

OIL PATCH HOTLINE

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INSIDE THE PATCH

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North Dakota's oil industry came into Fargo this week, cheered by the good news that oil production reached an all-time record high of 1.2 million BOPD in July—42,000 BOPD more than in June. **It is now the second highest producing state behind Texas.** The US has jumped into the lead as the top global producer, surpassing Saudi Arabia and Russia. **Folks, this is a big deal.** It is a huge accomplishment, encouraged by a Trump Administration that has peeled restrictive regulations and an industry that has found better ways of getting more oil out of the ground. **As the ND Petroleum Council opened its annual meeting in Fargo, the enthusiasm was evident.** "This is something we've been anticipating for a few months and we are very proud that our industry in North Dakota has contributed to this production achievement," NDPC President Ron Ness told us.

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FLASH GAS WY Wants Answers

Despite the fact that the Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission restricts flaring, it is now faced with how to control "flash gas" occurring in older fields as it met with operators earlier this month over the issue. It wanted to know where there are multiple instances of flash gas flaring.

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Both BP and Southland Royalty told the commission the bursts of flash gas flaring are occurring in the Wamsutter area. Because of the attention focused recently on several instances of this kind of flaring, both companies are exploring methods to capture that gas.

The minerals condense into a liquid state as

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Trump Jr. Kicks Off ND Oil Meet



Donald Trump Jr. kicked off the ND Petroleum Council annual meeting with an enthusiastic plug for the oil and gas industry Sept. 25 in Fargo. Shown here from left to right are: Ron Ness, president of NDPC, Kimberly Guilfoyle, Donald Trump Jr., and Blu Halsey, chairman of the NDPC Board of Directors and a Continental Resources executive.

GTUIT Gets NDPC Award

GTUIT, LLC of Billings, MT, which provides field gas processing and transportation at remote locations, was given the Environmental Stewardship award by the ND Petroleum Council at its annual meeting Sept. 25.

The award is for "Flare Capture and Emissions Reduction in the Bakken".

The NDPC noted GTUIT's commitment to full service well site gas processing and flare capture using their proprietary technology and fleet of modular and mobile equipment processing over 40 Mmscf a day.

"Receiving recognition from the leading voice of the North Dakota oil and gas industry is extremely meaningful for us," said GTUIT CEO Brian Cebull.

"Your firm demonstrates the industry's values and goals to recover our resources while reducing waste and our impact to the land," said NDPC President Ron Ness. "Gas flaring has become a hot-button topic for the industry and leaders like you are leading the way to deploy technological advancements and initiatives that help us address challenges and ultimately contribute to cleaner, more efficient operations."