

# News Release



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## **Colorado's Natural Gas Producers Stress Importance of Access to Political Process for Energy Workers**

### *IPAMS launches 2010 "Vote From Home" Voter Registration Program for 2010*

(DENVER) - The Independent Petroleum Association of Mountain States (IPAMS) today launched the IPAMS: *Vote From Home* voter registration program, seeking to maximize opportunity for civic participation from the over 136,000 individuals employed by natural gas and oil companies in Colorado.

"Long hours, shift schedules and long-term field deployment makes getting to the polls on election day nearly impossible for many of our member company employees," said Jon Bargas, IPAMS Director of Public Affairs. "By using Colorado's allowance of absentee ballots, will hope to provide the working men and women of our state the tools they need to exercise their right to vote for the leaders whose decisions are having real effects on their ability to provide for their families."

IPAMS will provide registration opportunities for their member company employees by attending safety meetings and company education meetings and providing the information and tools needed to register to vote and request absentee ballots. "We owe it to our employees around Colorado to provide opportunities that maximize their ability to participate in the political process. Our ability to continue operating in Colorado and throughout the West starts at the ballot box. We can't and won't tell our workers how to vote, but we'll sure tell them how important it is they cast a ballot," concluded Bargas.

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*The Independent Petroleum Association of Mountain States (IPAMS), founded in 1974, is a non-profit trade association representing more than 400 independent natural gas and oil producers, service and supply companies, banking and financial institutions and industry consultants committed to environmentally responsible oil and natural gas development in the Intermountain West. More information on IPAMS and its members is available at [www.ipams.org](http://www.ipams.org).*