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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

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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

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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,

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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.):	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 website/url.</u>	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>

***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.**