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## Chairman Hastings: Americans Have Every Right to be Skeptical of Obama Administration's Claims to Improve Energy Production

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – House Natural Resources Committee Chairman Doc Hastings (WA-04) released the following statement after the Obama Administration announced a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Department of the Interior, the Department of Agriculture, and the Environmental Protection Agency to address air quality issues associated with onshore oil and natural gas development:

"When a group of federal agencies get together, smile and claim that they are going to improve energy production in the U.S., Americans have every right to be skeptical. Increased government involvement is rarely ever the solution and the Obama Administration's long anti-energy record only adds to the uncertainty. The Committee will ask serious questions about what new burdens and changes will come as a result of this MOU and its impacts on job creation and American energy production."

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