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JUST THE FACTS: IPAA Rolls Out Key Oil & Gas Data, Employment Figures

With unemployment at a 26-year high, document demonstrates the need to increase domestic energy production, create jobs

WASHINGTON – Today, the [Labor Department](#) announced that 190,000 jobs were lost in the month of October, bringing the national unemployment to 10.2 percent – the highest it's been since 1983. The Independent Petroleum Association of American (IPAA) understands the critical role that domestic oil and gas production plays in creating and providing good-paying jobs for hundreds of thousands of Americans.

IPAA's president and CEO, Barry Russell, [recently said](#):

- "Producing more of our own energy will help stabilize prices for American consumers, create good-paying jobs, and help drive down our dependence on foreign energy."

And earlier this week, [IPAA](#) released its annual *Oil & Gas Producing Industry in Your State* publication. This year's document, based on 2007 production activity, provides critical facts and statistics for policymakers, regulators and others about oil and gas production and employment in each producing state.

Russell said this about the release of the newly available industry data:

- "A lot of hard work and hours of important research made this year's publication another great success. The biggest thanks, though, goes to the hard-working men and women that go to work each day to ensure that our nation has the oil and gas it needs to continue to move. In these challenging and difficult economic times, we are fortunate that energy prices have remained stable, thanks in large part to the work America's independent oil and gas producers perform."

Here are several key facts from the document:

- **The U.S. oil & gas industry employs 1,897,947 workers**
- The top crude oil producing states/regions: federal offshore (Gulf of Mexico); Texas; Alaska
- The top natural gas producing states/regions: Texas, federal offshore; Wyoming
- The top oil producing congressional districts: Alaska at large; California-22; Texas-11
- The top natural gas producing congressional districts: Wyoming at large; Colorado-3; New Mexico-3
- The U.S. oil & gas industry paid \$10,108,535 in severance and production taxes in 2007

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