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Western Energy Alliance Responds to President Obama's Speech on America's Energy Security

(Denver)- Western Energy Alliance's director of government and public affairs released the following statement in response to the President's speech today.

"The President talks about encouraging domestic oil production while his Administration introduces disincentives to production and makes it more expensive to develop. Increasing costs and regulatory uncertainty only serve to make federal lands less attractive for companies to develop, and shortening the lease term is unworkable, since the government's own processes can take ten years or more. We applaud the President for mentioning the potential of natural gas vehicles for reducing foreign oil imports, but these same disincentives for production on federal lands would also negatively affect natural gas development," said Kathleen Sgamma.

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