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American Exploration & Production Council Announces Successful 2015 Policymaker Field Trip

Washington, DC - The American Exploration & Production Council ("AXPC") today announced the successful completion of its annual Policymaker Field Trip earlier this week. Each year since 1997 AXPC has been conducting policymaker field trips for Congressional and Agency staff to acquaint them the field operations of independent oil and gas exploration and production companies. This year's trip was attended by over 25 Congressional staff and industry personnel. The Congressional Staff included senior committee staff from both the House and Senate committees that deal with energy and environmental issues. The group toured the operations of Pioneer Natural Resources in the Eagle Ford Shale Play in South Texas. The tour included a drilling rig, hydraulic fracturing operations, a central gathering facility and produced water handling facility. Additionally, the group got an in-depth look at Pioneer's field office and operations center in Cuero, Texas.

"AXPC's annual Policymaker Field Trip is an invaluable opportunity for us to educate and inform policymakers on the nature of our field operations as well as on the critical importance accorded environmental and safety concerns in the conduct of these operations" AXPC's President, Bruce Thompson, said. **"The other point that comes across on our Field Trips is the large number of good paying jobs that our industry provides; jobs that are so very important for the local communities as well as for the nation, as the industry works to supply reasonably priced and secure energy for America"**, Thompson added.

The American Exploration & Production Council (AXPC) represents 31 of the nation's leading independent natural gas and oil exploration and production companies. Our members safely provide the secure, domestic supplies of natural gas and oil America needs to heat its homes, to operate its farms and to fuel its economy. We are committed to doing what is right to ensure the abundant energy supplies in environmentally responsible ways. Learn more about AXPC at www.axpc.us.

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