

Media Advisory



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Western Energy Alliance To Testify Before EPA ***Western producers emphasize need for policy based on science***

(DENVER) – Western Energy Alliance will publicly testify before the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on the exemplary safety record of hydraulic fracturing, a process necessary to develop natural gas and oil in the West.

Western Energy Alliance understands that water is a precious resource across the West, and sound protection of water resources is of the highest priority for its members. Western Energy Alliance supports EPA in its study of hydraulic fracturing, but believes the study must be conducted using sound, scientific methodology, focusing on actual scientific data, and not on unrelated events that are falsely blamed on fracturing.

Kathleen Sgamma, Western Energy Alliance's Director of Government Affairs, will testify on behalf of the organization's 400 member companies and their hundreds of thousands of employees who are committed to environmentally responsible natural gas and oil development in the West.

Sgamma and other members of Western Energy Alliance staff will be on hand to field questions from members of the media.

Who: Kathleen Sgamma, Director of Government Affairs

What: This public meeting is part of a series EPA is holding on potential impacts to drinking water from hydraulic fracturing

When: Tuesday, July 13, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. MDT

Where: Marriott Tech Center, Rocky Mountain Events Center, 4900 South Syracuse Street, Denver, Colorado

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About Western Energy Alliance

Western Energy Alliance, 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, industry consultants, and their 480,000 employees who are committed to environmentally responsible natural gas and oil development in the Intermountain West. More information on Western Energy Alliance and its members is available at www.westernenergyalliance.org.