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“IECA Urges Secretary Salazar to Refrain from Duplicative Hydraulic Fracturing Rules – No Scientific Data Justification for New Hydraulic Fracturing Regulation”

In a June 15, 2012 letter to Secretary Salazar, the Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA) urged the Administration to refrain from imposition of duplicative hydraulic fracturing regulation, which is currently being provided by states. “It is of great concern to us that BLM provides no supporting scientific data on hydraulic fracturing, well stimulation incidents, or problems that justify new overarching regulation” said Paul Cicio, President of the Industrial Energy Consumers of America. “States are providing regulatory oversight both efficiently and effectively.”

The letter highlights why IECA member companies have good reason to be concerned. From 2000 to 2005, natural gas prices doubled and tripled because demand exceeded supply. We recall that BLM’s permitting system (ADP), heavy with increased bureaucracy and inadequate staffing, resulted in thousands of drilling permit backlogs. As a result, wells were not drilled, natural gas and oil were not produced and the manufacturing sector and the economy as a whole suffered.

There were plenty of natural gas reserves and the federal government was directly responsible for the failure to allow producers access to the natural gas in order to produce it for us, the consumer. The manufacturing sector lost 3.0 million jobs from 2000 to 2005 and a great number of these jobs were directly related to the high price of natural gas. We cannot and should not let this happen again.

[Click here](#) to view a copy of IECA’s letter to Secretary Salazar.

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