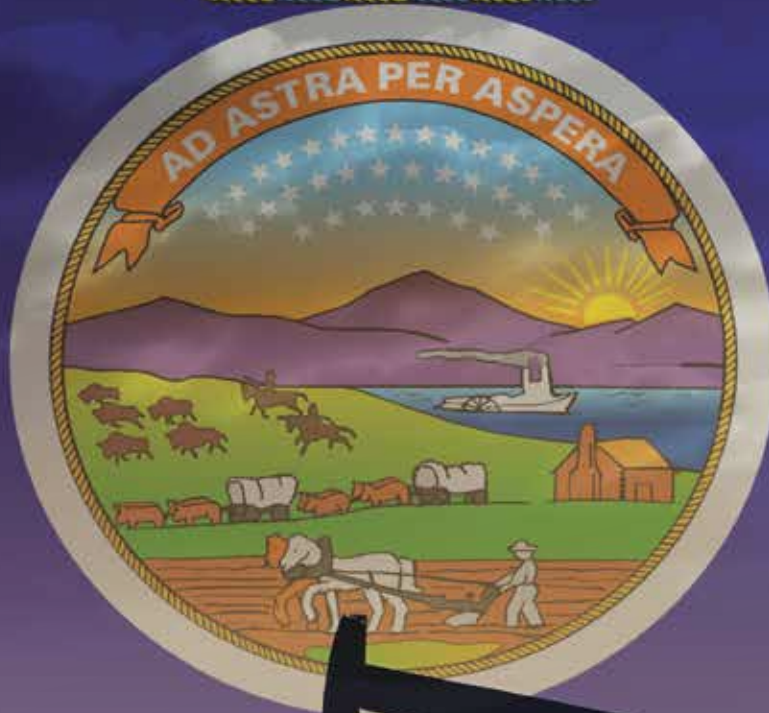




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DANA WREATH  
KIOGA CHAIR

# THRIVING IN UNCERTAIN TIMES

**T**he Kansas Independent Oil & Association's (KIOGA's) 87<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention is just around the corner, scheduled for August 18–20, 2024. We are expecting another excellent set of speakers, educational opportunities, networking events, and, of course, some really nice social and sports events. Convention Chair Dylan Klaus, Ed Cross, and the convention committees have been hard at work and have planned an informative and enjoyable convention. Based on the data we have so far, we expect this year's convention to be very well attended, and we also expect a larger than usual number of vendor participants in the trade show. This year's theme for Monday's dinner party is the Hunt for Oil, and that should be a fun concept that I know will resonate with a lot of people. While our traditional Kansas hunting gear suits colder weather, let's get creative and find warm-weather hunting outfits to embody the theme.

I strongly encourage everyone to participate in the morning and afternoon seminars, which cover crucial topics for our industry. Each time slot features two seminars: one addressing broader

political and policy issues and the other focusing on practical, business-oriented topics for producers.

In the morning session, we are honored to host our congressional panel again. This invaluable discussion featuring Kansas political leaders comes at a time of significant global and electoral uncertainty. The other morning seminar concerns improving fracture treatments, which is directly applicable to Kansas operations.

One afternoon seminar will delve into policy issues with insights from James Elliot, the lead attorney representing 22 oil and gas organizations (including KIOGA) in the battle against federal methane regulations. This session will shed light on the complexities of these rules, their economic impacts, and the ongoing legal efforts to challenge their implementation. In the other afternoon seminar, experts from the Kansas Geological Survey will present innovative uses of the new KGS Oil and Gas Mapper, a very useful tool for our industry.

As summer progresses, we are seeing industry activity slowly picking up from rather low levels; however, overall industry health is as unsettled as I have seen it in a long while. We see higher oil prices than usual, even when adjusted for inflation, but we also see higher costs, which makes paying out new wells more challenging. While oil prices are never predictable, we also continue to see increased

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threats to the economics of our business, including regulatory changes, potential oversupply due to increased oil production both domestically and abroad, and reduced demand growth due to the adoption of hybrid or electric vehicles.

One of the greatest benefits of attending the KIOGA annual convention is the opportunity to network with knowledgeable and insightful industry peers. These interactions provide invaluable perspectives on where our industry is heading and help us navigate the uncertainties we all face.

I look forward to seeing you at this year's convention. Together, let's harness the collective wisdom, strength, and innovation of the Kansas oil and gas community to move our industry forward. ✦

KIOGA Chair

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EDWARD CROSS  
KIOGA PRESIDENT

## WHAT'S THE BEST ENERGY POLICY?

A Message from your KIOGA President, Edward Cross

**D**ebate continues across the country on our nation's energy future. What is our best energy policy going forward?

Even during periods when much of the world suffers economic stagnation, most of us would agree that we still have a very high standard of living. Compared to previous generations, we are wealthier, healthier, have better technology, more mobility, and many more opportunities for a better life.

Several factors contribute to a higher standard of living, but one of the most important is access to reliable and inexpensive energy. Affordable energy is essential for almost every aspect of our modern lives. Without it, we wouldn't have many of the things we often take for granted. Affordable energy is needed to run the hospitals and laboratories that improve our health. It's required to deliver electricity to our homes and put fuel in our vehicles. It also supports the millions of jobs associated with all of these things.

Fossil fuels are needed throughout the world to lift people up, which is different than a philosophy of embracing a zero-emissions world. Over the past four years, the Biden administration has tried to shift energy policy away from fossil fuels and some expected this thinking to be the wave of the future. But that kind of thinking is a threat to economic development in the U.S. and around the world.

When policy signals prevent energy leadership here at home, there are going to be consequences. Using well-worn talking points, Congressional Democrats are trying to deflect criticism that their party's policies are to blame for rising gasoline prices. We now see a drumbeat of efforts from Democrats to blame higher gasoline prices at the pump on the actions of the fossil fuel industry—not the Biden administration's environmental policies.

Energy is an input for practically everything in the economy. The last thing anyone wants to see is more upward pressure on costs that are felt by every family and business.

Every one of the climate policies being enacted by liberal states and the Biden administration hurts the poor and middle class, and, in particular, the poor and middle-class folks who live in rural America. EV mandates, bans on natural gas stoves and heaters, strict emission cuts on power plants, lavish tax credits for Big Wind and Big Solar, or the latest FERC rule on high-voltage transmission all are, in one way or another, regressive energy taxes that penalize the working class.

At a time of persistent inflation and geopolitical instability, the American people need more affordable energy and less political gamesmanship. A reliable, affordable energy policy will support American families and businesses in the fight against inflation. Yet, misguided policies and heavy-handed regulations, particularly over the past four years, threaten to undermine our existing energy advantage, potentially increasing costs and jeopardizing a key pillar of American leadership. Our current national energy policy is based on insufficient information and a lack of perspective.

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Ahead of the 2024 elections, presidential candidates, as well as policymakers and candidates on both sides of the aisle, can support leveraging America's energy resources to help protect consumers and cement U.S. energy leadership. I encourage policymakers and candidates to support actions to secure American energy leadership, protect consumers, and help reduce inflation. Such actions include supporting policies that protect consumer choice, restore the role of American energy in bolstering our geopolitical strength, leverage our abundant natural resources, reform the regulatory policies that increase certainty and unleash private investment, and advance sensible tax policy.

The oil and gas industry has shown there is a better way. Just a few years ago, no one would have imagined the U.S. could increase production of oil and natural gas while cutting greenhouse gas emissions, which are now near 25-year lows. Here's a key point: When a country becomes the leading producer of oil and natural gas and has reduced carbon dioxide emissions by 70% in 10 years and reduced meth-

ane emissions from oil and natural gas operations by 37% since 2015, it is clearly doing many things right.

The most pressing issues facing the U.S. economy in the foreseeable future are not those arising from climate or an energy transition. Rather, the factors to watch are inflation, rising energy costs, and national security.

An American energy policy that values innovation over regulation can turn energy policy challenges into great opportunities for economic growth and energy security. This approach is not just good business; it's good stewardship and a much better strategy for improving the quality of life for all.

For all the challenges we can expect going forward, I could not be more confident in our industry, the progress we enable, and America's position in leading the world in energy and environmental stewardship. ✍

*Edward P. Cross*

KIOGA President

## KIOGA Welcomes New Staff Member



Justin Yardley joined the staff of KIOGA as Office Manager & Events Coordinator on June 24.

Yardley possesses an associate degree in information technology from Allen County Community College. He is a highly organized and detail-oriented professional with over 15 years of experience in customer service, management, and coordination across various industries.

“Justin's experience, management skills, and positive character will make him a valuable asset to KIOGA,” said Edward Cross, KIOGA president. “His excellent work ethic and organization skills will assist KIOGA in reaching our goals.”

Yardley will be working in the KIOGA office in Topeka. He looks forward to meeting KIOGA members at KIOGA events throughout the year. If you call the KIOGA office in Topeka, please welcome Yardley! ✍





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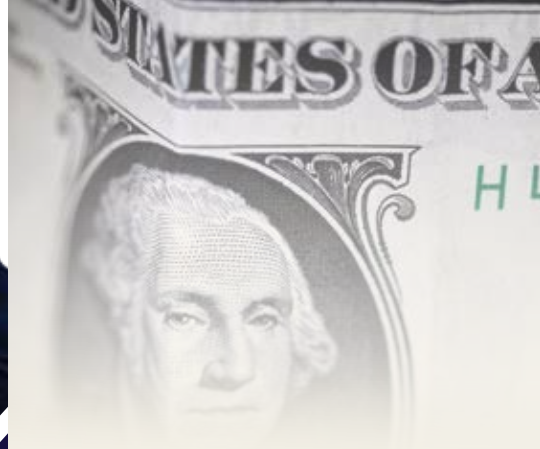


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# Biden Administration **FACING CHALLENGES** and **DWINDLING** **APPROVAL RATINGS**



**T**he Biden administration has been facing a series of challenges in recent months, resulting in dwindling approval ratings and a lack of enthusiasm from the public. When questioned about declining poll numbers and lack of public support, the White House initially denied these claims but eventually blamed various external factors for the administration's troubles.

The White House cited the ongoing pandemic and the Russia/Ukraine conflict as major issues that President Biden has had to deal with since taking office. However, Biden's own policies may be at fault for the current state of the country.

The White House attempts to highlight Biden's accomplishments, including the passing of the American Rescue Plan and the creation of 15 million jobs. However, these achievements have been offset by the administration's excessive spending, which has resulted in rampant inflation and financial struggles for American families.

Despite White House attempts to downplay the severity of the situation, more and more Americans are losing faith in the president and his leadership. According to recent CNN polling, Biden's approval ratings are at an "absolutely disaster" level.

Furthermore, Biden is losing ground in key swing states, which adds to the growing doubts about his presidency.

The White House's evasive responses and attempts to deflect blame only add to the public's frustration and disappointment with the current state of the nation. It is becoming increasingly clear that Biden's policies and decisions are causing more harm than good.

The American public has shown time and again that they will hold their leaders accountable for their actions, and it is likely that the declining poll numbers and lack of enthusiasm are just the beginning of the consequences the Biden administration may face.

As the country continues to grapple with the aftermath of the pandemic and economic struggles, the Biden administration must take responsibility for its actions and work toward finding solutions that benefit the American people. Empty promises, deflection, and blame-shifting will only further erode the public's trust in the government and its leaders.

Only time will tell if the Biden administration will be able to turn things around and regain the confidence of the American people. But for now, it is clear that there are many challenges ahead, and it is up to the Biden administration to address them in a transparent and effective manner. ❧

## **NEW POLLS SHOW VOTERS WANT A STRONG ECONOMY**

**W**hile climate change gets a lot of attention from media and politicians, voters rank it fairly low on their concerns, according to a new survey.

The American Energy Alliance (AEA) and the Committee to Unleash Prosperity recently sponsored a survey of 1,600 likely voters equally divided among eight "battleground states" of Georgia, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Arizona, Nevada, Michigan, Missouri, and Ohio.

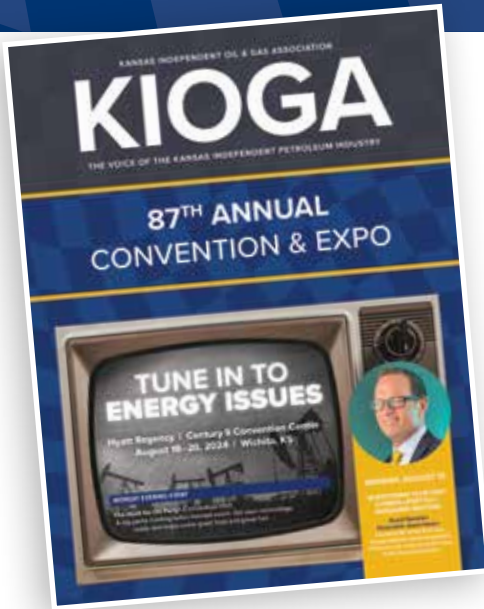
Of those surveyed, only 3% say that climate change is the most pressing issue facing the U.S. right now, and less than 3% of Republicans polled said climate change is the most pressing issue.

The top issues for 39% of voters are the economy and inflation. Of those polled, 49% of Republicans consider the economy and inflation to be the most pressing issues the country faces.

The survey also asked respondents how much they would personally be willing to spend annually to address global warming. For all those surveyed, the median amount was \$10, and the average was \$371. ❧

# Tune In to Energy Issues

## KIOGA 2024 Annual Convention & Expo



**I**n this incredibly challenging time, filled with anxiety about energy policy, political concerns, and uncertain market dynamics, KIOGA invites you to attend our 2024 Annual Convention & Expo as we **“Tune In to Energy Issues”** and proudly enter our 87<sup>th</sup> year. Each year, KIOGA’s Annual Convention & Expo brings together industry leaders, expert practitioners, and policymakers. This year’s convention is no exception, but in this challenging year, attending this year’s convention is more important than ever! We need to hear how these issues, concerns, and challenges affect you and your business.

An outstanding program has been developed, offering you excellent speakers and entertainment. Come join us on **August 18–20, 2024**, at the **Hyatt Regency/Century II Performing Arts & Convention Center in Wichita, Kansas**, for the Kansas Independent Oil & Gas Association (KIOGA) 87<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention & Expo. With a strong representation of exceptional speakers,

panel discussions, seminars, and exhibitors, the KIOGA 2024 Annual Convention & Expo is gearing up to continue its reputation as the leading oil and gas event in Kansas. Whether you are an industry veteran or just starting your career, the KIOGA 2024 Annual Convention & Expo is a can’t-miss event! Register today and take advantage of all the convention has to offer.

### Keynote Speaker



KIOGA is pleased to announce that **Jason Isaac** will be our featured keynote speaker for the 87<sup>th</sup> KIOGA Annual

Convention and Expo to be held at the Hyatt Regency/Century II in Wichita, Kansas, on August 18–20, 2024.

Jason Isaac (the Carbon King) is the founder and CEO of the American Energy Institute and a Distinguished Fellow for Life: Powered at the Texas Public Policy Foundation. He has appeared live on Fox News, Fox Business, CNN, and other national news shows, and his commentaries have been published in Fox Business, The Hill, The Washington Examiner, The Daily Caller, and more.

Isaac is a fourth-generation native Texan elected four times as a state representative. He was repeatedly honored for his commitment to limited government and proved to be an effective leader, excelling at both advocating for conservative principles and working across the aisle to find responsible solutions.



The American Energy Institute represents energy producers across the U.S., all with one united goal: spreading the message of

abundant, reliable, and affordable energy to help Americans live longer and live better. The American Energy Institute exists to inform the national discussion about energy and the environment, as well as advocate for policies that promote economic freedom and advance the human condition.

### Convention Opening Activities

KIOGA’s 87<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention will kick off on Sunday afternoon, August 18, with the KIOGA Board of Directors and General Membership Meeting.



Sunday evening is the *Chairman’s reception* for all to enjoy and visit.

Help us congratulate Dana Wreath on a job well done during his first year as KIOGA Chair. In addition, you can enjoy the music of the *William Flynn Trio*.

For the 25<sup>th</sup> year in a row, KIOGA is excited to host our two-day trade show and Expo on August 18 and 19. The trade show will be located in the Expo Hall. The trade show will kick off on Sunday, August 18, beginning at 4:00 p.m. with cocktails and open bars throughout the trade show. Make sure you visit the exhibitor booths to see the latest products and services available to the oil and gas industry!

### Buffet Breakfast in the Expo Hall

On Monday morning (August 19), we are excited to provide a buffet breakfast for all meeting registrants in the exhibitor area of Expo Hall. Come enjoy breakfast, stop by exhibitor booths, visit with other producers and friends, and enjoy yourself.

## Morning Seminars



Following breakfast, the morning seminars include a Congressional Panel discussion of federal issues important for independent oil and natural gas producers. The panel discussion, titled **“The Changing Face of Energy Policy,”**



will look at priority energy issues that impact you and your business. Panelists include **U.S. Sen. Roger Marshall, M.D.; Kansas 4<sup>th</sup> District Congressman Ron Estes;** and **Kansas 1<sup>st</sup> District Congressman Tracey Mann.**



The panel discussion will be moderated by **Edward Cross**, KIOGA President. Audience members are encouraged to come prepared to ask questions of the panelists.

A concurrent morning session will see **Jarod Pratt** and **Tom Burghardt** of Nitro Lift Technologies discuss how nanotechnologies can improve oil and natural gas production in a presentation titled **Energy, Enhanced Performance for Fracs, Frac Protect, and Completions with NanoFluid.**

## Afternoon Seminars



Following the luncheon plenary session, the afternoon sessions will include two concurrent presentations. **James D. Elliott** (Spilman Thomas & Battle), the lead attorney representing 22 small independent oil and gas producer associations (including KIOGA) in a legal challenge of the new EPA oil and gas methane rule, will discuss the new EPA oil and gas methane rule and what the coalition of small oil and gas associations are doing going forward.

A concurrent seminar titled **Navigating the New KGS Oil and Gas Mapper** will see **Ken Nelson** (Associate Director for GIS & IT, Kansas Geological Survey) and **Katy Bream** (Senior Data and Information Manager, Kansas Geological Survey) present the



new KGS oil and gas mapper going live this fall.

## Spouse Auxiliary Events



For those who do not plan on attending the morning seminars or the lunch with the keynote speaker, you will want to make it a point to join us for the spouse auxiliary events. This will be a fun event that will showcase local businesses in Wichita. The event starts at 9:30 a.m. Monday, August 19, and includes a themed brunch, complete with optional mimosas or wine, and a dessert bar with hometown local bakeries. Local businesses that handcraft or create their own products will provide presentations and samples of their products.

## Monday Evening Events

Monday evening events begin with a cocktail party in **the Connecting Lobby** from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.



**“The Hunt for Oil Party!”** is the theme for KIOGA’s 87<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention Monday evening function held in the Convention Hall from 7:00 p.m.–9:30 p.m. Gather your hunting party and come in your camo because the hunt is on! Enjoy a beast feast, including “critters on a stick” and plenty of other delicious food and drinks. Come for a fun evening to relax and visit with friends!



## Golf - Sporting Clays - Bingo

The Annual Golf Tournament will begin Tuesday, August 20. The tournament will be held at the **Crestview Country Club** using both the North and South Course. Dress code for the courses requires collared shirts, no jeans or jean shorts, and no metal spikes. For non-golfers, a sporting clays tournament will be held at **Michael Murphy & Sons Sporting Clays** in Augusta, Kansas. Come and enjoy fun prizes at Tuesday’s Bingo Bash at the Hyatt Regency Riverview Room at 11:00 a.m.



## Register Today!

Registering for the KIOGA Annual Convention in Wichita is one of many steps you can take to build your relationship with KIOGA. For 87 years, KIOGA has been recognized as the “Voice of the Kansas Independent Petroleum Industry” and has been your government relations branch in Topeka and Washington. There is no better way to hear first-hand about the latest efforts KIOGA has been involved in to help build your business than by attending the KIOGA Annual Convention in Wichita on August 18–20. The KIOGA Annual Convention offers an ideal forum to meet with KIOGA and other industry leaders and discuss the issues that impact you most.

Our 87<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention will unite independent producers and oil and gas industry representatives to share ideas, network with peers, participate in thought-provoking sessions, and hear updates on KIOGA’s activities. Make plans to join us on August 18–20 to visit exhibitor booths, listen to speakers and seminars, visit with other producers and friends, and just enjoy yourself! Register today, and let KIOGA help you build your future and your business. We look forward to seeing you there! ⚡

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# EXHIBITOR CONTRACT

- I. The undersigned (Lessee) hereby applies for commercial rate exhibit space at the 2024 Meeting of the Kansas Independent Oil & Gas Association (KIOGA), to be held at the Hyatt Regency Wichita, Kansas, August 18–20, 2024. The meeting is conducted by the Kansas Independent Oil & Gas Association. All payments, correspondence, notifications and other communications to KIOGA concerning the subject matter of this application and contract shall be sent to Edward Cross at ed@kioga.org or KIOGA, 800 SW Jackson Street, Suite #1400, Topeka, KS 66612
- II. Lessee payments must be made in full. Please email ed@kioga.org to receive advance invoice.
- III. 60 days prior to August 18, 2024, KIOGA will email to the Lessee a copy of the 2024 KIOGA Annual Meeting information listed below.
  - Floor plan with booth locations
  - General Information
  - Important deadlines and dates
  - Important information
  - Registration form
  - Work authorization and request form

The enclosed documents (Additional Contract Provisions) are specially made terms of this contract. The Lessee agrees that, upon receipt of manual, they will read through the provisions, and, if any provision is not acceptable, the Lessee will send written notification by certified mail to KIOGA. If such written notice is not received by KIOGA within 30 days from the receipt of the contract provisions by the Lessee, this contract shall become irrevocable and shall be in full force and effect, except as set forth in Paragraph 5, below. In the event the Lessee notifies KIOGA of any unacceptable provision in the Additional Contract Provisions within the time provided for herein, then this contract shall be terminated and KIOGA shall immediately refund all sums paid by the Lessee pursuant to this contract.

IV. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, if this application and contract, signed by the Lessee, is received by KIOGA less than **60 days prior to August 18, 2024**, then, in such event, the Lessee shall be deemed to have agreed, by the execution of this application and contract, to all of the terms of the Additional Contract Provisions, although the Lessee may not be familiar with or aware of any or all of the Additional Contract Provisions. In such event, none of the provisions concerning termination of this agreement after submission of the original

application and contract to KIOGA, shall be irrevocable, except as set forth in Paragraph 5, below, and all exhibit space rental fees shall be paid with the submission of this application and contract.

- V. This contract may be cancelled by either party without penalty **on or before June 15, 2024**, by giving notice in writing to the other. KIOGA reserves the right to cancel or terminate this contract at any time and to withhold possession of exhibit space if the Lessee fails to perform on any condition of this contract or refuses to abide by the Additional Contract Provisions. In the event of cancellation by either party on or before June 15, 2024 this agreement shall become null and void, and any rental fees paid will be refunded only if the cancelled space(s) can be resold and all other booth space on the final floor plan is sold for the exhibition. A cancellation fee of 20% of the total cost of the space requested will be assessed on all refunds resulting from the cancellation **after June 15, 2024**.
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- VII. Lessee reads and abides by the important information on page 2.

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**Installation and Dismantling of Exhibits:** Move-in may begin at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, August 17, 2024. All large crates must be removed from the exhibit area by 2:00 p.m. Sunday, August 18. Dismantling of exhibits may begin at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, August 19, 2023.

Exhibits will officially open to registrants on Sunday, August 18, and will close on Monday, August 19, 2024. The hours are as follows:

**Sunday, August 18** 4:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.  
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**Deductibility of Fees:** Space rental and sponsorship monies paid to KIOGA may be deductible as ordinary and necessary business expenses. They are not deductible as contributions or gifts for federal income tax purposes.

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**Additional information:** Not less than 60 days before the general move-in date of the meeting, KIOGA will email the Lessee the Exhibitor service Manual containing order forms for booth furnishings, additional draping and accessories, custom signs, telephone services, utility services, and skilled labor.

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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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### SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

|                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| 2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. | <b>KIOGA Board of Directors &amp; General Membership Meeting</b> |
| 4:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. | <b>Trade Show</b>  |
| 7:00 p.m.–9:30 p.m. | <b>Chairman’s Reception</b>                                      |

### MONDAY, AUGUST 19

|                       |                               |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| 7:00 a.m.             | <b>Registration</b>           |
| 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.   | <b>Trade Show</b>             |
| 8:00 a.m.–9:30 a.m.   | <b>Buffet Breakfast</b>       |
| 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.   | <b>Spouse Auxiliary Event</b> |
| 10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m. | <b>Morning Seminars</b>       |
| 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. | <b>Dylan’s Oasis</b>          |
| 12:30 p.m.–2:00 p.m.  | <b>Membership Luncheon</b>    |
| 3:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.   | <b>Afternoon Seminars</b>     |
| 5:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.   | <b>Cocktail Party</b>         |
| 7:00 p.m.–9:30 p.m.   | <b>The Hunt for Oil Party</b> |

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

|                      |  |
|----------------------|--|
| 8:00 a.m.            | <b>Annual Golf Tournament</b><br>Crestview Country Club<br>7:00 a.m. – Registration<br>8:00 a.m. – Shotgun start |
| 8:00 a.m.            | <b>Sporting Clays Tournament –<br/>Michael Murphy &amp; Sons Sporting Clays</b><br>8:00 a.m. – Registration      |
| 11:00 a.m.–1:30 p.m. | <b>Bingo Bash</b><br>The Riverview Room at the Hyatt   |



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# COALITION OF INDUSTRY PARTNERS CHALLENGE EPA'S ELECTRIC VEHICLE MANDATE



Three industry lawsuits were filed on June 13 challenging the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) light-duty and medium-duty vehicle emissions standards for model years 2027–2033. The EPA finalized the misguided standards in March 2024.

These emissions standards are set to drastically reshape the automotive landscape by effectively banning most new gas cars and trucks within the next eight years.

“EPA has exceeded its congressional authority with this regulation that will eliminate most new gas cars and traditional hybrids from the U.S. market in less than a decade,” said Edward Cross, president of the Kansas Independent Oil & Gas Association (KIOGA). “We look forward to joining our partners to make our case in court against this intrusive government mandate.”

The petition filed with the D.C. Circuit Court brings together a diverse array of industry leaders. KIOGA President Edward Cross is an executive committee member of the Domestic Energy Producers Alliance (DEPA). DEPA filed a petition along with 12 more industry groups.

“At the core of it, EPA lacks the authority to impose restrictions on vehicles. Period. What they have done is not only restricting but also effectively banning the majority of new gas and diesel vehicles. Consequently, we are contesting the light-duty vehicle regulation in court. EPA regulations must not be used to undermine access to affordable gasoline vehicles or infringe upon consumers’ broader decision-making powers. Overturning this rule is imperative for the benefit of the American public and the security of our energy supply,” said Jerry Simmons, president and CEO of Domestic Energy Producers Alliance (DEPA)

Two other petitions were also filed by the American Petroleum Institute and a coalition of U.S. Biofuel producers. In total, 36 petitioners are represented among the three filings. ⚡



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# Where the Wild Things are

## Federal Affairs Update



The Kansas Independent Oil & Gas Association (KIOGA) continues to be engaged in addressing energy policy challenges. KIOGA President Edward Cross provided input to key federal policymakers in June on efforts to repeal the Biden administration's methane tax, concerns regarding collusion and price fixing in the oil industry, new efforts to overturn Biden's *Endangered Species Act* rulemakings, regulatory reforms to the *National Environmental Policy Act*, President Biden's fiscal year 2025 budget, national energy policy, energy tax issues, EPA oil and natural gas methane emission issues, and more. In addition to the Kansas Congressional Delegation, KIOGA has communicated with over 30 key federal policymakers (both Democrat and Republican) this year.

"We cannot be silent with this Congress," said Cross. "We must voice our concerns. The oil and gas industry has proven that, over the long term, it is possible to lead in energy production and environmental stewardship. The key is to avoid placing unnecessary political or legal obstacles in the way of innovation and expansion. American energy policies that value

innovation over regulation could turn energy policy challenges into great opportunities for economic growth and energy security. This approach is not just good business; it's good stewardship and a much better strategy for improving the quality of life for all."

### **Federal Legislation Defends U.S.**

#### **Energy Producers—Repeals Methane Tax**

Significant legislation was filed in late May in the U.S. Senate fighting the methane tax included in the Biden Administration's *Inflation Reduction Act*. The ill-conceived and unworkable methane tax will handicap technological innovation by producers, reduce supplies of affordable energy and increase both costs as well as emissions. Led by U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX) and U.S. Sen. Roger Marshall (R-KS), policymakers in Congress are working to eliminate the punitive tax that could place small independent oil and gas companies in jeopardy.

"President Biden and Biden officials have proven time and time again that they care more about their radical climate agenda than the needs of the American people. They have driven up inflation and jeopardized American jobs and energy security, all of which would be made significantly worse by the methane emissions fee in the *Inflation Reduction Act*. This fee will particularly harm Kansas by undermining producers across the state," said Senator Marshall.

Already, lawmakers in the U.S. House have agreed the methane tax should be repealed, and in the spring, they passed

legislation that will help stop the Biden administration's attacks on American energy and do away with the misguided energy tax.

KIOGA President Edward Cross spoke with federal policymakers in June, saying Biden's methane tax does nothing but make it harder to produce American-made energy while driving up costs. Congress must take action to repeal this looming regulatory disaster.

### **Congressional Democrat Leaders Want Oil Industry Probed for Price Fixing**

U.S. Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer (D-NY) and other democratic senators are asking the Justice Department to investigate alleged collusion and price fixing in the oil industry. The request came in a letter sent to Attorney General Merrick Garland and Assistant Attorney General Jonathan Kanter, who heads the DOJ's Antitrust Division. Three other Senate Democrats—Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota, Maria Cantwell of Washington, and Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts—joined Mr. Schumer in signing the letter. The letter references evidence uncovered by the Federal Trade Commission during its investigation of ExxonMobil's proposed acquisition of Pioneer Natural Resources that found Scott Sheffield, the founder and former CEO of Pioneer, colluded with the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries to reduce oil and gas output, driving up prices at the pump to inflate profits for his company.

The top Democrat on the U.S. House Energy and Commerce Committee wants

Republicans to convene a hearing on allegations that oil majors are engaging in illegal coordination to raise gas prices. The request from ranking member Frank Pallone (D-NJ) to Chair Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA), who represents the latest in a drumbeat of efforts from Democrats to blame higher prices at the pump on the actions of the fossil fuel industry—not Biden administration environmental policies.

Democrats are deploying a plan to deflect criticism that their party's policies are to blame for rising gasoline prices, just as summer travel season gets underway and pinning responsibility on Big Oil. Democrats are using well-worn talking points in an attempt to improve Biden's poll numbers.

KIOGA President Edward Cross met with members of the U.S. Senate Energy Committee and U.S. House Energy Committee in June to discuss the issue. Cross told policymakers that Americans are facing a consumer confidence crisis as costs continue to climb and inflation crushes peoples' pocketbooks. Unfortunately, to the detriment of the people, Biden and his progressive supporters are determined to use any agency, committee, or platform to discuss the energy sector at a time when we need them the most. All in the name of politics.

### **Manchin Keeps Energy Committee Chair After Exiting Democratic Party**



West Virginia Sen. Joe Manchin left the Democratic Party in June and registered as an independent,

further cementing his yearslong fallout with the party. Senator Manchin announced in a statement that he changed his voting registration to have no party affiliation.

“I have never seen America through a partisan lens,” he said in a statement announcing the switch. Senator Manchin plans to stay in the Senate Democratic Caucus, however, and keep his positions there, including as chair of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee. He is also a member of Democratic leadership and vice chair of the caucus's Policy and Communications Committee. Manchin said he “will continue to caucus with Democrats.”

The change comes as Senator Manchin has repeatedly clashed with Biden—and his former Democratic colleagues—over a host of matters, most prominently the implementation of the Inflation Reduction Act, Democrats' landmark climate law. Senator Manchin has also joined Republicans on numerous votes seeking to overturn the Biden administration's energy and climate actions.

### **New Efforts to Overturn Biden's ESA Rulemaking**

Three Congressional Review Act (CRA) resolutions were recently filed in the U.S. Senate seeking to block the Biden administration's recent reversal of key reforms to the Endangered Species Act (ESA) previously implemented by the Trump administration that increased stakeholder engagement, defined critical habitat, and ensured species' recovery plans were effective. The CRAs, introduced by U.S. Sens. Roger Marshall, M.D. (R-Kansas), Cynthia Lummis (R-Wyoming), Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska), and Pete Ricketts (R-Nebraska), would ensure the Trump-era rules, finalized in 2019, stay in place instead of being replaced by the new set of controversial ESA policies from federal regulators.



“Under President Trump, we made great strides to create common-sense reforms to the ESA that cut regulatory red

tape and still provided protections to threatened and endangered species,” said Senator Marshall. “Unfortunately, the Biden administration and the radical environmentalists he prioritizes won't rest until they have killed the agriculture, forestry, and energy industries. These rules do nothing to protect species but make it virtually impossible to do business.”

Through the proposed CRA resolutions, lawmakers are calling for the Interior Department's reinstatement of the “blanket rule” under Section 4(d) to be denied. This provision of the ESA automatically extended endangered-level protections to species listed only as threatened. Reforms that were accepted in 2019 eliminated the rule and instead required threatened species to be managed with specifically tailored plans. The Biden administration rule, meanwhile, reestablished the blanket rule, essentially treating all threatened species as endangered once again.

Moreover, the group of senators also hopes to reverse the Biden administration's changes to critical habitat regulations. The 2019 reforms allowed the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services (USFWS) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to research and share the economic impacts of a listing determination under the ESA and provided flexibility in defining critical habitat. Under the Biden updates, the agencies are no longer able to share or disseminate information on the economic impact of a listing, and unoccupied areas can be designated as critical habitats.

Finally, reforms made in 2019 to Section 7 established standards to ensure analysis for proposed actions is limited to only “activities that are reasonably certain to occur” instead of using hypothetical worst-case scenarios that were unlikely to happen. However, the Biden

administration eliminated this clarification, which could allow radical environmentalists to depart from the facts and cite such scenarios in calls for more sweeping regulations. Senators hope to return regulatory language for Section 7 back to its 2019 form to ensure the ESA is not an overly burdensome and ineffective statute.

### **States Sue Over Recent Regulatory Reforms to the National Environmental Policy Act**

Twenty states, including Kansas, recently filed a new lawsuit to stop changes to the *National Environmental Policy Act* (NEPA), which was finalized in April by the Biden administration. In their legal challenge, the states claim the White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), a division of the Executive Office of the President, made “illegal” revisions to NEPA that insert “many arbitrary mandates into the environmental review system with the foreseeable effect of delaying and foreclosing disfavored types of projects.” The group of states also argue mandates imposed with the latest NEPA reforms will create roadblocks to infrastructure development, increasing costs and delays that may force the cancellation of some projects altogether, while American families bear the brunt of higher building expenses. The mandate even injects undefined terms such as “environmental justice” and “Indigenous knowledge” into the approval process, adding further confusion and potential delays, the states contend.

“Through this final rule, the council seeks to turn back the clock and transform NEPA’s foundational purposes by undoing the modernizations and consolidation achieved in the 2020 regulations,” said the states in the legal challenge. “The final rule violates the plain language and purpose of NEPA, its legislative history, and binding precedent. The final rule also lacks reasoned basis in the

record and is otherwise arbitrary and capricious under the Administrative Procedure Act (“APA”), 5 U.S.C. §§ 701 et seq. 11. The final rule will add complexities and significantly exacerbate delays in the NEPA process and work against NEPA’s goal of encouraging balanced public engagement. Also, it will create increased costs that further impede or even preclude critically needed projects of importance to plaintiff states with any federal nexus. In doing so, the final rule countermands, rather than implements, improvements to the NEPA process that Congress enacted less than a year ago in the *2023 Fiscal Responsibility Act* (FRA). It also frustrates recent federal laws like the *2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law*, the *2022 Inflation Reduction Act*, and the *2023 FRA*, all aimed at timely delivery of needed infrastructure. The final rule’s injection of ambiguity, new requirements, and unbounded agency discretion will also needlessly foster more development-crippling litigation by opportunistic project opponents using NEPA as a convenient tool to challenge federal agency approvals. The result [is] undue federal interference with the states’ sovereign and economic interests in the stewardship and development of critical projects and their respective natural resources.”

**“WE CANNOT BE SILENT WITH THIS CONGRESS,” SAID CROSS. “WE MUST VOICE OUR CONCERNS.”**

As a result, the coalition of states is asking the courts to vacate the Biden administration’s final NEPA rule, remand it to the CEQ, enjoin the CEQ from enforcing its final rule, and reinstate the 2020 NEPA rule. Last year, a coalition of 24 states, including Kansas, sent a letter to the White House opposing the Biden administration’s then-proposed second phase of the

NEPA rule. At the time, the states said the CEQ’s NEPA reforms were “a dramatic example of federal and administrative overreach” that went “far beyond CEQ’s delegated authority.” Because the NEPA revisions would increase regulatory uncertainty, impose more costs with little benefit, and exceed CEQ’s authority in a way that would be harmful to broad and beneficial infrastructure development, state leaders demanded that the administration withdraw its proposed NEPA rule.

### **Going Forward**

Good advocacy requires quality analytical work, and KIOGA continually updates our fact sheets and reference material. In preparation for meetings with key policymakers, KIOGA continually revises our fact sheets, white papers, and reference material. Among the topics addressed are:

- The role of independent oil and natural gas producers in the U.S.
- How oil and natural gas are explored and brought to development.
- The importance of capital and the need for tax policy that supports American development, namely the preservation of percentage depletion and IDCs.
- The importance of small businesses that produce American oil that offsets the need for foreign oil.
- The facts about emissions and more.

The bottom line is we still have many challenges ahead of us. KIOGA will continue our vigilant efforts to reach across party lines to work with those in both parties who understand the significance of small independent producers to America’s well-being. We have made tremendous efforts, but the battle is far from over. We will continue to our industry’s case directly to those in Congress throughout 2024 and beyond. ✦



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# WHAT A **SECOND TRUMP PRESIDENCY** COULD MEAN FOR **U.S. ENERGY POLICY**

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hat would a second Trump presidency look like for U.S. energy policy? Reuters researched and published their findings on this question. This is what they found.



The former U.S. President Donald Trump would seek to undo much of the Biden administration's work to fight climate change if he returns to office after November's election and launch new efforts to expand fossil fuel production.

President Biden's signature climate law is nearly two years old, and its future remains uncertain. The Biden administration is facing election-year pressure from progressives to move more quickly to phase out fossil fuels at a time when the U.S. has become an oil and natural gas superpower. At the same time, conservatives and former President Donald Trump are threatening to gut the law and its hundreds of billions of dollars in clean energy spending if they take back power in Washington. Trump has repeatedly attacked Biden's green initiatives, especially the spending on wind power and electric cars. In a recent campaign appearance, he vowed to "impose an immediate moratorium on all new spending, grants and giveaways" contained in "socialist bills like the so-called Inflation Reduction Act."

What would a second Trump presidency mean for U.S. energy policy? Here are some of the likely moves:

## **METHANE FEE**

A Trump White House would likely attempt to scrap an incoming rule from the Environmental Protection Agency to charge the oil and gas industry a \$900–\$1500-per-ton fee for methane emissions. The measure was adopted as a way to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases but faces stiff resistance from drillers and pipeline companies.

## **MORE DRILLING**

A second Trump administration would likely redo the U.S. Interior Department's five-year offshore oil and gas leasing

program to expand the size and scope of drilling auctions. Biden's administration drew up the existing plan with a record low number of auctions as part of its broader efforts to usher in a transition to cleaner energy sources.

If Republicans control Congress after November's elections, a second Trump administration may also move to sell off more federal land to states that want to boost mineral, oil, and gas extraction.

## **WITHDRAW FROM PARIS DEAL**

Trump's campaign has promised to once again pull the U.S. out of a disastrous international pact to combat climate change. Trump withdrew the U.S. from the Paris Deal during his first term, but Biden quickly reversed the move after he was elected and has attempted since to establish U.S. leadership in global climate efforts.

## **ELECTRIC VEHICLE MANDATES**

A new Trump presidency would likely direct the Environmental Protection Agency to revisit vehicle efficiency standards that are designed to push automakers to transition more quickly to producing battery-powered cars and trucks this decade. In June, Trump told assembled lawmakers in Washington that "the whole mandate toward battery and electric is crazy." Trump said that if he takes the White House in November, he plans to entirely reverse Biden's EV policies.

## **INFLATION REDUCTION ACT CLIMATE TAX BREAKS**

Trump would also likely look for ways to scrap the tax breaks in Biden's roughly \$400 billion climate legislation, the IRA, so the money could be used for other purposes like funding extensions of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which is set to expire in 2025. But getting this done will depend on whether Republicans control both the House and Senate after November's elections.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCIES CUTS**

A new Trump presidency would likely make significant cuts to environmental agencies. When talking about wasteful government programs that he would slash, Trump said in June that "environmental agencies" were on the chopping block. "There are so many things you can do," said Trump. "One of the things that is so bad for us is the environmental agencies. They make it impossible to do anything." ❧

# THE SKY IS FALLING

**W**hen are we going to run out of energy? You don't hear that as much as you used to since those who know best are working to plug up all our energy sources anyway.

We should have 227 years of available oil, 130 years of natural gas, and almost 500 years of coal. Those are predictions from the Institute for Energy Research (IER), an energy-focused think tank based upon free market principles.

Chicken Little predictions of energy depletion are a ruse to push for alternatives," said the IER. "First, they said, we don't have the resources. We're big consumers, but we don't have the energy. So, we have to get off of the resource. Then it became evident and clear that that was not the case."

In 2023, the U.S. was the biggest energy producer in the world, putting out 13 million barrels of oil per day. And that's even after the Biden regime throttled production early in 2021. ❄

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|               | OIL  | NATURAL GAS  | COAL  |
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|               | <b>Proved Reserves</b><br>163 billion barrels            | <b>Proved Reserves</b><br>87 trillion cubic feet               | <b>Proved Reserves</b><br>7.3 billion short tons          |
| Mexico        | <b>In Place</b><br>418 billion barrels                   | <b>In Place</b><br>2.266 quadrillion cubic feet                | <b>In Place</b><br>3.31 billion short tons                |
|               | <b>Technically Recoverable</b><br>30.6 billion barrels   | <b>Technically Recoverable</b><br>577 trillion cubic feet      | <b>Technically Recoverable</b><br>1.33 billion short tons |
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# MEETING THE CHALLENGE:

## Participate in the KIOGA Legislative Contact Volunteer Program!

**T**he Kansas Independent Oil & Gas Association (KIOGA) is making a positive difference and creating value for the Kansas oil and gas industry. Our goal is not to be the biggest industry association, just the most effective, and the key to that is value-added participation.



The 2025 Kansas legislative session may generate many issues that will affect KIOGA members. We must support those legislative candidates who understand the value provided by the oil and gas industry to the economy of Kansas. The core focus of KIOGA's work at the State-house has been on protecting the Kansas oil and gas industry from increased costs

while also defending industry gains made in recent years. KIOGA's 2025 legislative goals will most likely resemble those of the past few years and focus on minimizing the impacts of negative legislative assaults on the independent oil and gas industry and optimizing legislative targets of opportunities. More specific legislative goals will be evaluated later this year.

KIOGA has initiated our Legislative Contact Volunteer Program. The program is designed to provide financial support to pro-oil and -natural gas political candidates, primarily in tight races where funding can make a difference. The program also targets political candidates who serve in leadership roles and/or serve on legislative committees of primary concern to the oil and gas industry.

KIOGA members play a vital role in our efforts to improve government relations. Our industry is sure to face significant challenges in the years ahead. Providing financial support to political candidates who share our goals for responsible oil and natural gas development and serve in leadership and/or on key legislative committees is vital.

Several anti-oil and -natural gas development groups provide financial support to political candidates who either support or are open to supporting their anti-oil and -natural gas ideas. We must support those candidates who listen, understand, and support the needs and concerns of the independent oil and natural gas industry. Candidates who share our goals are often your own legislators but may also be legislators from other districts around the state. Your specific legislator may or may not serve on the key legislative committees that many oil and natural gas issues come before. Financially supporting pro-oil and -natural gas legislators builds positive relationships and strengthens



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KIOGA's government relations efforts. In addition, our legislative friends espouse our positions during caucuses when legislators discuss issues and bills concerning our industry. We must financially support those legislators who are open to our concerns, wherever they live in Kansas.

By making a modest financial contribution to key legislators identified by KIOGA, we can make a difference! KIOGA looks at many factors when evaluating candidates. We look beyond the candidates' voting record on the floor and watch how they vote in their committees on energy issues important for oil and gas producers. We also look at the leadership roles of the candidates and the competitiveness of the candidate's campaign. Personal visits with candidates also help determine a candidate's position and understanding of oil and gas issues.

KIOGA supported 48 state candidates during the last election cycle, providing financial support to pro-oil and -natural gas candidates, of which 45 were successful. KIOGA also supported candidates in leadership roles. During the last election cycle, KIOGA's support had a success rate of nearly 94%. KIOGA members and staff participate in several events for state candidates during the election cycle. Our participation allows us the opportunity to interact with candidates and educate them on issues of importance to our industry. Many senators and representatives have expressed their sincere appreciation to KIOGA for the financial support and manner in which we assign the responsibility to our members.

KIOGA will continue to work to ensure the voice of the Kansas independent petroleum industry is heard. KIOGA's involvement will help support elected officials and decision-makers who share the goals for responsible oil and gas development to build a safer and more secure energy future. Watch for your opportunity to participate in this year's Legislative Contact Volunteer Program, or contact KIOGA at 785-232-7772 to express your wish to be included as a participant in the program. By working together, we can make a difference! ✂

# PRO-FREEDOM POLICY for CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions

**T**he Kansas Independent Oil & Gas Association (KIOGA) continues to work to educate state and federal policymakers and the public on many important energy issues and concerns. One of the issues we discuss is carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions. The following is a narrative KIOGA developed and uses when discussing carbon emissions.

America is taking a “punish America” approach to reducing CO<sub>2</sub>, making our energy more expensive and less reliable, while China, Russia, and others increase their emissions.

The only moral and practical way to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions is through innovations that make low-carbon energy globally cost-competitive. So long as fossil fuels are the most cost-competitive option for people, especially in developing nations, they will (rightly) choose to emit CO<sub>2</sub>.

The U.S. causes less than 1/6 of global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions—and that is falling. The main reason global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are rising is because billions of people in the developing world are bringing themselves out of poverty by using fossil fuels to power factories, farms, and vehicles.

The developing world overwhelmingly uses fossil fuels because that is by far the lowest-cost way for them to get reliable energy. Unreliable solar and wind can’t come close. That’s why China and India have hundreds of new coal plants in development.

The only way to lower CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and benefit America is to promote innovations that make low-carbon energy truly reliable and low-cost. Are China and India going to stop using fossil fuels so long as they are the lowest-cost option? They won’t, and they shouldn’t.

Fortunately, there are low-carbon energy technologies with great promise. For example, nuclear energy provided low-cost, reliable electricity in the 1960s and 1970s and has shown great promise for the future for providing industrial process heat as well as power for heavy-duty transportation.

What promising low-carbon energy technologies need, above all else, to become cost-competitive is freedom to innovate. Entrepreneurs need to be free to rapidly test, implement, and evolve their ideas.

Instead of low-carbon energy evolving to become more cost-effective than fossil fuels, we are seeing huge government preferences for solar and wind “solutions” that make electricity more expensive and less reliable.

Our ineffective and self-destructive approach to low-carbon energy has two main causes:

1. Unquestioning obedience to the antidevelopment “green energy” movement.
2. The false view that rising CO<sub>2</sub> levels are a “climate emergency” requiring desperate crash measures.

Low-carbon energy policy has been dominated by the “green energy” movement. This movement is hostile to all development because of development’s impact on nature and is, therefore, hostile to every form of cost-effective energy.

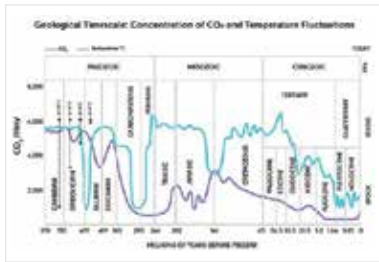
The antidevelopment “green energy” movement’s enthusiastic support for solar and wind is phony. Just as it opposes fossil fuels, nuclear, and hydro for their impact, it also opposes the massive mining, construction, and transmission-line building that “green energy” requires.

Low-carbon energy policy has also failed because it has been dominated by the false idea that the climate impact of rising CO<sub>2</sub> levels from fossil fuel use constitutes a “climate emergency” requiring desperate programs that inevitably punish America.

The latest example of the desperate approach to CO<sub>2</sub> reduction was the Inflation Reduction Act, which was rushed through Congress without any real discussion—and which in practice will enrich the green lobby while devastating our grid.

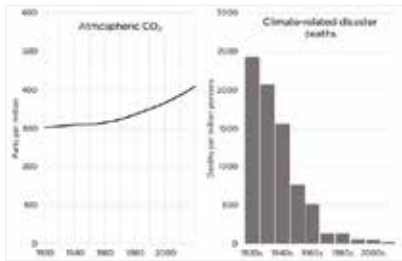
While “climate change” is real, “climate emergency” is not. The world is slowly becoming warmer—at a cold point in geological history, when many more people die of cold than of heat. This does not justify rapidly restricting global fossil fuel use.

The truth is that fossil fuels’ CO<sub>2</sub> emissions have contributed to the warming of the last 170 years, but that warming has been a mild 1° C, mostly in the colder parts of the world. Life on Earth thrived (and was far greener) when CO<sub>2</sub> levels were at least five times higher than today’s.



Fossil fuels actually keep us far safer from climate by providing low-cost energy to the amazing machines that protect us against storms and extreme temperatures and

alleviate drought. Climate disaster deaths have decreased by 98% over the last century.



So long as America follows the antidevelopment “green energy” movement and the “climate emergency” narrative, it will continue to adopt

senseless policies that punish America while doing nothing to bring about globally cost-competitive low-carbon energy.

## “ THE ONLY WAY TO LOWER CO<sub>2</sub> EMISSIONS AND BENEFIT AMERICA IS TO PROMOTE INNOVATIONS THAT MAKE LOW-CARBON ENERGY TRULY RELIABLE AND LOW-COST.

The only moral and practical way to reduce emissions long-term is by liberating innovations that make low-carbon energy globally cost-competitive—while ending all policies that punish America via rapid, short-term emissions reduction. Some key policies:

- **Reject the false idea of “climate emergency.”**

Our government’s disastrous anti-fossil fuel policies are justified by the disastrous conflation of “climate impact,” which is real, with “climate emergency,” which is not, given today’s unprecedented safety from climate danger.

- **Withdraw from the Paris Agreement and encourage others to do the same.**

The Paris Agreement is an immoral agreement that calls for rapidly eliminating fossil fuels, which are the only near-term way to provide reliable energy for billions of people at prices they can afford.

- **Reject and eliminate all carbon taxes.**

Carbon taxes increase our energy costs based on the false premise that the “negative externalities” of fossil fuels’ CO<sub>2</sub> emissions outweigh the “positive externalities” of the uniquely low-cost, reliable energy they provide for billions.

- **Amend the Clean Air Act to explicitly reject the bogus “endangerment finding.”**

Much of today’s “punish America” CO<sub>2</sub> policy is rooted in EPA’s “endangerment finding,” which treats fossil fuel use as a net harm to “public health and welfare” even though it radically improves both.

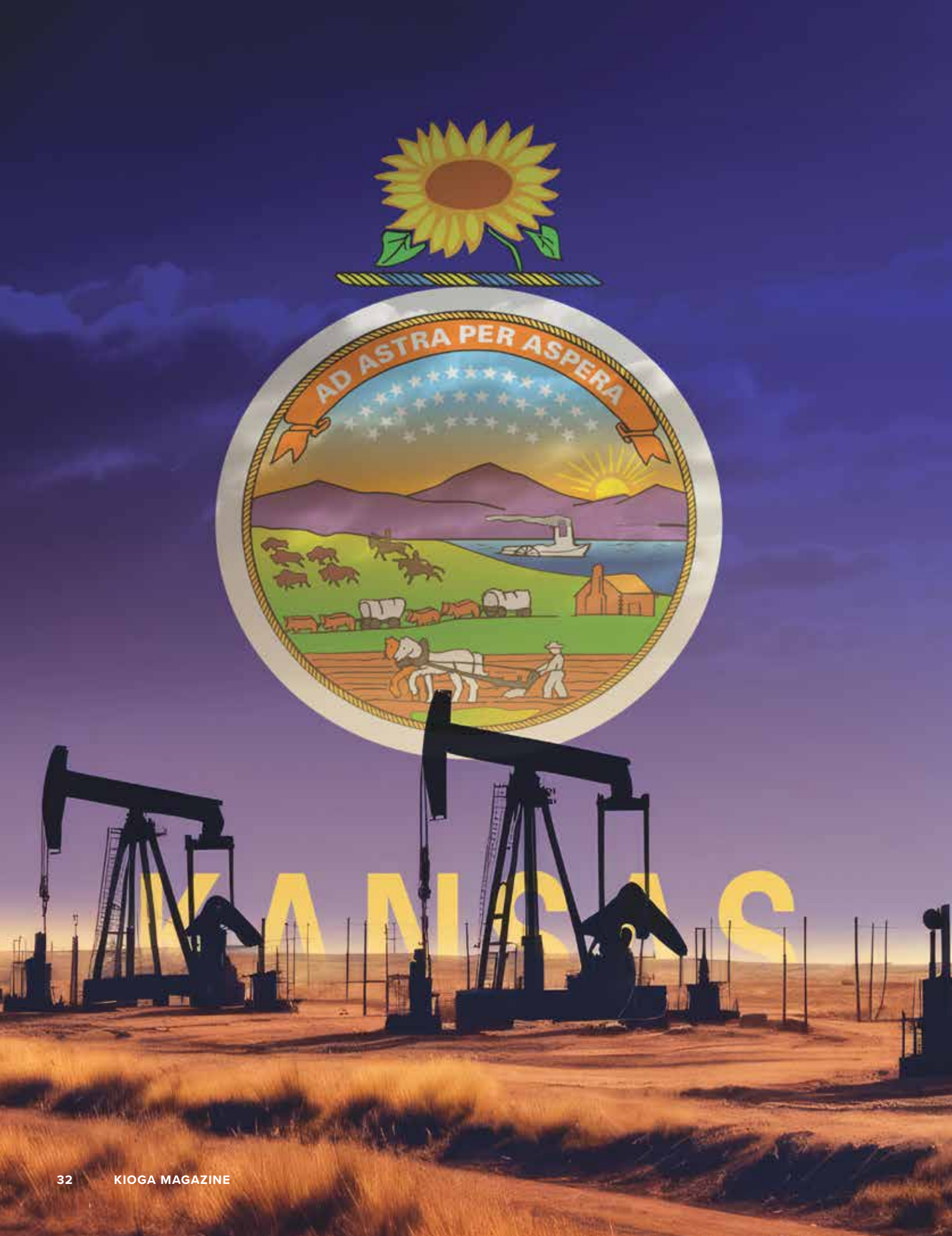
- **Decriminalize nuclear energy.**

The overregulation of low-carbon nuclear verges on criminalization, making nuclear costs 10 times higher than they need to be. Decriminalizing nuclear, including radical reform of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and Environmental Protection Agency, will make energy far cheaper, safer, and cleaner.

- **End all preferences for unreliable electricity.**

Today’s electric grids are being ruined by systemic preferences for unreliable electricity, which causes prices to rise and reliability to decline. Eliminating them can help make America a leader in low-cost, reliable electricity. ⚡





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# KIOGA'S IMPORTANT ROLE IN SHAPING ENERGY POLICY IN KANSAS



The Kansas Independent Oil & Gas Association's (KIOGA's) reputation and role in shaping energy policy in Kansas has never been stronger. Our impact has much to do with the strength and influence of our members. Edelman, a global communications firm, recently completed an annual trust and credibility survey. The research consists of 30-minute interviews and samples from more than 32,000 respondents across 28 countries.

**T**he 2023 Edelman Barometer survey found that distrust is now society's default emotion. Nearly six in ten individuals say their default tendency is to distrust something until they see evidence to the contrary. However, when asked what institutions they trust—the respondents overwhelmingly said that businesses are once again the most trusted. Further, 77% of respondents say they trust “my employer,” making the relationship between employer and employee incredibly important. The research also found that the business community must lead in breaking the cycle of distrust that exists in our society. Across every single issue—regardless of philosophical disagreements—by a large margin, people want more engagement on the part of private business, not less.

The demand for engagement and leadership by private businesses has never been higher, and we must recognize that our societal role—to meet the challenge and lead with vision—is here to stay. KIOGA will continue to be the leading advocate for our state's oil and gas industry and ensure the voice of the Kansas oil and gas industry is heard at the statehouse in Topeka and Washington, D.C.

## Value of KIOGA Membership

The value of an effective oil and gas association cannot be underestimated. Often, the advocacy value of an association is not only what the association gets passed legislatively but also what harmful legislation/policy the association stops. Over the last three years, KIOGA has helped pass some good legislation and stopped numerous bad legislations/policies. We identified and valued 22 actions that KIOGA spearheaded over the last 3three years. Those actions saved the Kansas oil and gas industry over \$52 million annually. The net present value of those savings is significant for the industry. The NPV<sub>15</sub> was \$233 million, while NPV<sub>10</sub> was \$277 million. These estimates likely underestimate the savings that KIOGA provides our members as there have been significantly more than 22 actions that KIOGA engaged in over the last three years.



## Your Membership Makes a Difference!

KIOGA has always believed that the key to building an outstanding organization was in developing proactive programs that met the needs of our members. At the same time, we have never forgotten that our primary priority is to advocate for the Kansas oil and gas industry. KIOGA continues to develop a strong voice through our membership growth and has created a government relations program that is second to none. Our track record reflects our emphasis on results.

## “ KIOGA IS AN INVESTMENT IN OUR ENERGY FUTURE.

After 87-plus years, KIOGA continues to be a determined advocate committed to defending our industry against anti-oil and -natural gas sentiment and onerous policies focused on weakening this important industry. KIOGA takes our charge seriously and pursues excellence on your behalf each day. KIOGA is an investment in our energy future.

If you are not a member of KIOGA, we encourage you to join. Through KIOGA, you can play a significant role in our efforts to win the political battles in Topeka and Washington, D.C., as well as the public relations battle in the court of public opinion. Join us today. Your membership does make a difference! ✂

# A **SNAPSHOT OF THREATS** to America's Independent Oil and Natural Gas Producers

## REGULATIONS AND PROPOSALS

The Biden administration has created significant regulatory and permitting obstacles to delay or halt the efficient and timely production of American Oil and natural gas resources. As a result, American explorers and producers have been hindered in developing vital energy resources at a time when the U.S. and the world need them most.

### Environmental Protection Agency

#### Clean Air Act

- Methane Regulations
- Subpart OOOOb/c
- Marginal wells at risk

#### Methane Tax

- EPA capturing smaller producers and marginal wells within the scope of the new requirements—statute clearly intends to exempt marginal wells and small producers from the law.
- Need reasonable definition of “facilities”
- Using Subpart W as the basis for calculating the Methane Tax—something never contemplated in the Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program

#### Clean Water Act

- Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) Rule
- Nationwide permits
- Section 401
- Produced water reuse

### Department of Energy

#### LNG

- Ban on new liquefied natural gas (LNG) Facilities

### Securities & Exchange Commissions

#### Climate Disclosure Rule

- Push to drive climate change policy in financial markets rather than provide fair financial returns for workers, retirees, and investors

### Department of Interior

#### Onshore

- Leasing onshore and offshore federal lands significantly curtailed
- Proposed rule to prioritize conservation on public lands
- Proposed rule placing additional fees and burdens on American oil and natural gas producers operating on federal lands.
  - Significant increase in royalty rates
  - Bonding requirement costs increased 15-fold
  - Increased rental rates
- Changes to the Mineral Leasing Act under the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022
  - New expression of interest fee
  - Strikes noncompetitive lease offers
  - Sets royalty rate at 16.67% and increases rental rate on a graduated basis
- Full review of Resource Management Planning activities
- Proposed “American the Beautiful” Initiative to conserve 30% of America's land and water by 2030
- Numerous changes to the Endangered Species Act (ESA)

#### Offshore

- 2024–2029 offshore leasing plan offers fewest number of lease sales in program history
- Financial Assurance Rule
- Pending ESA concerns, including Rice's Whale and Habitat Conservation Restrictions

### Department of Transportation—Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA)

- Expand scope and definition of “Gathering Lines” to apply to smaller diameter lines and possibly include methane emissions

### Council on Environmental Quality

#### Social Cost of Carbon National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

- Full revision of Trump administration NEPA changes

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Pipeline Projects

- Changes to certification of natural gas projects to include greater deference and consideration to lifetime emissions, environmental justice, and use of eminent domain

## CONGRESSIONAL LEGISLATION

Congress is hamstrung by close margins, which makes the use of legislative options limited. The budget reconciliation process can overcome a 50-50 Senate but is limited to certain fiscal issues not broad policy—but tax policy is an area of reconciliation jurisdiction.

### General Proposals:

- Increase royalty rates for production
- Eliminate industry tax provisions
- Raise corporate and individual tax rates
- Carbon tax
- Reestablish the ban on crude oil exports
- Limit the export of American natural gas
- Add new provisions to the Endangered Species Act
- End hydraulic fracturing on federal lands
- Mandated setbacks for oil and natural gas production on federal lands
- Ban drilling in the Eastern Gulf of Mexico
- Congressional Review Act repeal of the Trump Methane Rules ❌





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| Event Name                                      | Date                  | Location             |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Kansas Environmental Conference                 | August 7–8, 2024      | Wichita, KS          |
| AIPG 2024 National Conference                   | August 10–13, 2024    | Durango, CO          |
| KIOGA 87 <sup>th</sup> Annual Convention & Expo | August 18–20, 2024    | Wichita, KS          |
| Kansas State Fair                               | September 6–15, 2024  | Hutchinson, KS       |
| The Energy Council 2024 Annual Meeting          | September 12–14, 2024 | Tulsa, OK            |
| EKOGA Annual Meeting                            | October 9–10, 2024    | Mayetta, KS          |
| Kansas Economic Outlook Conference              | October 10, 2024      | Wichita, KS          |
| Oklahoma Oil & Gas Expo                         | October 10, 2024      | Oklahoma City, OK    |
| IOGCC 2024 Annual Conference                    | October 28–30, 2024   | Colorado Springs, CO |
| IPAA Annual Meeting                             | October 28–29, 2024   | Boca Raton, FL       |
| Governor's Water Conference                     | November 13–14, 2024  | Manhattan, KS        |

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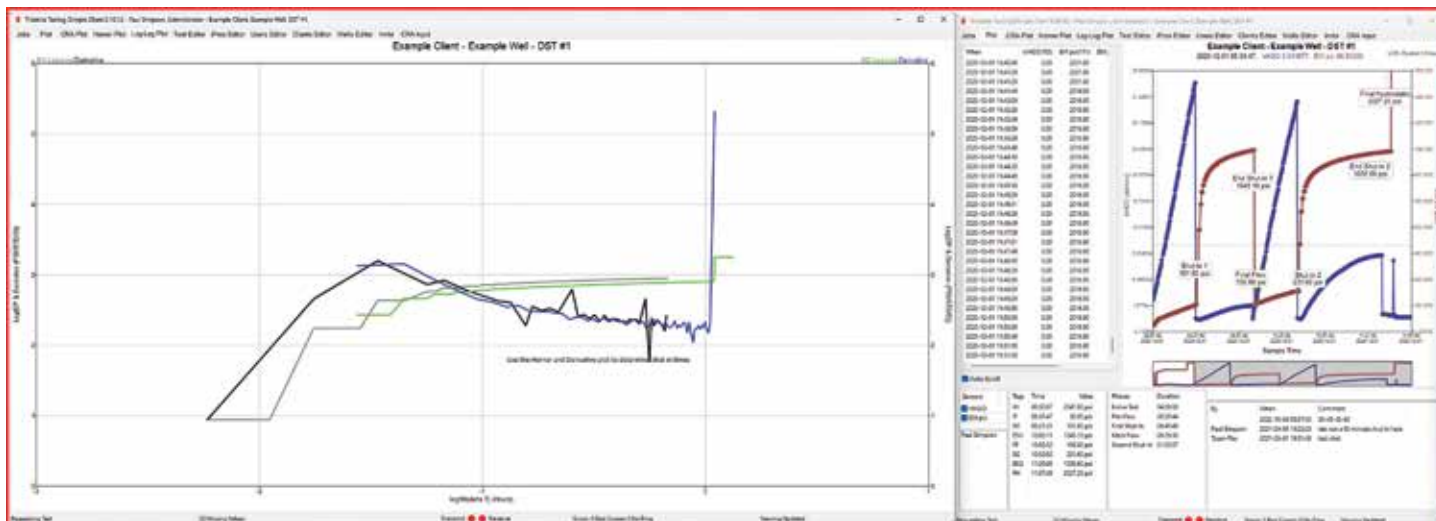


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