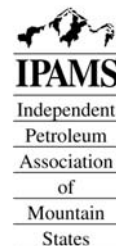


Membership Profile



Who are America's independent oil and natural gas producers?

- Ninety percent of the natural gas wells in America are drilled by companies whose names most people will never know. These companies, known as independents, are small businesses that don't have refining and retail operations such as gasoline stations.
- Independents direct their efforts towards finding and producing oil and natural gas here in the U.S. In fact, most independents reinvest almost 100% of their cash-flow into new development projects.

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Why are independents in the Intermountain West important to America's energy challenge?

- Our nation currently relies on the Intermountain West to supply over 25% of our natural gas. The lands of the Intermountain West hold vast amounts of natural gas that can continue to supply America with the energy it needs for generations to come.
- According to the Department of Energy, by 2030, 25% of our energy will come from natural gas (an increase of 5% over 2007), and about 8% will come from renewable energy sources. As the U.S. increases its reliance on solar and wind energy, more clean-burning natural gas will be needed to fill the gaps when the wind isn't blowing and the sun isn't shining.
- Since clean-burning natural gas emits half the CO₂ of coal, it is an essential part of any plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Recent studies predict that increased supplies of natural gas will be needed to implement any of the climate change policies under consideration today.
- As long as the United States uses oil and natural gas, the Intermountain West will be an important source of domestic fuel, and independent oil and gas producers will play a vital role in helping to meet the nation's energy challenge.

Independent Oil and Natural Gas Producers:

Have an average of 12 employees

Have an average business age of 23 years

Drill 90% of U.S. wells

Have 49% of their operations on federal lands

Produce 82% of U.S. Natural Gas

Produce 68% of U.S. Oil

Source: 2007 Oil and Natural Gas Issues Briefing book, IPAA