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“IECA Applauds White House Decision to Delay Hydraulic Fracturing Rules”

The Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA) applauds the decision by the White House to delay the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) rules on hydraulic fracturing. In response, IECA president Paul Cicio released the following statement:

“The manufacturing sector has directly benefited from greater use of hydraulic fracturing and low natural gas prices. The proposed BLM regulation of hydraulic fracturing raises significant concerns that drilling permitting will slow and that production rates will fall. It is of great concern that BLM provides no supporting scientific data on hydraulic fracturing, well stimulation incidents, or problems that justify new overarching regulation. Without these findings, new regulations cannot be justified.”

The Industrial Energy Consumers of America is a nonpartisan association of leading manufacturing companies with \$700 billion in annual sales and with more than 650,000 employees nationwide. It is an organization created to promote the interests of manufacturing companies through research, advocacy, and collaboration for which the availability, use and cost of energy, power or feedstock play a significant role in their ability to compete in domestic and world markets. IECA membership represents a diverse set of industries including: plastics, cement, paper, food processing, brick, chemicals, fertilizer, insulation, steel, glass, industrial gases, pharmaceutical, aluminum and brewing.