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Subcommittee to Hold Legislative Hearing on Four Bills to Expand American Energy Production, Create New American Jobs

WASHINGTON, D.C. – On Friday, November 18, 2011, the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources will hold a <u>legislative hearing</u> on four bills to expand American onshore and offshore energy production and create new American jobs.

The hearing will include the <u>American-Made Energy and Infrastructure Jobs Act</u> to be introduced by Rep. Steve Stivers (R-OH) and the <u>Alaskan Energy for American Jobs Act</u> to be introduced by Chairman Doc Hastings (R-WA) and Rep. Don Young (R-AK). These two measures are part of the energy and infrastructure jobs bill announced by House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) last week that will link expanded American energy production with initiatives to repair and improve infrastructure, permanently removing barriers to privatesector growth.

"Responsibly harnessing America's abundant offshore and onshore energy resources will create millions of new American jobs, lower energy prices and generate new revenue to help pay for infrastructure improvements, thereby creating even more jobs. Good paying energy jobs and infrastructure go hand in hand. When new energy resources are developed, we'll need updated infrastructure to bring it to market. By linking the two, we will not only create new energy jobs but also new infrastructure jobs – without raising taxes," said Natural Resources Committee Chairman Doc Hastings. "These bills will remove government roadblocks that stand in the way of U.S. energy production, job creation and new revenue."

The legislative hearing will also include two bills to expand U.S. oil shale production and prevent the Obama Administration from imposing job-destroying mining regulations.

The *Protecting Investment in Oil Shale the Next Generation of Environmental, Energy, and Resource Security Act* to be introduced by Energy and Minerals Subcommittee Chairman Doug Lamborn (R-CO) will set clear rules for the development of U.S. oil shale resources and promote shale technology research and development.

The *Coal Miner Employment and Domestic Energy Infrastructure Protection Act* to be introduced by Rep. Bill Johnson (R-OH) will prohibit the Secretary of the Interior from

issuing new rules or regulations on coal that will adversely impact jobs, revenue or the amount of U.S. coal available for consumption or export.

WHAT: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources <u>Legislative Hearing</u> on:

- <u>American-Made Energy and Infrastructure Jobs Act</u> (Stivers of OH)
- <u>Alaskan Energy for American Jobs Act</u> (Hastings of WA and Young of AK)
- <u>Protecting Investment in Oil Shale the Next Generation of Environmental,</u> <u>Energy, and Resource Security Act</u> (Lamborn)
- <u>Coal Miner Employment and Domestic Energy Infrastructure Protection Act</u> (Johnson of OH)

Witnesses to be announced.

WHEN: Friday, November 18, 2011 9:30 A.M.

WHERE: 1324 Hearing Room in the Longworth House Office Building

Visit the <u>Committee Calendar</u> for testimony and additional information, once it is made available. The hearing is open to the public and a live video stream will be broadcast at <u>http://naturalresources.house.gov/live</u>.

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