Memorandum that focuses on unitization of pore space and authorizing ROWs for CCUS	Internal BLM review
USFS	Proposed rule issued providing an exemption for carbon capture and storage on National Forest Service lands	Comment period closed January 2, 2025

PENDING/APPROVED CLASS VI PERMIT APPLICATIONS

(as of January 6, 2025)



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**Steve's Schedule
Friday, January 31, 2025**

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|--------------------------|---|
| 8:30am – 9:00am | Connect with Ken Vincent |
| 9:00am – 10:00am | FE-20 Briefing – FE-263 Federal Partnerships |
| 10:00am – 10:30am | IA meeting on EU/Gas with William Joyce, Brian Kelly, Josh Voltz and Andrew Rapp and Charlie Riedl |
| 10:30am – 12:00pm | Focus and/or Training |
| 12:00pm-12:20pm | Tag up with GC Bill Cody |
| 12:30pm – 2:00pm | Focus and/or Training |
| 2:00pm – 2:45pm | Calendar review |
| 3:00pm – 3:30pm | Weekly 1:1 tag up Mark Ackiewicz |

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Please send me your phone number, I need to talk ASP, probably tomorrow.

Thanks
LOU

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Yes. Lets touch base. Ben

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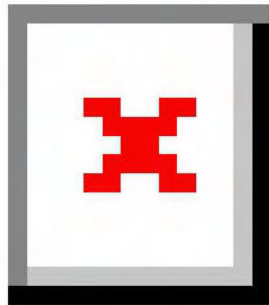
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We should talk in the next few weeks.
Lou Hrkman
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WASHINGTON, January 30, 2025 – American Petroleum Institute (API) President and CEO Mike Sommers issued the following statement on the Senate's confirmation 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.”

API represents all segments of America's natural gas and oil industry, which supports more than 11 million U.S. jobs and is backed by a growing grassroots movement of millions of Americans. Our approximately 600 members produce, process and distribute the majority of the nation's energy, and participate in [API Energy Excellence®](#), which is accelerating environmental and safety progress by fostering new technologies and transparent reporting. API was formed in 1919 as a standards-setting organization and has developed more than 800 standards to enhance operational and environmental safety, efficiency and sustainability.

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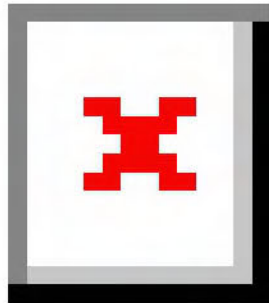


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"Energy markets are highly integrated, and free and fair trade across our borders is critical for delivering affordable, reliable energy to U.S. consumers. We will continue to work with the Trump administration on full exclusions that protect energy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

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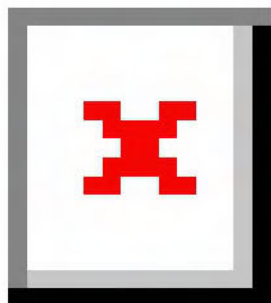


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NEWS RELEASE

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From: Aaron Ringel <ARingel@afpm.org>
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2025 11:43 AM
To: Fitzsimmons, Alexander <alexander.fitzsimmons@hq.doe.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] AFPM meeting request for Secretary Wright

Alex,

It was great connecting with you last week! Following up on our conversation I wanted to pass along the attached meeting request letter from AFPM CEO Chet Thompson to Secretary Wright.

Understanding the Secretary's busy schedule, we stand ready to work with your staff to set up a time for them to meet at your earliest convenience. I'm looping in Chet's Executive Assistant Sofia Tran as well. Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Best,
Aaron

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Thanks, Izzy. I just filled out the form and send it to the email address. Please let me know if you need anything else or have any questions related to the panel request. We hope to see the soon-to-be Secretary there! Thank you!

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Hi Kendall!

I hope you are having a great start to your week. My apologies for the delayed response on my end, it has been crazy over here as we are preparing for the Secretary Nominee to hopefully join us in the office here soon. Thank you so much for this awesome invite and sending it our way. Also- Meg is the absolute best!!

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Dear Izzy,

Congratulations to you, soon-to-be Secretary Wright, and his team on a smooth confirmation process thus far.

I'm reaching out to invite Secretary Wright to a private energy security forum at CERAWeek for G7 ministers that is jointly hosted by the U.S. Chamber and International Gas Union (Megan Bloomgren advised that we reach out to you). This forum is now in its third year after initially resulting from industry coordination with the Japanese government during their G7 host year of 2023, and we believe it presents an excellent opportunity to advance Trump Administration energy goals related to security, energy access, and a broader change in narrative with respect to the long-term role of natural gas in global energy systems.

A memo is attached that describes our proposed outline for this year's event, which will take place on the afternoon of **Monday, March 10th in Houston** during CERAWeek. The ultimate goal is to build momentum aimed at strengthening the G7's message on gas and energy

security at Canada's energy ministerial. We will of course be inviting the Canadian federal government to participate in the event, but are also working closely with Alberta Premier Danielle Smith and her team on this strategy. We also think the gathering could provide an excellent opportunity to feature the energy access message of Secretary Wright's friend Magatte Wade.

We're happy to discuss the event, the attached proposed agenda and deliverables with you further (also attached is a prior event agenda for reference). Thanks for the consideration and don't hesitate to reach out with any questions!

Look forward to hearing back from you,
Kendall

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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

Good afternoon, Jack –

Thanks for reaching out and for this invitation! It's great to be in touch. At your earliest convenience, please complete the attached Event Request form for consideration. 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

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

Vice President
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e: cramtonj@api.org

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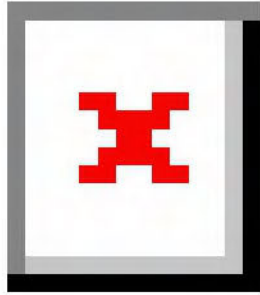
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Sent: Wed, 5 Feb 2025 20:38:11 +0000
To: Hrkman, Lou (Louis)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] my latest article

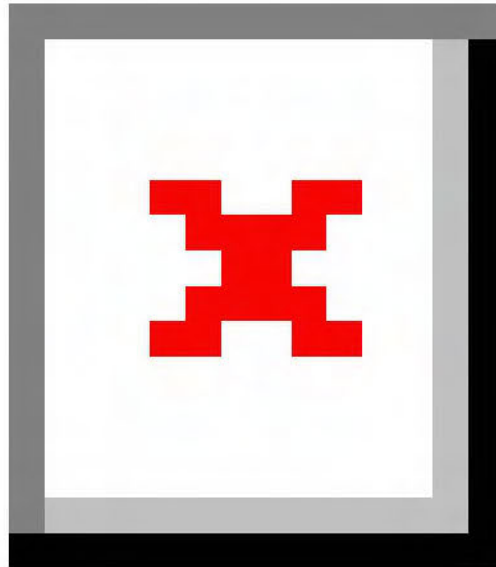
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Sent: Wed, 5 Feb 2025 15:42:53 +0000
To: Affolter, Shawn
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Don't Let Valentine's Day Sneak Up on You – Send a #CRESCandygram Today! ❤️

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From: Cummins, Kelly
Sent: Thu, 6 Feb 2025 14:37:48 +0000
To: Cummins, Kelly; Shrader, Todd; Beville, Tim; Walrond, Christina; Stones, Edward (EJ); Kolevar, Kevin (KM); jcsell@x-energy.com
Cc: Schultz, Douglas; Wong, Robin; Rodriguez, Alma (AR); gfiggous@x-energy.com; Carol Lane <clane@x-energy.com>; Womack, Daniel (DE); 'hbowers@x-energy.com'; Coccodrilli, Curt
Bcc: CNF-OCED-FORS-4A-162; CNF-OCED-CD-1
Subject: OCED/Dow/X-energy Leadership Tag up

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From: Cummins, Kelly <Kelly.Cummins@hq.doe.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 5:28 PM
To: Cummins, Kelly; Shrader, Todd; Beville, Tim; Walrond, Christina; Stones, Edward (EJ); Kolevar, Kevin (KM); jcsell@x-energy.com
Cc: Schultz, Douglas; Wong, Robin; Rodriguez, Alma (AR); gfiggous@x-energy.com; Carol Lane <clane@x-energy.com>; Womack, Daniel (DE); hbowers@x-energy.com
Subject: OCED/Dow/X-energy Leadership Tag up
When: Thursday, February 6, 2025 2:30 PM-3:15 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
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From: Braniff, Mimi A
Sent: Thu, 6 Feb 2025 19:15:25 +0000
To: Lamanna, Isabelle
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Meeting request for Darren Woods, CEO of Exxon Mobil Corporation- Feb. 13th

Izzy-What wonderful news! Yes, we will take the slot! I greatly appreciate the rapid response and you fitting us in.

Is there any issue the Secretary would like Darren to address and do you know who else from DOE may attend the meeting with the Secretary?

Thanks again.
Mimi

Mimi Braniff
Head of Federal Government & Regulatory Affairs
Exxon Mobil Corporation
Cell: (b) (6)

From: Lamanna, Isabelle <Isabelle.Lamanna@hq.doe.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 6, 2025 1:20 PM
To: Braniff, Mimi A <mimi.a.braniff@exxonmobil.com>
Subject: RE: Meeting request for Darren Woods, CEO of Exxon Mobil Corporation- Feb. 13th

Hi Mimi!

I hope you are having a great week so far. My apologies for the delay here, we are tracking several requests and just got our new Secretary in the office yesterday!

Would 11:30am-12pm ET on Thursday, February 13th work for Darren to meet with Secretary Wright?

Thank you and please let us know!

Izzy

From: Braniff, Mimi A <mimi.a.braniff@exxonmobil.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 5, 2025 1:18 PM
To: Lamanna, Isabelle <Isabelle.Lamanna@hq.doe.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] FW: Meeting request for Darren Woods, CEO of Exxon Mobil Corporation- Feb. 13th

Hi Izzy- I sent the attached request on Monday, but wanted to make sure you were aware of it as well. Please let me know if there is any further information you may need from my end.

Best, Mimi

Mimi Braniff
Head of Federal Government & Regulatory Affairs
Exxon Mobil Corporation
Cell: (b) (6)

From: Braniff, Mimi A <mimi.a.braniff@exxonmobil.com>
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2025 7:18 PM
To: (b)(6) - Secretary Wright
Subject: Meeting request for Darren Woods, CEO of Exxon Mobil Corporation- Feb. 13th

Good evening- Attached please find a meeting request form on behalf of Darren Woods. Should you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me.

Best, Mimi Braniff

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From: Agen, Matthew
Sent: Thu, 6 Feb 2025 14:28:32 +0000
To: Hrkman, Lou (Louis)
Subject: Automatic reply: [EXTERNAL] RE: Introduction and Appliance Contact

Thank you for your email. I will be out of the office February 5-7 on business and personal travel. If you need immediate assistance, please contact Katherine Herrera (kherrera@aga.org) or Kyley Burress (kburress@aga.org).

From: Hrkman, Lou (Louis)
Sent: Thu, 6 Feb 2025 14:28:20 +0000
To: Agen, Matthew; Smith, Patrice (CONTR)
Subject: RE: Introduction and Appliance Contact

Matthew, Absolutely!!

Patrice, please get Matthew on my calendar next week

Thanks

LOU

Lou Hrkman

*Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary
Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy*

**U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave, SW
Washington, DC , 20024**

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From: Agen, Matthew <magen@aga.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 6, 2025 8:59 AM
To: Hrkman, Lou (Louis) <lou.hrkman@hq.doe.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Introduction and Appliance Contact

Mr. Hrkman,

My name is Matthew Agen and I work on appliance energy efficiency matters at the American Gas Association. AGA and others would like to discuss ongoing appliance rulemakings and litigation matters with DOE, particularly the furnace rule. Please let me know when you may have time to discuss such matters.

Thank you,
Matt

Matthew Agen | Chief Regulatory Counsel, Energy

[American Gas Association](https://www.american-gas.org)

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Sent: Fri, 7 Feb 2025 21:00:28 +0000
To: Agen, Matthew <magen@aga.org>; rlani@apga.org; bnussdorf@npga.org; RMeyer@aga.org; ACunningham@aga.org
Cc: Sydney Novoa; Erin Kurilla
Bcc: CNF-EE-6A-013
Subject: Introduction and Appliance Contact Discussion

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From: Lamanna, Isabelle
Sent: Sat, 8 Feb 2025 01:03:05 +0000
To: CHamilton@wvcoal.com
Cc: Hebert, Ashley
Subject: RE: Invitation For Secretary Wright to Address the West Virginia Coal Association Annual Meeting
Attachments: Sec. Chris Wright_Event Request Form.docx

Good evening, Chris!

I hope you are having an awesome Friday! Thank you so much for reaching out and for the invite for the Secretary to join you guys in April.

Please have the appropriate member of your team fill out the attached event request form and return it (b)(6) - Secretary Wright for our records and consideration.

We look forward to hearing from you. Thanks so much, have a great weekend!

Izzy Lamanna

From: Chris Hamilton <CHamilton@wvcoal.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 5, 2025 1:44 PM
To: Secretary <(b)(6) - Secretary Wright >
Cc: Jessie Gibeaut <jgibeaut@wvcoal.com>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Invitation For Secretary Wright to Address the West Virginia Coal Association Annual Meeting



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February 5, 2025

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

Dear Secretary Wright:

I am writing to invite you to address our Annual West Virginia Mining Symposium and Coal Show scheduled for April 15-16, 2025, in the Grand Ball Room of the Charleston Coliseum and Conference Center in Charleston, West Virginia.

The Mining Symposium is the premier mining program of the year in West Virginia, attracting over 400 mining professionals from West Virginia, Kentucky and Pennsylvania.

A general review and discussion of the nation's energy challenges and the role of coal under your administration would be desirable and timely.

Ideally, we would prefer to feature you with Governor Patrick Morrisey in our Keynote Session on the morning of Tuesday, April 15th but would accommodate whatever time or day best fits your schedule. This year's program begins at 9 a.m. on April 15th and runs through 4:30 pm on Wednesday, April 16th.

We applaud President Trump's energy actions and policy statements over the past couple weeks and look forward to a "new era of domestic energy production" under your leadership and administration.

We hope our 2025 Mining Symposium lines up with your schedule and availability and your personal interest to engage with our members.

We look forward to working with you and your team over the coming years and equally look forward to your presence and remarks in April.

Sincerely,

Chris R. Hamilton
President and CEO



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<p>If a candidate for office or elected official is participating in the event, is the event taking place in their respective district/jurisdiction, and will the entire delegation for the respective district/jurisdiction(s) been invited? If not, please explain.</p>	

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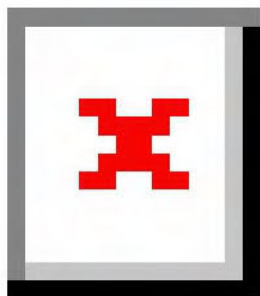
From: Farrell, Carolyn
Sent: Mon, 10 Feb 2025 18:59:14 +0000
To: alex.fitzsimmons@hq.doe.gov
Cc: Hrkman, Lou (Louis)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Recall: American Gas Association Letter to Secretary Wright

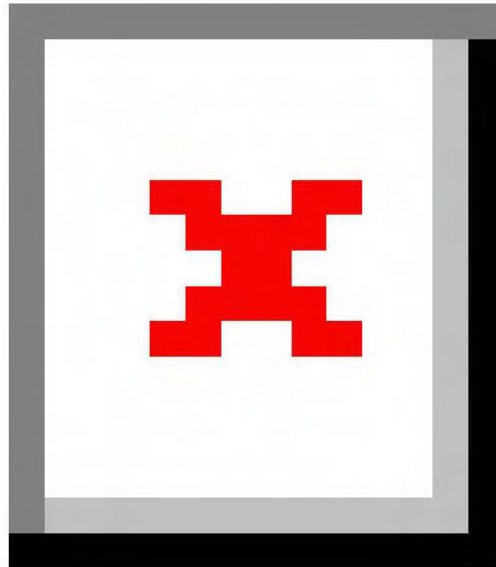
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] It's Not Too Late to Make Your Crush's Valentine's Day Sweet! ❤️

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Sent: Tue, 11 Feb 2025 14:39:55 +0000
To: Hebert, Ashley
Cc: Kristin A. Westmoreland; Tyler Cianciotti; Lamanna, Isabelle
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: API Invitation for Secretary Wright- March 20th
Attachments: Sec._Event Request Form_API 02-11-25.docx

Ashley,

Please see attached our completed form.

Let us know if you have any additional questions.

Jack Cramton

Vice President

Federal Relations

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From: Hebert, Ashley <ashley.hebert@hq.doe.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2025 12:36 PM
To: Jack Cramton <CramtonJ@api.org>
Cc: Fitzsimmons, Alexander <alexander.fitzsimmons@hq.doe.gov>; Kristin A. Westmoreland <WestmorelandK@api.org>; Tyler Cianciotti <CianciottiT@api.org>; Lamanna, Isabelle <Isabelle.Lamanna@hq.doe.gov>
Subject: RE: API Invitation for Secretary Wright- March 20th

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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
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From: Jack Cramton <CramtonJ@api.org>
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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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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.):	American Petroleum Institute March 2025 Board of Directors Meeting
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.
Communications/Press	
Is the event open or closed to press?	Closed to press
If open, are you expecting local, state, or national news coverage?	N/A
If this is an annual event, which news outlets typically cover the event?	N/A
Will you be advertising or live streaming the event on any social media outlets or websites? (If yes, please explain.)	No.
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	N/A – speaking role only

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.)	\$0
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?	No – speaking role only at Board meeting
If the Secretary is not able to attend, is a surrogate desired? If yes, anyone specific?	No
Any additional notes or information?	No
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.)	API represents all segments of America's natural gas and oil industry, which supports nearly 11 million U.S. jobs and is backed by a growing grassroots movement of millions of Americans. Our approximately 600 members produce, process and distribute the majority of the nation's energy. API was formed in 1919 as a standards-setting organization and has developed more than 800 standards to enhance operational and environmental safety, efficiency and sustainability.
<u>Event host</u> website/url.	https://www.api.org/
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.)	Yes, API is a 501(c)(6) organization and lobbies on behalf of industry at the state and federal levels.
Is the <u>event host</u> a partisan political candidate, a representative of a political party or a registered political action committee (PAC)? (If yes, please identify.)	No.
Is the <u>event host</u> a 501(c)(3) organization or a media organization? (If yes, please identify.)	No.
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>
<p>Who are the <u>sponsors</u> of the event? Please identify and provide background information on the individual and/or entity.</p>	<p>No sponsors.</p>
<p>Are any event <u>sponsors</u> seeking or do they currently have any business interests with the Department such as permits, contracts, litigation, grants, etc.? (If yes, please describe.)</p>	<p>N/A – no event sponsors</p>
<p>With which Bureau or Agency does your agenda most align? Please list all, if more than one.</p>	<p>Department of Energy Department of Interior EPA Department of Commerce Department of Transportation Treasury</p>

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From: Faith, Jayne
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To: Faith, Jayne; Barbeau, Andrew; Brooks, Daniel; Stockton, Paul; dherlong@ubicquia.com; Karen Wayland; Kirsten Verclas; Morrison, Jay; Julia Souder
Cc: Band, Isabel (CONTR); Griffith, Robin; Jane Zaretskie; Cristina Berja; Bindewald III, Gilbert
Subject: EAC Leadership Meeting

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From: Jason Matheny
Sent: Wed, 12 Feb 2025 03:04:55 +0000
To: Lamanna, Isabelle; Fulkerson, Jake
Cc: David Bolhuis
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Congratulations from RAND
Attachments: RAND Ltr to Secretary Energy - Chris Wright.pdf

Attached and below please find a letter for Secretary Wright.

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February 11, 2025

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

Dear Secretary Wright,

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- * Managing the import and export of energy technologies to maintain U.S. economic competitiveness
- * Addressing the future of the strategic nuclear force in a multi-peer competitor deterrence landscape
- * Prioritizing specific research and development within Advanced Research Project agencies

I would value the opportunity to meet with you virtually or in person to find out how we can be most helpful to you and your team as you begin your tenure. If we can provide specific studies, briefings, or other information, please feel free to contact me at (b) (6). We look forward to the opportunity to work with you on the energy issues facing our country.

Sincerely,

Jason Matheny
President & CEO
RAND

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February 11, 2025

The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary of Energy
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Email: isabelle.lamanna@hq.doe.gov; jake.fulkerson@hq.doe.gov

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I would value the opportunity to meet with you virtually or in person to find out how we can be most helpful to you and your team as you begin your tenure. If we can provide specific studies, briefings, or other information, please feel free to contact me at (b) (6). We look forward to the opportunity to work with you on the energy issues facing our country.

Sincerely,

(b) (6)

Jason Matheny

From: Sofia Tran
Sent: Wed, 12 Feb 2025 21:08:38 +0000
To: Lamanna, Isabelle
Cc: Secretary
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Meeting Request: Secretary Wright/AFPM

Izzy,

That's great news and we thank you for your follow-up! I will be in touch with you at the beginning of March. Have a wonderful evening.

Respectfully,

Sofia Tran
Specialist, Communications & Administration
**American Fuel & Petrochemical
Manufacturers (AFPM)**
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Hi Sofia!

I wanted to follow up with you. This is definitely a meeting we would like to make happen for the week of March 17-19th. We are awaiting approval from our ethics team at the moment and normally can look to lock in an exact date and time about two weeks out.

If you could please touch base with me at the start of March, that would be great!

Thanks so much.

Izzy

From: Lamanna, Isabelle
Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2025 11:09 AM
To: Sofia Tran <STran@afpm.org>; Secretary <(b)(6) - Secretary Wright >
Subject: RE: Meeting Request: Secretary Wright/AFPM

Good morning, Sofia!

I hope you are having a great start to your week. Thank you very much for sending over the required form. We are discussing with our team and will get back to you as soon as possible after reviewing the Secretary's calendar.

Have a great rest of your week!

Thank you,

Izzy

From: Sofia Tran <STran@afpm.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 5, 2025 11:34 AM
To: Secretary <(b)(6) - Secretary Wright >
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Meeting Request: Secretary Wright/AFPM
Importance: High

Good morning,

On behalf of American Fuel and Petrochemical Manufacturers, please find the request form to meet with Secretary Wright attached to this email. If you have any questions or need additional materials, please let me know.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Sofia Tran
Specialist, Communications & Administration
**American Fuel & Petrochemical
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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,

Rolf Hanson

Vice President, State Government Relations
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Bcc: CNF-EE-6A-013
Subject: Clean Hydrogen Future Coalition Discussion

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From: Lamanna, Isabelle
Sent: Sat, 15 Feb 2025 21:56:14 +0000
To: Alana.Wilson@shell.com
Subject: RE: Meeting Request: Sec. Wright and Shell PLC CEO Wael Sawan
Attachments: Sec. Chris Wright_Meeting Request Form.docx

Hi Alana!

I hope you are having a great weekend! My apologies for the delay on our end if you haven't heard back from a member of our team yet.

Thank you very much for your interest in setting up a meeting with Secretary Wright and Mr. Sawan, if you could please have the appropriate member of your team complete the attached meeting request form and return it back to (b)(6) - Secretary Wright for our records and consideration, that would be great!

Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you.

Izzy

From: Alana.Wilson@shell.com <Alana.Wilson@shell.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2025 11:18 AM
To: Secretary <(b)(6) - Secretary Wright >
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Meeting Request: Sec. Wright and Shell PLC CEO Wael Sawan

Dept. of Energy Scheduling Team,

I hope this finds you all well. I'm reaching out with the hope of finding some time on Secretary Wright's schedule to meet with Wael Sawan, CEO of Shell. Mr. Sawan's biography can be found [here](#).

Mr. Sawan will be in DC and available for a meeting afternoon of February 19th through the 21st. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss LNG, global energy supply, and other related matters with Secretary Wright. We know he was very recently confirmed and schedules are tight, but would very much appreciate any availability while Mr. Sawan is in the United States.

Thank you for considering the request, and please let me know if you have any additional questions.

-Alana

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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).

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):	
Expected meeting participants (name, title, and organizational affiliation):	
Are any expected meeting participants registered lobbyists or lobbying organizations, and/or registered under the Foreign Agents Registration Act? (If yes, please identify.)	
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Will the meeting involve legislation, broad policy options, or other general matters that involve a large and diverse range of persons and interests? (If yes, please describe.)	
Will the meeting involve regulations, rules, or other matters that impact a specific industry, sector of the economy, or group of persons? (If yes, please describe.)	
If any gifts (e.g., meals or refreshments, mementos or tokens of appreciation, transportation, etc.) will be offered to the Secretary, please describe and provide their monetary value.	
If the Secretary is unable to meet, is a surrogate desired? If yes, who specifically?	
Any additional notes or information?	

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From: Koblitz, Marcus
Sent: Mon, 17 Feb 2025 15:40:14 +0000
To: Cocodrilli, Curt
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Meeting Request: bp America, March 3-4, Washington, DC

Good Morning Mr. Cocodrilli,

I am reaching out to request a meeting on behalf of bp America in early March. Relevant to you in your new role at the Department of Energy, bp is a grant recipient or sub-recipient on a few projects that are currently underway. With this in mind, we would like to meet with you to discuss the importance of these programs to bp and their alignment with Sec. Wright's priorities for the DOE. Of specific note, bp is a sub-recipient to the Midwest Alliance for Clean Hydrogen (MachH2), a regional clean hydrogen hub awardee. We'd be happy to give you a brief overview of our project under the greater umbrella of the hub near the Whiting Refinery in Indiana.

Preferred times to meet:

- Monday, March 3, 12pm – 1pm
- Tuesday, March 4, 9a-3p

On these days, a member of our hydrogen and CCS business team will be in DC. If you are not available on these days, I would be happy to schedule a meeting at another time.

In the US, bp employs more than 30,000 people and supports more than 300,000 jobs. Since 2005, bp has invested more than \$150 billion in the US. We have a bigger footprint here than anywhere else in the world, and we're proud to be a trusted partner for secure, affordable and reliable energy. bp's Whiting Refinery has been a cornerstone of northwest Indiana's economy and is able to process around 440,000 barrels of crude oil daily. It is the largest refinery in the Midwest and bp's largest in the world producing 10 million gallons of gasoline, 4 million gallons of diesel and 2 million gallons of jet fuel daily, as well as 7% of all US asphalt.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request. I look forward to hearing back from you,
Marcus

Marcus Koblitz
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To: Lamanna, Isabelle
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Meeting Request: Sec. Wright and Shell PLC CEO Wael Sawan

Hi Izzy,

Thank you very much! Our team is filling out the form and will send it back to you ASAP this morning.

Back shortly, thanks!

-Alana

Alana Wilson Business & Policy Integration Advisor | U.S. Corporate Relations | SHELL | 1050 K Street, NW Suite 700 | Washington, DC 20001 | M: (b) (6) | www.shell.us

From: Lamanna, Isabelle <Isabelle.Lamanna@hq.doe.gov>
Sent: Saturday, February 15, 2025 4:56 PM
To: Wilson, Alana P SHLUSA-CRA/U <Alana.Wilson@shell.com>
Subject: RE: Meeting Request: Sec. Wright and Shell PLC CEO Wael Sawan

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Attachments: Sec. Chris Wright_Meeting Request Form_CEWS_FEB 2025.pdf

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Meeting Information Request Form

Thank you for your interest in meeting with U.S. Secretary of Energy. To ensure that the appropriate individual within the Department of Energy is meeting with you on a given matter 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 schedule a meeting¹.

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)

Requesting individual/organization: (Please identify the person(s) (name and affiliation) requesting the meeting, including any background information on the affiliated organization(s).)	Shell Plc. Meeting request with Wael Sawan, CEO of Shell
Contact information (Name, Email, Phone):	Contact information for logistics/scheduling: Alana Wilson, Alana.Wilson@Shell.com . (b) (6)
Please describe the action sought from the Office of the Secretary:	To gain an understanding of Shell's businesses, its opportunities and challenges.
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:	PM: Wednesday, February 19 th Or Thursday, February 20 or Friday, February 21 Shell's CEO, Wael Sawan is only in town those days while at the Business Council meetings. He normally resides in London, UK.
Proposed meeting location (City, State/Country):	Washington, DC
Describe the proposed meeting topic/ agenda, provide available briefing materials, and identify desired outcome(s):	Courtesy call and introduction of Shell's US business
Expected meeting participants (name, title, and organizational affiliation):	Gretchen Watkins, President of Shell USA, Inc. and Kelly Op de Weegh, Head of US Corporate Relations
Are any expected meeting participants registered lobbyists or lobbying organizations, and/or registered under the Foreign Agents Registration Act? (If yes, please identify.)	No
Are any expected meeting participants a partisan political candidate, a representative of a political party or a registered political	No

action committee (PAC)? (If yes, please identify.)	
Do any expected meeting participants seek or currently have any business interests with the Department of Energy such as permits, contracts, litigation, grants, etc.? (If yes, please identify.)	Shell is the world's largest trader of LNG and major offtaker of LNG volumes from the US. We see gas and particularly LNG as of growing importance. Shell USA has several outstanding grants and loans per the IRA
Will the meeting involve legislation, broad policy options, or other general matters that involve a large and diverse range of persons and interests? (If yes, please describe.)	The meeting will involve broad policy discussions given Shell's interest in LNG exports and the need for stable, reliable, and predictable policies and rules.
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If any gifts (e.g., meals or refreshments, mementos or tokens of appreciation, transportation, etc.) will be offered to the Secretary, please describe and provide their monetary value.	None
If the Secretary is unable to meet, is a surrogate desired? If yes, who specifically?	Not at this time
Any additional notes or information?	Other possible topics of discussion include: Venture Global LNG contract issues, Impact of tariffs, US regulatory regime (methane) to be granted equivalency by the EU so as not to impair US exports.

From: Chris Hamilton
Sent: Mon, 17 Feb 2025 22:46:06 +0000
To: Lamanna, Isabelle
Subject: [EXTERNAL] WVCA Release on Chris Wright Statements

pls share with the Secretary's press office. Ty



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 17, 2025

CONTACT:

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WV Coal Association Commends Energy Secretary Chris Wright's Advocacy for Coal-Fired Power Plants

Charleston, W.Va. – The West Virginia Coal Association (WVCA) applauds U.S. Secretary of Energy Chris Wright for his recent statements emphasizing the importance of maintaining coal-fired power plants across the United States. In a time when energy policy is increasingly scrutinized, Secretary Wright's commitment to halting the closure of additional coal plants aligns with the interests of West Virginia's economy and America's need for energy security.

Secretary Wright recently stated, "We should not close any more coal plants," highlighting concerns that retiring these facilities has led to increased electricity costs and grid instability.

His remarks resonate deeply with the West Virginia Coal Association's mission to ensure that West Virginia continues to benefit from its rich coal resources, which currently account for nearly 90 percent of the state's electricity generation.

Chris Hamilton, President of the West Virginia Coal Association, remarked, "Secretary Wright's comments reflect a clear understanding of the critical role coal plays in providing affordable and reliable energy. Our state has consistently enjoyed some of the lowest electricity rates in the nation thanks to our reliance on coal."

Hamilton further noted that West Virginia's retail electricity rates are nearly 20% lower than the national average, providing economic stability for families and businesses alike.

The recent white paper by Energy Ventures Analysis supports these claims, demonstrating that states heavily dependent on coal have experienced stable electricity prices compared to those that have shifted towards renewable energy sources. "Policies that force utilities away from coal often lead to price hikes and uncertainty for consumers," Hamilton added.

As discussions around energy transition continue, the West Virginia Coal Association urges policymakers to recognize the invaluable contributions of coal to both local economies and national energy security. The association remains committed to advocating for policies that support coal production and utilization as essential components of America's energy landscape.

For additional information, contact Chris Hamilton at (304) 342-4153.

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

Good evening, Jack and team!

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.

Izzy

From: Jack Cramton <CramtonJ@api.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2025 9:40 AM
To: Hebert, Ashley <ashley.hebert@hq.doe.gov>
Cc: Kristin A. Westmoreland <WestmorelandK@api.org>; Tyler Cianciotti <CianciottiT@api.org>; Lamanna, Isabelle <isabelle.Lamanna@hq.doe.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: API Invitation for Secretary Wright- March 20th

Ashley,

Please see attached our completed form.

Let us know if you have any additional questions.

Jack Cramton

Vice President

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From: Hebert, Ashley <ashley.hebert@hq.doe.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2025 12:36 PM
To: Jack Cramton <CramtonJ@api.org>
Cc: Fitzsimmons, Alexander <alexander.fitzsimmons@hq.doe.gov>; Kristin A. Westmoreland <WestmorelandK@api.org>; Tyler Cianciotti <CianciottiT@api.org>; Lamanna, Isabelle <Isabelle.Lamanna@hq.doe.gov>
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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
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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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Sent: Tue, 18 Feb 2025 23:02:37 +0000
To: Aaron Ringel
Cc: Hebert, Ashley; Sofia Tran
Subject: RE: AFPM meeting request for Secretary Wright

Good evening, Aaron and team!

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 he 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 to divest.

Unfortunately, until the divesting window closes, this falls under that category, so he won't be able to attend. We really appreciate the invitation and your interest in having him join everyone at the AFPM Meeting.

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

Izzy

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Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2025 1:37 PM
To: Lamanna, Isabelle <Isabelle.Lamanna@hq.doe.gov>
Cc: Fitzsimmons, Alexander <alexander.fitzsimmons@hq.doe.gov>; Hebert, Ashley <ashley.hebert@hq.doe.gov>; Sofia Tran <STran@afpm.org>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: AFPM meeting request for Secretary Wright

Hi Izzy, appreciate you reaching out! Will get to work on the meeting request form and get it back to you asap. Looping in Chet's executive assistant Sofia Tran on this email as well.

Thanks for your help in getting this meeting scheduled and be in touch soon!

Best,
Aaron

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Hi Aaron!

I hope you are having a great start to your week. Alex had passed your email along to me, so I wanted to make sure I got back to you!

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We look forward to hearing from you. Thanks so much!

Izzy Lamanna

From: Aaron Ringel <ARingel@afpm.org>
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2025 11:43 AM
To: Fitzsimmons, Alexander <alexander.fitzsimmons@hq.doe.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] AFPM meeting request for Secretary Wright

Alex,

It was great connecting with you last week! Following up on our conversation I wanted to pass along the attached meeting request letter from AFPM CEO Chet Thompson to Secretary Wright.

Understanding the Secretary's busy schedule, we stand ready to work with your staff to set up a time for them to meet at your earliest convenience. I'm looping in Chet's Executive Assistant Sofia Tran as well. Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Best,
Aaron

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To: Koblitz, Marcus
Subject: RE: Meeting Request: bp America, March 3-4, Washington, DC

Good morning, Marcus,

Thank you for your email and for reaching out. I will work with our team to get something setup on the calendar for one of those two days in March to learn more about the two CarbonSAFE grants.

Best,

Kevin Tatulyan

From: Koblitz, Marcus <marcus.koblitz@bp.com>
Sent: Monday, February 17, 2025 1:21 PM
To: Tatulyan, Kevin <kevin.tatulyan@hq.doe.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Meeting Request: bp America, March 3-4, Washington, DC

Good Afternoon Mr. Tatulyan,

I am reaching out to request a meeting on behalf of bp America in early March. Relevant to you in your new role at the Department of Energy, bp is a grant recipient or sub-recipient on a few projects that are currently underway. With this in mind, we would like to meet with you to discuss the importance of these programs to bp and their alignment with Sec. Wright's priorities for the DOE. Of specific note, bp is a recipient of two CarbonSAFE grants, which are supporting our efforts in the Midwest and Texas. We'd be happy to give you a brief overview of our projects.

Preferred times to meet:

- Monday, March 3, 12pm – 1pm
- Tuesday, March 4, 9a-3p

On these days, a member of our hydrogen and CCS business team will be in DC. If you are not available on these days, I would be happy to schedule a meeting at another time.

In the US, bp employs more than 30,000 people and supports more than 300,000 jobs. Since 2005, bp has invested more than \$150 billion in the US. We have a bigger footprint here than anywhere else in the world, and we're proud to be a trusted partner for secure, affordable and reliable energy. bp's Whiting Refinery has been a cornerstone of northwest Indiana's economy and is able to process around 440,000 barrels of crude oil daily. It is the largest refinery in the Midwest and bp's largest in the world producing 10 million gallons of gasoline, 4 million gallons of diesel and 2 million gallons of jet fuel daily, as well as 7% of all US asphalt.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request. I look forward to hearing back from you,
Marcus

Marcus Koblitz
Government Affairs Manager
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Cc: Secretary
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Hi Alana!

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I know you all are still reviewing the request form, but let me know if you need any passport or security information for clearance in addition to the form.

Thank you!
Alana

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Hi Alana!

I just tried to give you a call, but please feel free to call me at the number below.

Thank you,



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Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2025 10:11 AM
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Hi Izzy,

Happy Wednesday! Wanted to check if you think we will be able to schedule a meeting with Sec. Wright and Mr. Sawan. Completely understand that you all are swamped right now, but just let me know if you think he will have any availability tomorrow or Friday and we will plan accordingly. Thank you for all your help – really appreciate it!

-Alana

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From: Secretary
Sent: Thu, 20 Feb 2025 20:45:33 +0000
To: Amanda.France@cei.org
Subject: RE: Speaking Invite - CEI Summit Bar Harbor

Good afternoon, Amanda!

I hope you are having a great week. My apologies for the delayed response here and thank you very much for the invitation for the Secretary to join the Competitive Enterprise Institute Summit.

If you could please have the appropriate member of your team fill out the attached event request form and return it back to (b)(6) - Secretary Wright for our records and consideration, that would be great.

Just as a heads up, we are currently booking the Secretary's schedule about 2 weeks to 1 month out in advance.

Thank you again for the invitation and we look forward to hearing from you.

Izzy

From: Amanda France <Amanda.France@cei.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 13, 2025 6:12 PM
To: Secretary <(b)(6) - Secretary Wright>; chris.wright@libertyenergy.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Speaking Invite - CEI Summit Bar Harbor

Secretary Wright,
The Competitive Enterprise Institute would be delighted for you to keynote our annual policy [summit](#) in Bar Harbor, Maine this June. Our team is heartened by your nomination and eager to welcome a modern age of affordable energy abundance.

Energy policy has been a priority issue since CEI's founding. As a think tank and NGO, our experts research domestic as well as international policy reforms. We participated in the 1997 Kyoto conference as well as the recent COPs in Scotland and Egypt, from which we published [Inside the Carbon Cult](#). We advocated US withdrawal from the Paris agreement in the first administration and celebrate the renewed effort this term.

Attached is an invitation from CEI President Kent Lassman for you to headline this year's summit at the Harborside Hotel and Bar Harbor Club June 2 – 5, 2025. If of interest, please let me know if you have any questions that would help with your decision.

Thank you for your consideration,

Amanda France
Vice President of Events

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Subject: RE: An invitation for Sec. Wright
Attachments: Sec. Chris Wright_Event Request Form.docx

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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*	
If this invitation includes any gifts to the Secretary (e.g., waived registration/conference event fee; meals or refreshments; receptions or other entertainment; informational materials; award; transportation; memento or token of appreciation), please identify them and provide their monetary value. Please also identify how the value was 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?	
Will the Secretary be asked to sign a speaking/participation agreement or release related to this event? If so, please provide a copy.	
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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Is the <u>event host</u> a 501(c)(3) organization or a media organization? (If yes, please identify.)	
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Partisan Political Candidate or Elected Official Participation	

<p>Will any partisan political candidate or elected official participate in the event? If so, please identify and explain role.</p>	
<p>Is the coordination of any elected official's involvement being handled solely by their official staff, or is there any campaign staff involvement or coordination?</p>	
<p>If a candidate for office or elected official is participating in the event, is the event taking place in their respective district/jurisdiction, and will the entire delegation for the respective district/jurisdiction(s) been invited? If not, please explain.</p>	

***IMPORTANT NOTE: The purpose of these questions is to elicit information relevant to the ethics analysis and is not a solicitation or request for anything of value by the Department or any of its employees.**

DRAFT / DELIBERATIVE

From: Hall, Jessica
Sent: Fri, 21 Feb 2025 13:50:18 +0000
To: Hall, Jessica; Brennan, Andrew E; Harkless, Katie; Spader, Lara
Cc: Coccodrilli, Curt; Shukran, Hanna
Bcc: CNF-OCED-5E-066
Subject: Hall, Jessica IDP/Exxon Meet & Greet

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From: Hall, Jessica <jessica.hall@hq.doe.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2025 6:59 PM
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Subject: Hall, Jessica IDP/Exxon Meet & Greet
When: Friday, February 21, 2025 9:30 AM-10:15 AM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
Where: 1000 Independence Avenue SW Washington, DC 20585

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As requested, meet & greet between IDP (Lara Spader & Katie Harkless) and Exxon (Andrew Brennan)

Attendees:

Lara Spader, Program Manager – Industrial Demonstrations Program (DOE)
Katie Harkless, Associate Director – Project Management (DOE)
Andrew Brennan, Executive Director of US Federal Awards (EM)

Contact:

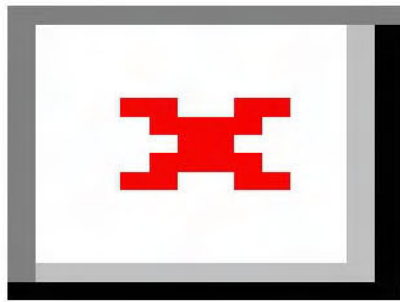
Lara's work cell: (b) (6)
Andrew's work cell: (b) (6)

Location:

Forrestal Building - 1000 Independence Avenue SW Washington, DC 20585

Security/Visitor Badge Info: A REAL ID is required to enter the Forrestal Building. Please notify a security guard that you are a visitor, meeting with the Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations. The Security Guard will take you to the visitor desk and will process you for a temporary badge. I would allot approximately 15 minutes to get your visitor badge, but processing times can vary based on the volume of visitors for the day and your entry time. I wouldn't anticipate a Friday being too busy.

Meeting Point: From the visitor desk, taking a left should take you into the main building/near the large DOE seal (see reference photo below) and right should take you to the DOE museum area (great place to pass time, if needed!). Katie and Lara will meet you, Andrew, at the DOE seal located past building security after you get your visitor badge.



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Amy Cooke

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Sent: Fri, 21 Feb 2025 15:41:03 +0000
To: Koblitz, Marcus
Subject: RE: Meeting Request: bp America, March 3-4, Washington, DC

Hi Marcus,

I am working with the scheduler to get this on the calendar with me and our Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary as well. We should be getting back to you shortly.

Thank you for the reminder.

Kevin Tatulyan

From: Koblitz, Marcus <marcus.koblitz@bp.com>
Sent: Friday, February 21, 2025 10:29 AM
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Marcus Koblitz

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To: Loman, Carol (CONTR)
Cc: Duncan-McDuffie, Michelle (CONTR); Cohen, Derek; Tatulyan, Kevin; Watson, Sietta C. (CONTR)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Meeting Request: bp America, March 3-4, Washington, DC
Attachments: Koblitz FECM-1 Scheduling Request template 2024.docx

Thank you Carol. I have completed the requested form to the best of my ability. Please let me know if there is any additional information needed.

Both bp attendees (b) (6) . Our names are on the form and provided here:

Marcus Koblitz
Bruce Wilcoxon

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FECM Scheduling Request Form	
Date Requested	March 3, 2025 or March 4, 2025
Event Date (with time)	
Event Name (if this a meeting, who is it with?)	Meeting with bp America staff – Marcus Koblitz and Bruce Wilcoxon
Host Organization (Will DOE Be Sponsoring)	
Organization Details - Please provide a quick description of your organization. And description of event	bp is a global integrated energy company. bp America represents the activities in the US of bp – which includes all of bp’s business-lines.
Location (Note if Virtual)	DOE HQ
Format – Please note what the proposed participation would be during the remarks, i.e. remarks, Q&A, panel, 1:1 meeting, etc. (include length of time)	1:1 meeting, 30 minutes
Topic – Please note what topic or topics you would like to discuss or have touched upon.	bp CCS and CarbonSAFE activity.
Attendees – Please note expected number of attendees and any notable names that may be in attendance. (2
Press - Is this event open or closed press?	Closed
Requested by – Please list your name & title (Include POC for event)	Marcus Koblitz, Government Affairs Manager, bp America (b) (6)
Other – Is there anything else you’d like us to know?	

FE-10 Scheduling Program Office Recommendation	
Staff Point of Contact	
Recommendation – Select One: (Yes/No/Later)	
Explanation of Recommendation	
Next Steps If regretting, are there other things we should do? Is there another person who can surrogate for this? If accepting, who from FE-20 will staff?	
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Recommendation – Select One: <i>(Yes/No/Later)</i>	
Explanation of Recommendation	
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FE-30 Scheduling Program Office Recommendation	
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Recommendation – Select One: <i>(Yes/No/Later)</i>	
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Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request. I look forward to hearing back from you,
Marcus

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Staff Point of Contact	
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Staff Point of Contact	

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From: Faith, Jayne
Sent: Mon, 24 Feb 2025 20:32:20 +0000
To: Faith, Jayne; Barbeau, Andrew; Brooks, Daniel; Morrison, Jay; Julia Souder; Karen Wayland; Kirsten Verclas; Stockton, Paul; dherlong@ubicquia.com
Cc: Bindewald III, Gilbert; Griffith, Robin; Cristina Berja; Jane Zaretskie; Mark Gifford; Diane Michault
Subject: EAC Leadership Meeting

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From: Goudarzi, Tala
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To: Cohen, Derek; Ackiewicz, Mark; Forbes, Sarah; Peay, Ryan; marcus.koblitz@bp.com; Raddatz Bopp, Amanda
Cc: Pasalic, Blair
Bcc: CNF-FE-4G-084
Subject: Tag up with BP Marcus Koblitz & Bruce Wilcoxon

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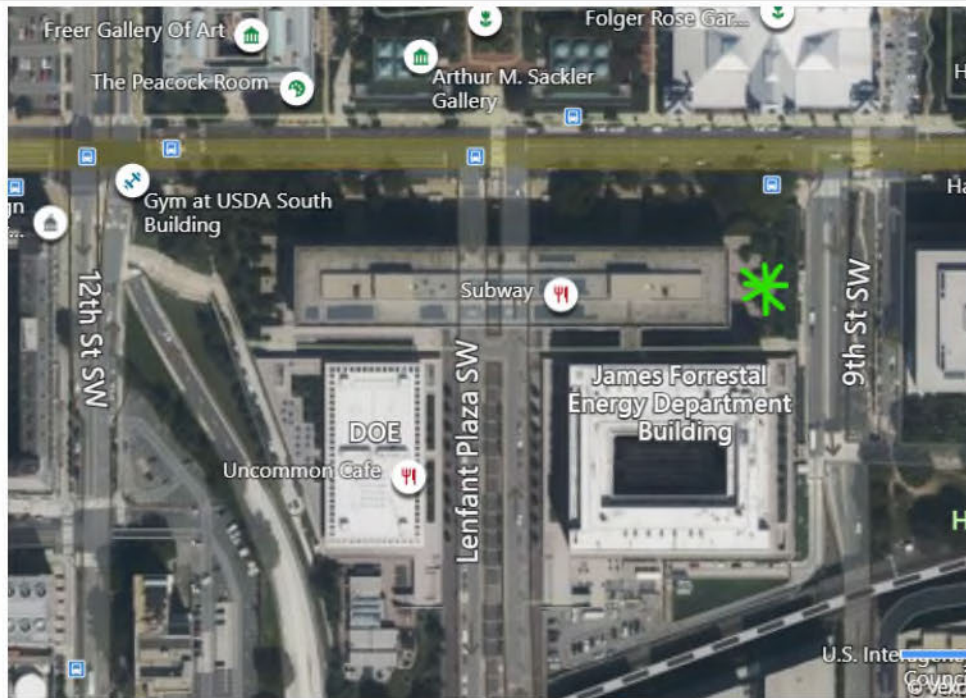
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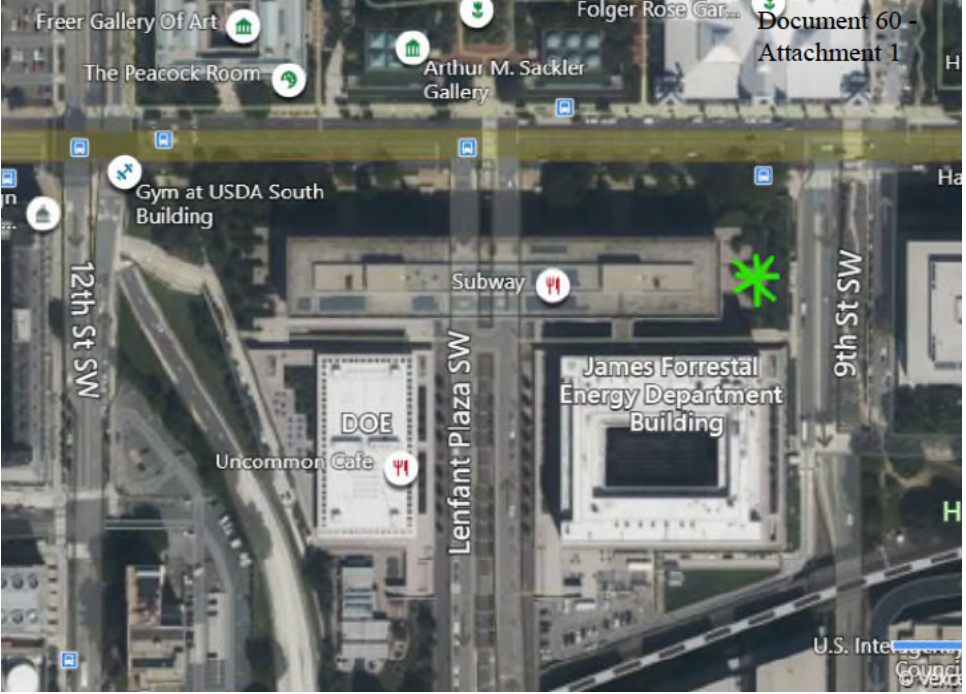
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Bcc: CNF-OCED-FORS-4A-162
Subject: OCED/bp America
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From: Heather Reams
Sent: Tue, 25 Feb 2025 23:55:35 +0000
To: Heather Reams
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Spread the Word: Geothermal House DC MAGMA on Tuesday
March 4, 2025

Hey Friends,

Just making a somewhat personal touch about a one-of-a-kind event in DC next week that CRES is co-hosting.

I am excited to invite you to **Geothermal House DC MAGMA**, a unique and immersive event taking place on **Tuesday, March 4, 2025**, at the **Top of the Hill, One Constitution Avenue NE**, from **11:00 AM to 7:00 PM** brought to you by CRES Forum and Project Innerspace.

We'll explore how next-generation geothermal technology can strengthen U.S. energy security, fuel economic growth, create high-quality jobs and provide clean baseload power supported by U.S. supply chains.

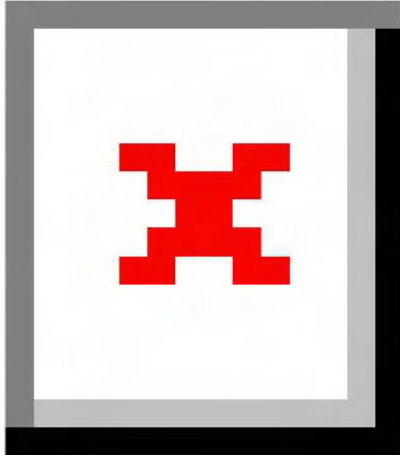
It promises to be an engaging day, with highlights including:

- Engaging panels featuring top industry and policy leaders
- A "site visit" to the Magma area of the Earth's crust via virtual reality
- Geothermal-themed food & drinks
- Networking with key decision-makers
- A sizzling reception to wrap up the day

More details on confirmed speakers and the full agenda should be posted tomorrow but we have Senator Curtis and Reps Pfluger, Weber and Hageman all speaking as well as key leaders in the corporate geothermal space.

Please share with your networks and register [HERE](#).

I look forward to having you join us for this exciting event!



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Heather Reams, President

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To: Austin, Keishaa; Mahroum, Eric; Matthew Mailloux <mailloux@clearpath.org>
Bcc: CNF-CP-3H-060 Exec Conf Room
Subject: Meeting with Matthew Mailloux, ClearPath

From: Austin, Keishaa
Sent: Wed, 26 Feb 2025 15:54:34 +0000
To: Austin, Keishaa; Mahroum, Eric; Matthew Mailloux <mailloux@clearpath.org>
Subject: Canceled: Meeting with Matthew Mailloux, ClearPath
Importance: High

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Sent: Wed, 26 Feb 2025 18:16:34 +0000
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Cc: Playforth, Taylor; Morales, Aaron; Smith, Christopher (CONTR); Barte, Thalia (CONTR)
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From: Thomas Catenacci
Sent: Thu, 27 Feb 2025 16:07:35 -0500
To: Woods, Andrea
Cc: Dietderich, Ben; DOE NEWS
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Press inquiry - Free Beacon

Sounds good. Appreciate you looking into this.

Thomas

On Thu, Feb 27, 2025 at 4:06 PM Woods, Andrea <andrea.woods@hq.doe.gov> wrote:

Hi Thomas,

Apologies for the delay! DOE is reviewing this waiver issued by the previous administration.

If I have anything more I can share on this in the coming weeks, we'll be in touch!

Thanks,
Andrea

From: Thomas Catenacci <catenacci@freebeacon.com>
Date: Thursday, February 27, 2025 at 10:28 AM
To: Woods, Andrea <andrea.woods@hq.doe.gov>
Cc: Dietderich, Ben <ben.dietderich@hq.doe.gov>, DOE NEWS <doenews@hq.doe.gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Press inquiry - Free Beacon

Sounds good, appreciate it!

Thomas



On Thu, Feb 27, 2025 at 9:54 AM Woods, Andrea <andrea.woods@hq.doe.gov> wrote:

Hi Thomas,

Ben is actually on the road today with the Secretary but let me check into this for you. Will do our best to get you something by 2pm today.

Thanks!

Andrea

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Andrea Woods

Deputy Director

Office of Public Affairs

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From: Thomas Catenacci <catenacci@freebeacon.com>

Date: Thursday, February 27, 2025 at 9:51 AM

To: Dietderich, Ben <ben.dietderich@hq.doe.gov>

Cc: DOE NEWS <doenews@hq.doe.gov>, Woods, Andrea <andrea.woods@hq.doe.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Press inquiry - Free Beacon

Hi Ben,

In its final days in office, the Biden administration issued a waiver exempting a wide range of DOE programs from being required to meet Build America, Buy America standards for solar panels. The move opens the door for recipients of large federal grants and loans—including those awarded via the Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships Program and LPO's Energy Infrastructure Reinvestment Financing program—to source solar supplies from China.

<https://www.energy.gov/sites/default/files/2024-12/BABA%20WAV%202025-08%20Omnibus%20Proposed%20Nonavailability%20Solar%20Waiver%2012.12.2024%20CLEAN.pdf>

Is this something that DOE is reviewing? Is it considering an action to rescind this omnibus waiver?

Deadline for this is 2 p.m. EST.

Best,

Thomas Catenacci

Reporter | Washington Free Beacon

e: catenacci@freebeacon.com

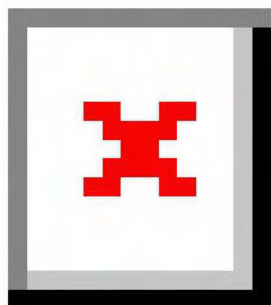
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Sent: Thu, 27 Feb 2025 18:08:40 +0000 (UTC)
To: Affolter, Shawn
Subject: [EXTERNAL] API Applauds Passage of Resolution to End EPA's Duplicative Methane Fee

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API Applauds Passage of Resolution to End EPA's Duplicative Methane Fee

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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Sent: Thu, 27 Feb 2025 08:44:57 +0000
To: rrussell@nma.org
Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: was going to email an invitation to Sec. Wright

From: Steve Winberg <(b) (6)>
Sent: Wednesday, February 26, 2025 7:09:26 PM
To: Winberg, Steven <steven.winberg@hq.doe.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: was going to email an invitation to Sec. Wright

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From: **Russell, Richard** <RRussell@nma.org>
Date: Wed, Feb 26, 2025 at 3:49 PM
Subject: was going to email an invitation to Sec. Wright
To: Steve Winberg <(b) (6)>

Steve – good seeing you. Quick question, I was going to email an invitation letter to Sec. Wright, do you know who I should email it to?



Richard M. Russell
Senior Vice President of Government and Political Affairs
National Mining Association
[101 Constitution Ave. NW, Suite 500 East](https://www.nma.org/101-Constitution-Ave-NW-Suite-500-East)
Washington, D.C. 20001
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From: Russell, Richard
Sent: Thu, 27 Feb 2025 12:37:30 +0000
To: Winberg, Steven
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Secretary Invitation

Thank you

From: Winberg, Steven <steven.winberg@hq.doe.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 27, 2025 7:35:27 AM
To: Russell, Richard <RRussell@nma.org>
Subject: Re: Secretary Invitation

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Ashley.herbert@hq.doe.gov
From: Russell, Richard <RRussell@nma.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 27, 2025 3:50:22 AM
To: Winberg, Steven <steven.winberg@hq.doe.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Secretary Invitation

To address our board at our board meeting.
From: Winberg, Steven <steven.winberg@hq.doe.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 27, 2025 3:47:18 AM
To: Russell, Richard <RRussell@nma.org>
Subject: Secretary Invitation

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Richard
Good seeing you yesterday.
Regarding the Invitation. What is the invite for?
Thanks,
Steve

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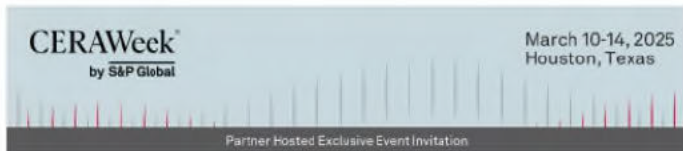
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Sent: Mon, 3 Mar 2025 18:59:47 +0000
To: Undisclosed recipients:
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Invitation | Chevron Reception at CERAWeek, March 10
Attachments: 2025 Chevron Reception at CERAWeek Invitation.pdf

Greetings,

Chevron invites you to join us Monday, March 10 from 6:30 – 8:00 PM CT at the Chevron Lounge in GRB 350F for a private reception.



You are invited to join
Chevron
at our CERAWeek Reception

Date: Monday, March 10, 2025
Time: 6:30 – 8:00 PM (CT)
Location: GRB Chevron Lounge 350F

Please RSVP by **Thursday, March 6th** to
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To RSVP, please reply directly to this email.

Best,
Mariana

Mariana Sánchez Ramírez

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Subject: Canceled: S3/Peabody Energy CEO

From: Affolter, Shawn
Sent: Mon, 3 Mar 2025 01:06:43 +0000
To: Kocher, Timothy (Cruz)
Cc: Inguanta, Michael; Rogers, Evan M.
Subject: RE: Tankless Gas Water Heater standard

Hi Tim,

Apologies for the delay. Are you still interested in setting up a call/meeting? If so, we can arrange it.

Best –



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Shawn Affolter
Principal Deputy Assistant
Secretary

Office of Congressional &
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From: Kocher, Timothy (Cruz) <Timothy_Kocher@cruz.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2025 9:35 AM
To: Affolter, Shawn <shawn.affolter@hq.doe.gov>
Cc: Inguanta, Michael <michael.inguanta@hq.doe.gov>; Rogers, Evan M. <evan.rogers@hq.doe.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Tankless Gas Water Heater standard

Good morning Shawn,

Congratulations again on the orders that went out on Friday! My office would like to schedule a meeting with DOE to discuss how we can work together on the tankless gas water heater efficiency standard. We'd like to chat as soon as possible, but certainly sometime this week. I've included some availability below.

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3:30-6:00

Thursday
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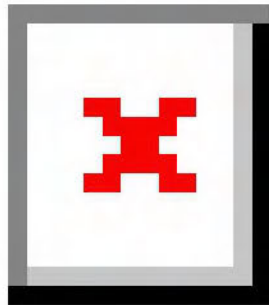
Friday
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Thanks,
Timothy Kocher
Legislative Assistant
U.S. Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX)
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Sent: Mon, 03 Mar 2025 18:48:51 +0000 (UTC)
To: Affolter, Shawn
Subject: [EXTERNAL] API Highlights America's Energy Opportunity Ahead of Joint Session of Congress

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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: Wong, Adam
Sent: Mon, 3 Mar 2025 21:00:59 +0000
To: Cordes, Mary
Cc: McDonald, Taite R (WAS - X75200); Halpern, Rachel; Sweeney, Amy; Loman, Carol (CONTR)
Subject: RE: CERAWeek Meeting Request - Chemours President Gerardo Familiar

Hi Mary,

Thank you for reaching out. I am moving Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary (PDAS) for Fossil Energy and Carbon Management Tala Goudarzi to bcc to spare her inbox. A/PDAS Goudarzi will be at CERAWeek from Monday, March 10 until she leaves the afternoon of Wednesday, March 12. I notice the only day you will overlap is Wednesday. Please let us know what times might work with you, and we can try our best to accommodate. A/PDAS Goudarzi does have commitments on Wednesday morning, so if a meeting does not work out at CERAWeek, we could try for a virtual meeting later.

Thanks!
Adam

From: Cordes, Mary <mary.cordes@chemours.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 1, 2025 6:15 PM
To: steve.winberg@hq.doe.gov; Goudarzi, Tala <tala.goudarzi@hq.doe.gov>
Cc: Wong, Adam <adam.wong@hq.doe.gov>; McDonald, Taite R (WAS - X75200) <Taite.McDonald@hklaw.com>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] CERAWeek Meeting Request - Chemours President Gerardo Familiar

Hello Mr. Winberg and Ms. Goudarzi,

I am writing to request a meeting for you and Mr. Gerardo Familiar, President of Chemours.

Mr. Familiar will be speaking at CERAWeek on Thursday about power demand for AI and data centers, and we would appreciate the opportunity to brief you on the essential work Chemours is doing across MESC, FECM, EERE, and alongside the National Labs.

Do you have availability to speak on Wednesday March 12 or Thursday March 13 in Houston, TX?

Thank you,
Mary

Mary Cordes
Head of Federal Government Affairs
The Chemours Company

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From: Amy Reed
Sent: Tue, 4 Mar 2025 13:10:29 -0500
To: Lamanna, Isabelle
Cc: Hebert, Ashley; Katie Christian; Barrios, Audrey
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] ClearPath Introduction to Secretary Wright

Hi Izzy,

Thank you for the update! We understand how busy his schedule must be!
You did respond on the other thread regarding a meeting in DC via the "Meeting Information Request Form". I'll respond to you there and we can close the loop on this thread.

We wish Secretary Wright and team a successful CERAWeek!

Thank you!
Best,

Amy Reed
Executive Assistant
reed@clearpath.org
(M) (b) (6)

On Tue, Mar 4, 2025 at 11:14 AM Lamanna, Isabelle <Isabelle.Lamanna@hq.doe.gov> wrote:

Hi Amy!

I hope you are doing well and having a great week. I wanted to make sure I got back to you if you hadn't heard from our team yet regarding CERAWeek.

Unfortunately, the Secretary's schedule is already booked up back-to-back during CERAWeek and he will be unable to meet with Jeremy.

I'm sorry we weren't able to make this work this time, but please let me know if a meeting in DC in April would be of interest!

Have a great rest of your week and I will let you know if anything changes.

Izzy

From: Amy Reed <reed@clearpath.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2025 5:02 PM
To: Lamanna, Isabelle <Isabelle.Lamanna@hq.doe.gov>
Cc: Hebert, Ashley <ashley.hebert@hq.doe.gov>; Katie Christian <christian@clearpath.org>; Barrios, Audrey <audrey.barrios@hq.doe.gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] ClearPath Introduction to Secretary Wright

Hi Izzy,

Hope your week is going well! Thank you so much for the information! I'll complete the meeting request doc and send back asap.

I'm happy to work with your team to see if schedules align while attending CERAWeek. Please let us know if there are any times that Secretary Wright would be available to meet with Jeremy Harrell.

Thank you!

Best,

Amy Reed
Executive Assistant
reed@clearpath.org

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On Wed, Feb 19, 2025 at 2:57 PM Lamanna, Isabelle <Isabelle.Lamanna@hq.doe.gov> wrote:

Hi Amy!

Thank you very much for reaching out! I hope you are having a great day. If you could please fill out the attached meeting request form and return it to the group for our review, that would be great.

The team that is helping plan CERAWeek is copied here as well and is helping finalize the Secretary's schedule for that!

Best,

Izzy

From: Amy Reed <reed@clearpath.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2025 9:22 AM
To: Hebert, Ashley <ashley.hebert@hq.doe.gov>; Lamanna, Isabelle <Isabelle.Lamanna@hq.doe.gov>
Cc: Katie Christian <christian@clearpath.org>; Korzh, Yuliya (CONTR) <yuliya.korzh@hq.doe.gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] ClearPath Introduction to Secretary Wright

Good morning Ashley and Isabelle,

I'm happy to assist with aligning schedules for a meeting with Secretary Wright and Jeremy Harrell. As Jeremy mentioned, we fully recognize the team is just settling in and this meeting is not a national security-related matter. We wanted to make sure to get into the queue once the Secretary is taking external meetings. If a DC meeting doesn't work in the next month or so, Jeremy and team will be out at CERA week March 10th-12th if that works better for his schedule.

Thank you!

Best,

Amy Reed
Executive Assistant
reed@clearpath.org

(M) (b) (6)

On Tue, Feb 18, 2025 at 5:46 PM Fitzsimmons, Alexander <alexander.fitzsimmons@hq.doe.gov> wrote:

Thanks Jeremy. Adding the Secretary's scheduling team to assist.

In the interim, we should connect separately later this week. Yuliya (ccd) can find time.

From: Jeremy Harrell <harrell@clearpath.org>

Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2025 12:01 PM

To: Fitzsimmons, Alexander <alexander.fitzsimmons@hq.doe.gov>

Cc: Amy Reed <reed@clearpath.org>; Katie Christian <christian@clearpath.org>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] ClearPath Introduction to Secretary Wright

Alex,

Happy Tuesday, hope you had a nice weekend. I wanted to reach out about a possible ClearPath introduction to the Secretary to discuss mutual innovation goals. We fully recognize the team is just settling in and this meeting is not a national security-related matter. We wanted to make sure to get into the queue once the Secretary is taking external meetings.

One option to put out there if a DC meeting doesn't work in the next month or so. Lisa, Katie and I will be out at CERA week March 10th-12th if that works better for his schedule. I saw he'll be speaking at the main event.

Appreciate the consideration. Hope you are well!

Best,

Jeremy

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Jeremy B. Harrell

Chief Executive Officer

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Phone: (b) (6)

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From: Secretary
Sent: Wed, 5 Mar 2025 15:56:26 +0000
To: Emily Arthun; Secretary
Subject: RE: Congratulations on Senate Confirmation, request for meeting
Attachments: Sec. Chris Wright_Meeting Request Form.docx

Good morning, Emily!

I hope you are having a great start to your week. Thank you very much for reaching out and your interest in setting up a meeting with Secretary Wright!

At your earliest convenience can you please have an appropriate member of your team complete the attached meeting request form and send it back to (b)(6) - Secretary Wright for our records and consideration.

Thank you and have a great rest of your week!

Secretary Wright's Office
Department of Energy
(b)(6) - Secretary Wright

From: Emily Arthun
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2025 3:48 PM
To: Secretary
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Congratulations on Senate Confirmation, request for meeting

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

Dear Mr. Wright

Congratulations on your confirmation as Secretary of the U.S. Department of Energy from the American Coal Council (ACC). We look forward to collaborating with you to advance policies supporting the coal supply chain and ensuring America's thermal and metallurgical coal resources fuel economic growth. The ACC uniquely represents the entire coal supply chain, a vital industry and way of life for millions of Americans.

While coal drives economic prosperity, challenges like renewable energy mandates, fossil fuel restrictions, and baseload power plant closures threaten grid reliability and

our economic future. Addressing global energy competition and modernizing infrastructure with coal resources is crucial. Your bold commitment to energy security is truly appreciated. The ACC has long advocated for an energy plan that works and that is through innovation and using energy sources that work.

We must foster a regulatory environment encouraging investment and innovation in the coal sector, guided by reliability, resilience, and security. With supportive policies, technological advancements, and a commitment to energy dominance, coal will remain vital to America's energy strategy.

The ACC is dedicated to a future where coal fuels economic growth, energy reliability, and innovation. By working with you, industry leaders, and communities, we can achieve these goals and secure a prosperous future for coal and America.

The ACC will be in Washington DC with members May 5-8, 2025 and would like to schedule a meeting with the agency to discuss how to strengthen our energy supply chain. Would you have availability on May 8, 2025, for a meeting with ACC members.

For more information on America's coal industry, please contact me at (b) (6) or earthun@americancoalcouncil.org.

Sincerely yours,

Emily Arthun

Chief Executive Officer

American Coal Council

About the American Coal Council

The American Coal Council is unique amount industry trade associations, exclusively representing the collective and mutual interests of the entire coal supply chain. We champion our industry, our product and our people. We advocate awareness, educate and open mines, and connect our stakeholders. We cherish sustainability, cooperation and collaboration. We embrace the past, present and future as we work to create a better world for all.

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Meeting Information Request Form

Thank you for your interest in meeting with U.S. Secretary of Energy. To ensure that the appropriate individual within the Department of Energy is meeting with you on a given matter 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 schedule a meeting¹.

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).

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):	
Expected meeting participants (name, title, and organizational affiliation):	
Are any expected meeting participants registered lobbyists or lobbying organizations, and/or registered under the Foreign Agents Registration Act? (If yes, please identify.)	
Are any expected meeting participants a partisan political candidate, a representative of a political party or a registered political	

action committee (PAC)? (If yes, please identify.)	
Do any expected meeting participants seek or currently have any business interests with the Department of Energy such as permits, contracts, litigation, grants, etc.? (If yes, please identify.)	
Will the meeting involve legislation, broad policy options, or other general matters that involve a large and diverse range of persons and interests? (If yes, please describe.)	
Will the meeting involve regulations, rules, or other matters that impact a specific industry, sector of the economy, or group of persons? (If yes, please describe.)	
If any gifts (e.g., meals or refreshments, mementos or tokens of appreciation, transportation, etc.) will be offered to the Secretary, please describe and provide their monetary value.	
If the Secretary is unable to meet, is a surrogate desired? If yes, who specifically?	
Any additional notes or information?	

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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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