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Hi Izzy,

Hope you are doing well!

I wanted to send this invitation for Secretary Wright to you personally. We are hopeful that Secretary Wright can attend both events but please let me know if one or the other works better for the Secretary's schedule. I'll serve as the main point of contact for any questions or concerns as well as assisting the Secretary's advance/security teams in Texas.

Best,
 Carolyn Farrell

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The American Gas Association represents more than 200 local energy companies committed to the safe and reliable delivery of clean natural gas to more than 74 million customers throughout the nation.

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June 12, 2025

The Honorable Christopher Wright
 Secretary, U.S. Department of Energy
 1000 Independence Avenue, SW
 Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Wright,

On behalf of the American Gas Association (AGA), I am pleased to invite you to address our membership as a keynote speaker at two of our consecutive fall events:

- Executive Conference – Monday, October 6, 2025
- Board of Directors Meeting – Tuesday, October 7, 2025

These events will be held in San Antonio, Texas and will convene the chief executive officers and senior leadership of our more than 200 member companies, which collectively deliver natural gas to more than 189 million Americans and represent 95% of natural gas delivered in the United States. The Executive Conference will have an audience of over 200 high level executives including the AGA Board CEOs, and the Board meeting will be 40 natural gas utility CEOs.

Your leadership at the Department of Energy has reinforced the critical role of natural gas in securing America's energy future. From advancing new infrastructure to supporting expanded LNG exports, your policy direction underscores a clear recognition that American energy abundance—particularly in natural gas—is key to economic growth, global competitiveness, and national resilience. President Trump's renewed focus on unleashing domestic production, cutting unnecessary red tape, and strengthening our energy supply chain has been a galvanizing force for our industry. These priorities reflect AGA's ongoing commitment to delivering safe, dependable, and low-emissions energy to homes and businesses across the country.

As we look toward the future, our members would welcome your insights on the pivotal role natural gas will play in securing America's future, permitting reform, energy workforce development, and innovative technologies. These key areas are vital to ensuring the long-term strength and resilience of our sector. Additionally, our members are eager to hear your thoughts on how public and private sector partnerships can strengthen energy reliability, reduce barriers to growth, and ensure access to affordable energy for American households and businesses.

We would be honored to feature your leadership in these conversations and will gladly coordinate with your office to accommodate your schedule and logistical preferences.

Thank you for considering this invitation. We hope to welcome you this October.

Kind regards,



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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 the.secretary@hq.doe.gov.

If you have any questions you may contact the Secretary's Scheduling Office at 202-586-5534.

Title of the Event (please note if the event is a weekly, monthly, annual, etc.):	Executive Conference (Annual Event) Board of Directors Meeting (Quarterly Event)
Date of Event (please note if the date is flexible):	Monday, October 6 (Timing Can Be Flexible) Tuesday, October 7 (Morning, 8:00am-12:00pm CT)
Event Location (venue, address, city and state/country):	Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort and Spa 9800 Hyatt Resort Dr, San Antonio, TX 78251
Point(s) of Contact (Name, Email, Phone):	Carolyn Farrell, cfarrell@aga.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.):	Keynote remarks to AGA Executive Conference: Executive Conference is an annual invitation-only event held in October and attended by CEOs and C-Suite level executives from our over 200 member companies. Remarks to AGA Board of Directors: Remarks to group of about 40 CEOs who sit on our Board of Directors.
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?	Executive Conference: 150 CEOs and their senior executive officers, 60 members of our 2025 Women's Next Level Leadership Program Board of Directors: 40 board members, 10 staff members of board members, 20 AGA staff
Please describe the target audience of the event (elected officials, local community leaders, academics, industry representatives, public sector representatives, etc.).	Executive Conference: CEOs and senior executive leadership within the natural gas industry Board of Directors: Board members only

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.)	Yes, this group will include representatives from across the natural gas industry.
Is the event open to the public (this includes ticketed individuals)? If not, please describe who is privately invited.	No. We privately invite CEOs of member companies as well as their C-Suite level executives.
Who are other VIPs or speakers <u>confirmed</u> and in what role?	Not at this time.
Who are other VIPs or speakers <u>invited</u> ?	None at this time.
Remarks	
If you are requesting remarks, are there any specific issues you would like the Secretary to highlight/address in his remarks?	Future of Natural Gas, Gas underpinning economic growth and national security, permitting reform, energy workforce development, innovation pathways, strengthening energy reliability, LNG exports
What is the desired format of his remarks (will he be delivering the keynote, sharing the stage, participating in a panel or roundtable, etc.)?	Executive Conference: Keynote Board of Directors: Remarks, followed by Q&A (we can solicit questions ahead of time and allow for prior review if helpful)
What is the public registration/ticket fee to attend/participate in the event?	Registration is \$1295.00 for Executive Conference and the Board meeting does not require a registration fee
Will there be a teleprompter available? Will there be a podium?	Podiums for both. Lavalier mic for Executive conference.
Communications/Press	
Is the event open or closed to press?	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?	None.
Will you be advertising or live streaming the event on any social media outlets or websites? (If yes, please explain.)	No.
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	Waived registration fee: \$1,295.00/person

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?	Yes. While Board members do often have a spouse accompany them, they typically do not attend the Executive conference speeches and are not allowed to join for Board meetings.
Will the Secretary be asked to sign a speaking/participation agreement or release related to this event? If so, please provide a copy.	No.
If the Secretary is not able to attend, is a surrogate desired? If yes, anyone specific?	Not at this time.
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.)	American Gas Association Founded in 1918, the American Gas Association represents more than 200 local energy companies that deliver clean natural gas throughout the United States. There are more than 79 million residential, commercial and industrial natural gas customers in the U.S., of which 94 percent — more than 74 million customers — receive their gas from AGA members. Today, natural gas meets more than one-third of the United States' energy needs.
<u>Event host</u> website/url.	www.aga.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, we have registered lobbyists within our association.
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.)	501(c)6
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.)	No.
Who are the <u>sponsors</u> of the event? Please identify and provide background information on the individual and/or entity.	Sponsors have not yet been secured. We are happy to provide this information once secured.

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.)	Unknown at this time.
With which Bureau or Agency does your agenda most align? Please list all, if more than one.	Office of the Under Secretary for Infrastructure, Office of Critical and Emerging Technologies, Office of Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy (EERE), Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management (FECM); Office of Cybersecurity, Energy Security and Emergency Response (CESER)
Partisan Political Candidate or Elected Official Participation	
Will any partisan political candidate or elected official participate in the event? If so, please identify and explain role.	No.
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?	N/A.
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.	N/A.

***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.**