

New Realities of Energy Policy MIDYEAR MEETING 2011

- Everything is on the table. . . . and always will be
- Extreme polarization
- Green everything
- Globalization of political environment and energy markets
- New communities





Battle for Public Opinion

Operations in new areas pose new concerns

- Community education about oil and gas production is essential
 - Continuous process
- Partnerships with local and state regulators
 - Many communities are not prepared to manage a significant increase in oil and gas development efficiently





Battle for Public Opinion

- False rumors about the industry must be dispelled
 - Early and often
- New reality of asset base requires being a member of the community
 - Visible civic presence & long term commitment to communities
 - Employ local workers
 - Field offices



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- IPAA: Leading the Fight



Key Policy Issues in 2011



- Energy taxes
- Hydraulic fracturing
- Offshore policy
- Regulatory challenges



Energy Taxes

- Renewed calls for billions in tax increases on oil, gas producers
- For independent producers, primary targets are drilling costs and percentage depletion
- Not subsidies
- Deficit reduction issue could trigger debate on restructuring the entire tax code





Hydraulic Fracturing

- Federal regulation / EPA study
- Anti-development groups now targeting wastewater discharge procedures
- Increasingly targeted by the media
- Energy In Depth Coalition www.EnergyInDepth.org
- GWPC / IOGCC Frac Fluid Registry Site launched in April www.FracFocus.org





Offshore Policy

- 16 permits issued for wells in the deepwater Gulf of Mexico since March
- Streamline permit process
- Liability cap legislation
- Getting industry back to work





Regulatory Challenges

Federal enforcement initiatives:

- Climate change
- Stormwater permitting
- Offshore and onshore permitting
- "Wild Lands" program
- Financial reform



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Telling Our Story... MIDYEAR MEETING 2011 A New Paradigm Shift in U.S. Energy Supply

- Technological advancements
- New economies
- American treasure
- Increased revenues
- Job creation
- Reduced dependence
- Improved balance of trade
- National security



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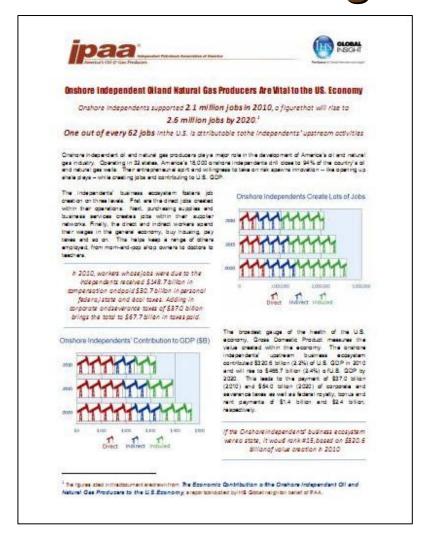
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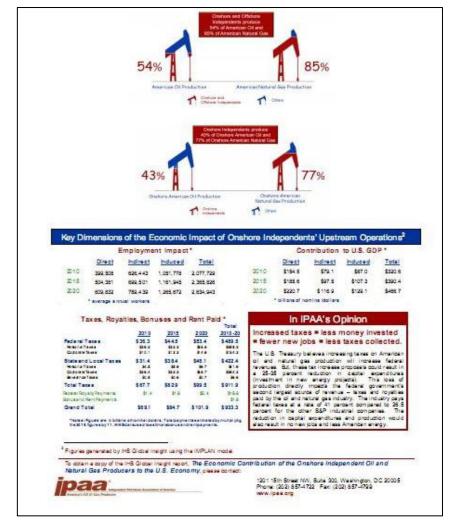


- I H S Global Insight study on the economic benefits of onshore independent oil, gas producers
- Increasing staff in Washington
- Raising visibility in local, state and national media









Strong U.S. Oil, Gas Industry = Strong American Economy



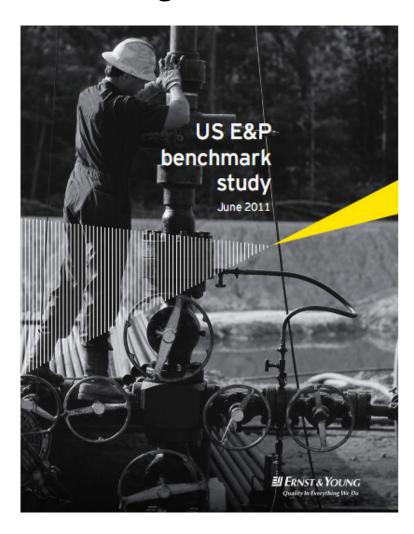
- 18,000 independent producers located in more than 30 states
- Independents drill 95% of the wells in the U.S.
- Produce 85% of American natural gas
- Produce 54% of American oil

*Source: I H S Global Insight



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E&Y says spending by independent producers doubled in 2010 to \$177.9 billion from \$72.8 billion in 2009. And, the reinvestment of cash flow hit a five-year record to 170%.













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