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Energy and Minerals Subcommittee to Hold Hearing on Alaskan Onshore and Offshore Energy Production

WASHINGTON, D.C. – On Thursday, June 2nd the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources will hold an oversight hearing on *"Domestic Oil and Natural Gas: Alaskan Resources, Access and Infrastructure."* This hearing is part of House Republicans' <u>American Energy Initiative</u>, an ongoing effort to stop government policies that are driving up gasoline prices and expand American energy production to help lower costs and create jobs.

The hearing will focus on domestic oil and natural gas permitting, access to federal oil and natural gas resources in the National Petroleum Reserve Alaska (NPRA), keeping the Trans Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS) full and operational, and prospects and permitting for offshore energy production.

"Alaska's vast oil and natural gas resources must be an integral part of both immediate and long-term American energy plans. Developing Alaskan resources will create jobs and economic growth for the residents of the State and provide the continental U.S. with a safe, abundant supply of energy. This hearing is an opportunity to examine both available resources in Alaska and Obama Administration policies that are hindering access. President Obama recently spoke about leasing in the NPRA and I'm hopeful that there could be bipartisan support for solutions to develop and transport this American energy," said Chairman Doc Hastings.

"Alaska has significant oil and natural gas resources that can be used to create American jobs, generate revenue, and reduce our dangerous dependence on foreign oil. As this Committee advances legislative solutions to increase onshore energy production, Alaska is a logical place to start. Unfortunately, permitting delays and policies that block necessary infrastructure are preventing us from accessing these energy resources," said Subcommittee Chairman Doug Lamborn.

WHAT: Energy and Mineral Resources Subcommittee Oversight Hearing on "Domestic Oil and Natural Gas: Alaskan Resources, Access and Infrastructure"

Witnesses to be announced.

WHEN: Thursday, June 2nd, 2011

10:00 A.M.

WHERE: 1324 Longworth House Office Building

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

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