

# Media Advisory



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## Western Energy Alliance To Testify Before Utah Public Utilities and Technology Interim Committee

*Legislature to hear how Utah energy is poised to help displace imports from Middle East, Venezuela and Russia*

(DENVER) – Western Energy Alliance (formerly IPAMS) will meet with policymakers in Salt Lake City next week, stressing the essential role oil and natural gas development plays in advancing Utah’s economic recovery, and touting a new study predicting that by 2020 the West could reach daily energy production equivalent to imports from Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Kuwait, Venezuela, Colombia, Algeria, Nigeria, and Russia combined.

Western Energy Alliance members will discuss the [Blueprint for Western Energy Prosperity’s](#) exciting projections, and what actions state policymakers can take to ensure that government policies do not put at risk the 5,700 new jobs industry is expected to create in Utah over the next ten years.

“Utah is set to play an ever-important role in supplying American energy, and to significantly increase its oil and natural gas production over the next ten years, bringing in an additional \$104 million in severance taxes to pay for crucial state services such as education, public safety, and infrastructure projects,” said Kathleen Sgamma, Western Energy Alliance’s Director of Government & Public Affairs. “Unfortunately, the over-regulation and bureaucratic red tape being imposed on Utah’s energy producers by the federal government are significantly undermining projections of growth, investment and expansion in our state,” said Sgamma.

**Western Energy Alliance staff will be on hand to field questions from the media.**

**Who:** Kathleen Sgamma, Director of Government & Public Affairs, Western Energy Alliance

**What:** Presentation to Public Utilities and Technology Interim Committee, Utah Legislature

**When:** Wednesday, October 19, 2011 at 10:50 a.m.

**Where:** Utah State Capitol Complex, House Building, Room 25

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### About Western Energy Alliance

Western Energy Alliance, founded in 1974 as the Independent Petroleum Association of Mountain States, is a non-profit trade association representing more than 400 companies engaged in all aspects of environmentally responsible exploration and production of oil and natural gas in the West. More information on Western Energy Alliance and its members is available at [www.westernenergyalliance.org](http://www.westernenergyalliance.org).