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## Message from the President

*Chris McGown*

*McGown Drilling, Inc.*

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“What happened to the oilfield?!?” he asked incredulously, harkening back to shallow Eastern Kansas rigs running 24 hour tours and Coors beer unavailable east of the Mississippi.

My customer was upset that he had to wait for his job, but with the current labor market we are catching as many jobs as we can with the people we have, we can't waive a magic wand and be everywhere at once. Industries throughout the economy are facing labor shortages, but the oilfield seems to be having a particularly rough time recruiting quality employees.

It might have been a rhetorical question, but our customer wasn't wrong, our industry is different than 10-20-30 years ago, maybe for the better, maybe not, but definitely different. Change is inevitable and certainly knocking on our door. How we respond to those changes will determine our future success.

Personally, I'm glad we're not running rigs all night – it was never fun to answer the landline phone at 03:00 AM, you knew the driller wasn't calling with good news. But I'm also not sure I could staff a rig 24-hour a day if I wanted to, see above. I'm glad we've embraced technology to make some processes simpler. I'm thankful for PDC bit technology. I like nicer trucks and more functional compact construction equipment. I don't like Zoom meetings, vape pens, hyper-politicized everything, 24-hour news cycles, and the lack of societal pressure to have a meaningful job. None of these conveniences or annoyances existed a generation ago – then the oilfield was tooth bits, CB radios, Rand McNally maps, paper log book(s), and a steady supply of potential labor from your local bar.

Many of our day-to-day processes are changing and I'm rethinking how we do things all the time. I'm trying to be as creative as I can to recruit new employees – McDonald's is offering a free iPhone after 6 months of employment, maybe I should consider offering lift kits or tires and rims for trucks?!?

The same goes for our EKOGA operations, we found a great partner in Fuel True to manage us and we will be extending our contract with them to continue our relationship. We are getting steady pressure from the KCC for changes to our members' operations – we are working to mitigate the labor and financial burdens of some of these potential changes. EKOGA is also offering a potential unique solution for the ever vexing problem of health insurance. As more and more problems and potential changes continue to surface, EKOGA will continue to work on behalf of our membership to represent their interests and be the voice of the small independent producer and service provider.

“Those who will not face improvements because they are changes will face changes that are not improvements.” – Charlie Munger. Best of luck to everyone as you navigate this unique business environment.

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# Executive Director's Report

## Tom Palace

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### *Mid-Year Recap and More*

We had great attendance at the 2021 Mid-Year meeting held at Flint Oak. The planning committee spearheaded by Chad Arnold put together a great agenda and for the first time ever EKOGA attendees had the opportunity to meet with two Kansas Corporation Commissioners at the same meeting.

The regulatory panel included updates from Kansas Corporation Commissioners Andrew French (Chairman) and Dwight Keen. The commissioners offered remarks and industry updates followed by an hour and a half question and answer session.

Both commissioners spoke freely and answered many questions about climate change, the new green deal, well plugging and many other topics important to the industry. The scheduled one-hour session lasted almost two hours and could have gone longer if time permitted. We want to thank Ryan Hoffman and Troy Russell for their comments and participation at the meeting.

The education session was very informative as well. The deep freeze that the Mid-West experience last year (albeit two weeks) caused rolling black outs and natural gas price spikes. Patrick Vogelsburg – Kansas Gas Service and Jason Sweeney – Southern Star were on hand to discuss the reasons for the power failures and prices spikes for natural gas and electricity.

Kansas Strong Executive Director Warren Martin concluded the education session with a presentation “How Producers/Suppliers Weathered the 2020 Downturn and Pandemic...” and also talked about the price spikes caused by the arctic blast.

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**Legislature:**

At the legislative level, several legislators are vying to be State Treasurer – Senator Caryn Tyson, Representative Steve Johnson and Michael Austin former economic advisor to Governor Sam Brownback have filed campaign documents.

Senator Kellie Warren has filed in the Attorney General race and will face former Secretary of State Kris Kobach and Anthony Mattivi for the GOP nomination.

A Johnson County District Court judge has dismissed the lawsuit of parents against the Shawnee Mission School District based on a newly passed law the judge held to be largely unconstitutional.

Judge David W. Hauber ruled that the Legislature’s most sweeping effort to shrink the authority of the governor, school boards, and other local units of government to impose COVID-19 pandemic safety rules has the Legislature stepping into the constitutionally protected domains of school districts and the judiciary.

Hauber’s decision, critical of the Legislature, also took issue with Attorney General Derek Schmidt, a candidate for GOP nomination for governor, for not dealing with the issue of legislative interference with management decisions made by school districts in his defense of the bill, leaning toward parents’ rights to challenge school rules. Hauber held that challenges to mask rules “are hereby determined to be unenforceable, regardless of the merits.” In his opinion, Hauber said that the bill — which he characterized as an attack on public schools -- didn’t “protect” schoolchildren. SB 40, which pares



## **Regulatory Update**

***Rob Eberhart***  
***Bobcat Oilfield Service, Inc.***

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Back in June President Biden signed the Congressional Review Act (CRA) Resolution which repealed the Trump Administration's methane "policy" rule (i.e., the 2020 EPA regulations revising the targeted emissions for regulation under New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) for oil and natural gas production facilities).

The primary effect of this change is to reinstate the portion of 2016 NSPS that regulates many components for methane emissions rather than only volatile organic compounds (VOC).

Basically, President Biden reinstated the methane rules for low producing wells that were exempted under the Trump Administration rule on methane.

EPA has made its own regulatory determination and is in the process of "ram-rod" a regulation that will have a big impact on the oil and gas industry. The Trump methane "technical" rule provided protection from its leak detection and repair (LDAR) provisions when wellsite production fell below 15 barrels/day, was not directly repealed and is legally still in place...but the regulatory move by EPA changes that.

It's notable that NSPS regulations apply to new and modified sources. A modified source would be, for example, a refractured well. There are no current federal regulations on existing sources, including low production wells. Existing sources are currently regulated by states and some states may have low production well requirements.

It's also important to note that the CRA action is just the beginning of a long EPA regulatory process. In September 2021, for example, EPA is expected to propose: 1) revisions to the 2020 technical changes to relevant subpart sections of the NSPS and, 2) emissions guidelines under Section 111(d) of the Clean Air Act that would apply to all existing sources. The emissions guidelines would ultimately become state regulations unless the state defers to EPA for implementing a federal program.

Both of these actions will be developed through the federal rulemaking process, which includes public notice and comment.

A final rule regarding the changes discussed above is expected to be issued in October 2022.

I have provided an overview of the action taken by the EPA for your review.  
(Information was obtained from the EPA website.)

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# EPA Proposes Policy Amendments to the 2012 and 2016 New Source Performance Standards for the Oil and Natural Gas Industry

## Overview of Action

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- On August 28, 2019, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed amendments to the 2012 and 2016 New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) for the Oil and Natural Gas Industry that would remove regulatory duplication and save the industry millions of dollars in compliance costs each year, while maintaining health and environmental protection from oil and gas sources that the Agency considers appropriate to regulate.
- EPA is issuing today's proposal in response to President Trump's Executive Order on Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth. That order directs agencies to review existing regulations that potentially "burden the development or use of domestically produced energy resources," including oil and natural gas, and to rescind or suspend regulatory requirements if appropriate.
- The proposed amendments would remove all sources in the transmission and storage segment of the oil and natural gas industry from regulation under the NSPS, both for ozone-forming volatile organic compounds (VOCs), and for greenhouse gases (GHGs). The existing NSPS regulates GHGs through limitations on emissions of methane.
- The amendments also would rescind the methane requirements in the 2016 NSPS that apply to sources in the production and processing segments of the industry.
- As an alternative, EPA also is proposing to rescind the methane requirements that apply to all sources in the oil and natural gas industry, without removing any sources from the current source category.
- As part of today's action, the Agency also is seeking comment on alternative interpretations of EPA's legal authority to regulate pollutants under section 111(b) of the Clean Air Act.
- EPA's regulatory impact analysis estimates that the proposed amendments would save the oil and natural gas industry \$17-\$19 million a year, for a total of \$97-\$123 million from 2019 through 2025.
- EPA will accept comments on all aspects of the proposed amendments for 60 days after they are published in the Federal Register. The agency will hold a public hearing on the proposed amendments in Texas. Details about the public hearing will be available shortly.
- Today's proposal is separate from EPA's September 2018 proposal to make targeted improvements to the 2016 NSPS, including amendments to the fugitive emissions (leaks) monitoring requirements in the rule. EPA expects to take final action on that proposal later this year.

## Summary of Proposed Amendments

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### *Primary Proposal*

- Section 111 of the Clean Air Act requires EPA to set NSPS for categories of industrial facilities that EPA has listed because they cause, or significantly contribute to, air pollution that may endanger public health or welfare. These are called "source categories."
- The Agency's original source category listing for the oil and natural gas industry, issued in 1979, included only the production and processing segments of the industry. However, in the 2012 and 2016 NSPS rules, EPA interpreted the source category to include the industry's transmission and storage segment. In the 2016 NSPS rule, EPA also, as an alternative, expanded the source category to include the transmission and storage segment.
- EPA is proposing to remove sources in the transmission and storage segment from the oil and natural gas source category. The proposal notes that the agency erred when it interpreted or expanded the source

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category in 2012 and 2016 to include the transmission and storage segment, because that segment of the industry is functionally separate from the production and processing segments. Sources in the transmission and storage segment include transmission compressor stations, pneumatic controllers, and underground storage vessels.

- In the proposal, EPA also notes that the Agency would need to make a separate finding that the transmission and storage segment contributes significantly to air pollution that is anticipated to endanger public health or welfare before those sources in that segment could be listed for regulation.
- Because the proposed amendments would remove sources in the transmission and storage segment from the source category, the proposal also would rescind the emissions limits in the 2012 and 2016 NSPS that currently apply to those sources. These include limitations on both methane emissions and emissions of VOCs.
- For the production and processing segments, the proposal would rescind emissions limits for methane but would keep emissions limits for VOCs. The proposal notes that the controls to reduce VOC emissions also reduce methane at the same time, so separate methane limitations for these segments of the industry are redundant. Sources in the production and processing segments include well completions, pneumatic pumps, pneumatic controllers, gathering and boosting compressors, natural gas processing plants, fugitive emissions, and storage tanks.
- These proposed amendments would remove the Agency's obligation to develop emission guidelines to address methane emissions from existing sources under section 111(d) of the Clean Air Act. EPA believes this would have limited environmental impact, because some existing sources that "modify" and, as a result, become subject to requirements for new sources, and because the number of remaining sources may decline over time as they are shut down or become obsolete.

### ***Alternative Proposal***

- As an alternative, EPA also is proposing to rescind the methane requirements in the NSPS for oil and natural gas sources, without removing any sources from the source category. Under this alternative, the rule would retain VOC standards for the production, processing, and transmission and storage segments of the industry. As in the primary proposal, the alternative proposal notes that because the controls to reduce VOC emissions reduce methane at the same time, separate methane limitations for the industry are redundant.

### ***Seeking Comment on EPA's Legal Authorities to Regulate Methane***

- As part of today's action, EPA also is seeking comment on alternative interpretations of the Agency's legal authority to regulate pollutants under section 111 of the Clean Air Act.
- In the 2016 rule, EPA took the position that the law did not require that the Agency, as a prerequisite to regulating methane as part of the NSPS, first make a separate, pollutant-specific determination that GHG emissions (primarily methane) from the oil and natural gas industry cause, or significantly contribute to, air pollution that may endanger public health or welfare.
- In the 2016 rule, the Agency also made a finding in the alternative if the Clean Air Act were interpreted to require a separate pollutant-specific determination. In that finding, GHG emissions (primarily methane) from the oil and gas industry do cause or contribute significantly to air pollution that may be reasonably expected to endanger public health or welfare.
- As part of today's proposal, EPA is seeking comment on whether the Agency should revise the positions it took in the 2016 rule. Specifically, EPA is requesting comment on:
  - o Whether section 111 of the Clean Air Act requires EPA to make a pollutant-specific significant contribution finding for GHG emissions (primarily methane) from the oil and natural gas industry; and
  - o If the law does require a pollutant-specific finding, whether the finding in the alternative in the 2016 rule properly satisfied that requirement.
- EPA also is seeking comment on the appropriate criteria to use when determining, under section 111,

whether a pollutant emitted from a particular source category significantly contributes to air pollution that may reasonably be anticipated to endanger public health and the environment. The Agency is seeking these comments to inform its actions in future rules.

## Avoided Costs and Emissions Reductions

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- EPA has analyzed costs that would be avoided and emission reductions that would not occur if the policy amendments are finalized as proposed.
- The Regulatory Impact Analysis for the proposal estimates that the oil and natural gas industry would save a total of \$97 million (present value using a 7 percent discount rate) or \$123 million (3 percent discount rate) from 2019 through 2025, or \$17 million and \$19 million a year (7 percent and 3 percent discount rates, respectively). The total cost savings reflect both the cost savings associated with proposed changes to requirements in the rule and the forgone value of natural gas that would not be recovered as a result of those changes.
- EPA's analysis estimates the following emissions reductions would not occur from 2019 through 2025 as a result of the proposed amendments: 370,000 short tons of methane (8.4 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent), 10,000 short tons of volatile organic compounds, and 300 short tons of hazardous air pollutants. The analysis also estimates the total present value of climate benefits within the United States that would not occur at \$13 million (under a 7 percent discount rate) or \$52 million (under a 3 percent discount rate), which translates to \$2.3 or \$8.1 million per year, using 7 percent and 3 percent discount rates, respectively.
- These impacts are projected compared to a baseline that only includes final actions. The Regulatory Impact Analysis also presents potential impacts of this action compared to a baseline where the technical reconsideration proposed in 2018 is included.

## How to Comment

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- EPA will take public comment on the proposed amendments for 60 days after they are published in the Federal Register. There are multiple ways to submit written comments. Please use one of the methods below to ensure EPA receives your comments.
- **The Docket ID number for the proposed amendments is EPA-HQ-OAR-2017-0757.**
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## EKOGA 64th ANNUAL MEETING

PRAIRIE BAND CASINO AND RESORT  
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### ***Schedule of Events***

#### Tuesday, September 28

3:00--5:00 p.m. Exhibitor Table Set Up

5:00--7:00 p.m. Welcome Reception  
(Welcome Reception is open for all  
Full Registrants and Exhibitors)

#### Wednesday, September 29

8:00--8:30 a.m. Board Of Directors Meeting

8:30--9:00 a.m. Annual Membership Meeting

9:00--11:00 a.m. Informational presentations  
(Content will be related to regulations, compliance,  
legislative, and current issues. Topics and Speakers  
are being confirmed)

11:00 a.m.--12:00 p.m. Lunch Buffet

11:30 a.m.--5:00 pm. Trade Show  
(2:30 - 4:00 p.m. beer/wine on trade show floor)

6:30--7:00 p.m. President's Reception

7:00--8:00 p.m. Banquet and Speaker

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David Ramsden-Wood is the Founder of #hottakeoftheday and former COO of OneEnergy Partners, who sold their Permian operated E&P business in 2018. Mr. Ramsden-Wood has 20 years in industry, working with Anadarko and Enerplus in roles business development, strategy, operations and management prior to co-founding the successful private equity start up, OneEnergy Partners. He has a Chemical Engineering degree from the University of Calgary and an MBA from Cornell University. His #hottakeoftheday is seen by over 30,000 industry professionals a day and provides an unbiased perspective on what's happening, and what's coming.

### ***Trade Show Details***

The exhibit space has changed for 2021, there will be NO high back drape. Each exhibiting company will have one 6' skirted table and two chairs. There will be no way to hang anything behind your table, unless you bring it. The indoor exhibit space also includes outdoor space, if requested. Premier Tables (limited to 6) are front row of the exhibit hall. They are reserved on a first come first serve basis. Exhibit Space will NOT be reserved until payment is received. Exhibitor Registration is due September 14. NEW this year: All exhibitors will have free attendance into the Welcome Reception on Tuesday evening. However, if you wish to attend the Wednesday activities, Full Registration is required. Exhibit space is limited this year, so please get your registration in early if you want to have a table.



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# EKOGA 64th ANNUAL MEETING

PRAIRIE BAND CASINO AND RESORT  
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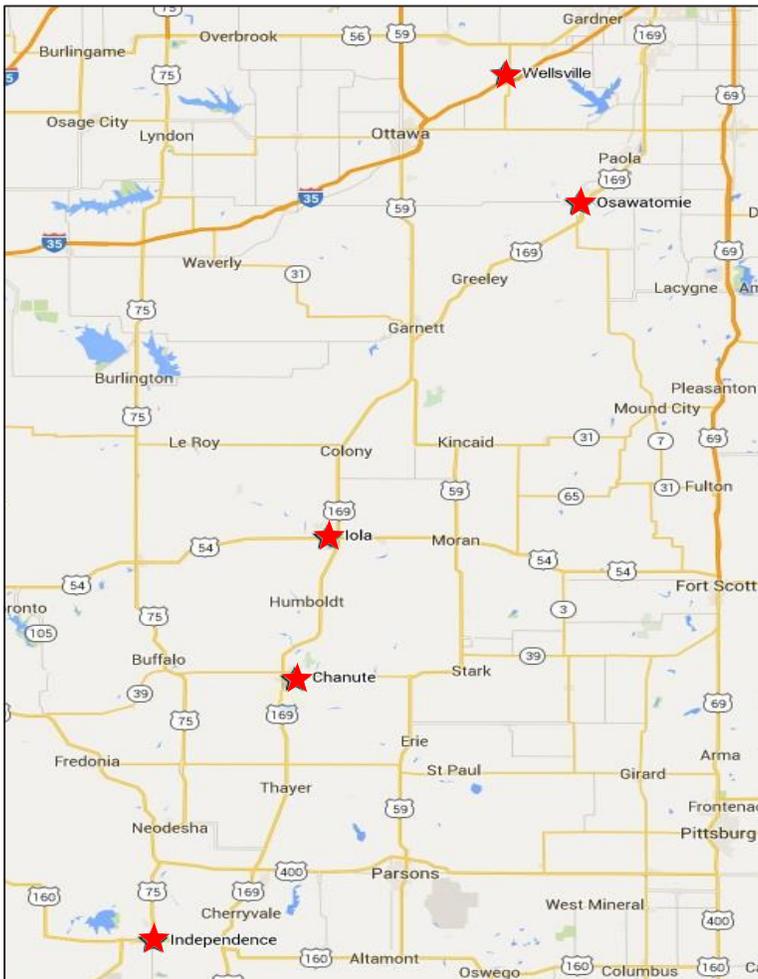
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## Why O&NG Workers Aren't Too Keen on Transitioning to Renewable Energy Jobs

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With their industry under assault, oil and gas workers are being assured they can simply transition to renewable energy jobs. John Kerry even recently quipped that oil and gas workers “can be the people who go to work to make solar panels.” Easy peasy, apparently.

So why is this “just transition” narrative being met with deep skepticism and even anger from oil and gas workers? Because the notion that a simple “transition” to jobs that typically pay less – or don’t even exist at all – is as mis-guided as the belief we can quickly pivot to 100 percent renewable energy.

A recent Energy Information Administration report provides a reality-check, finding the United States will likely continue to rely on oil and natural gas for just under 70 percent of its energy needs through at least 2050. Despite all the talk of the “end of oil” the EIA forecasts that “petroleum remains the most-consumed fuel in the United States” for decades. Department of the Interior Secretary Deb Haaland recently echoed the report’s findings, testifying, “There’s no question that fossil energy does and will continue to play a major role in America for years to come.”

So contrary to the “just transition” narrative, a robust U.S. oil and gas industry workforce will be needed for years to come – including Kansas’ proud oil and gas workforce.

A recent Texas Independent Producers & Royalty Owners Association (TIPRO) report serves as a reminder that Kansas is home to 3 refineries and an oil production industry that dates back more than a century. TIPRO also finds there were not only 11,414 direct oil and gas jobs (and nearly tenfold that number counting secondary jobs directly dependent on the industry) in Kansas last year – 12th most in the country – but that those jobs paid an average salary of more than \$76,098.

No wonder Kansas oil and gas workers aren’t clamoring to “transition” to renewable energy industry jobs that pay less and are far more temporary in nature. As Politico reported, a new report by the National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO), the Energy Futures Initiative, and BW Research Partnership finds that, “Workers in the greener side of the energy industry earn significantly less than those who extract fossil fuels and run power plants...”

And when suggesting oil and gas workers can just go make solar panels, Kerry failed to mention that just one percent of solar panel manufacturing occurs in the United States. China (surprise, surprise) dominates the renewable infrastructure manufacturing industry and also has a near monopoly on the minerals that must be mined to manufacture renewable energy infrastructure.

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authority of the governor and school districts under the Emergency Orders act of the state, was passed 118-5 in the House and 31-8 in the Senate (which were enough votes for an override of a veto) and signed into law by Gov. Laura Kelly on March 25. Practically, the bill passed on political grounds, and found some House Democratic support as a way to prevent conservatives from further wrestling emergency response authority from the governor.

Schmidt plans to appeal the decision.

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Common sense tells us we are going to need a lot of oil and gas for many years to come and that it's imperative to produce as much of it here in the United States as possible. That cannot happen without the continued presence of a robust, experienced and skilled U.S. oil and gas industry workforce. That is why the "just transition" narrative

The Legislature is in the off year, meaning elections are not until November 2022. You are probably receiving requests for campaign contributions. I would caution you if you were considering contributing at this point. The majority of legislators have not filed for re-election and we don't know if they plan to run again. Make sure you ask the question, when are you going to file for reelection? When they do file, that is the proper time to contribute.

is not only being met with skepticism by oil and gas workers, but a lot of pragmatic observers, in general.

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