

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

EMPLOYEE POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM Original Amendment

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from private sources for travel taken in connection with official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the annual *Financial Disclosure Statements* of those employees required to file them. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, **you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House by email at gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov, within 15 days after travel is completed.** Please **do not** file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

1. Name of Traveler: Scott Watson
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: 2/17/26 Return: 2/19/26
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** None
4. Departure City: Washington, D.C. Destination: Midland, TX Return City: Washington, D.C.
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: American Exploration Production Council
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Toured drill rig, frack site, and production pad.
Also had a dinner/reception with oil and gas stakeholders
7. Attached to this form are **each** of the following, *signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box:*
 - a. a completed *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form*;
 - b. the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* completed by the trip sponsor **prior** to the trip, **including all** attachments **and** the *Additional Sponsor Form(s)*;
 - c. page 2 of the completed *Traveler Form* submitted by the employee; **and**
 - d. the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the attached sponsor's agenda. *Signify statement is true by checking the box.*
b. If not, explain: _____

I certify that the information contained on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Traveler:  Date: 3/2/2026

I authorized this travel in advance. I have determined that all of the expenses listed on the attached *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form* were necessary and that the travel was in connection with the employee's official duties and would not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Name of Supervising Member: Gabe Evans Date: 3/2/26

Signature of Supervising Member: 

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SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

Original Amendment

This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. **A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated in the trip within 10 days of their return.** You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House Rules and the Committee's Travel Regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

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1. Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: _____

2. Travel Destination(s): _____

3. Date of Departure: _____ Date of Return: _____

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): _____

Note: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if **all** information is **identical** for each person listed.

5. **Actual amount** of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Total Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler				
Accompanying Family Member				

6. All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment. Signify statement is true by checking box.

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Anna Bradley Date: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____

Organization: _____

I am an officer of the above-named organization. Signify statement is true by checking box.

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103.

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February 12, 2026

Mr. Scott Watson
Office of the Honorable Gabe Evans
1229 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Watson:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Midland, Texas, scheduled for February 17 to 19, 2026, sponsored by American Exploration and Production Council and Diamondback Energy. We remind you that, because the trip sponsor employs a federal lobbyist, you may participate in officially-connected activity on one calendar day only.

You must complete an Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$525 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,

Michael Guest
Chairman

Mark DeSaulnier
Ranking Member

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TRAVELER FORM

This form should be completed by House Members, officers, or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule 25, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer, or employee, together with the completed and signed trip sponsor form(s) and any attachments. A copy of this form, minus this initial page, will be made available for public inspection.

This form and any attachments may be submitted at 1015 Longworth House Office Building or travel.requests@mail.house.gov.

Your completed request must be submitted to the Committee no less than 30 days before your proposed departure date. Absent exceptional circumstances, permission will not be granted for requests received less than 30 days before the trip commences. **You must receive explicit approval from the Committee before you depart on this trip.**

Name of Traveler: Scott Watson

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

I certify that the information contained on both pages of this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: 

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): Rep. Gabe Evans

Office Address: 1229 Longworth House Office Building

Telephone Number: 202-225-5625

Email Address of Contact Person: scott.watson@mail.house.gov

Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet, the purpose of the trip is to make a media appearance sponsored by that entity, and these forms are being submitted to the Committee less than 30 days before the trip departure date.

NOTE: You must complete all of the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need to contact you if additional information is required.

KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM. Page 2 (but not this page) must be submitted to the Clerk as part of the post-travel disclosure required by House Rule 25. Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting paperwork for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

If there are any questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103 or via email: travel.requests@mail.house.gov.

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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Scott Watson
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: American Exploration Production Council
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Midland, TX
4. a. Date of Departure: Feb. 17, 2026 Date of Return: Feb. 19, 2026
b. Yes No Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?
If yes, list dates at personal expense: _____
5. a. Yes No Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? **If yes:**
 - (1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: _____
 - (2) Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
 - (3) Yes No Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age?
6. a. Yes No Did the trip sponsor answer "Yes" to Question 8(c) on the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or a foreign agent)?
b. **If yes**, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:
Given the distance and travel time to Midland, Texas, two nights allows for a full day of programming on February 18, 2026.
7. Yes No *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitation, invitee list, and any other attachments and Additional Sponsor Forms.
NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. **Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.**
As the Legislative Director for Rep. Evans who sits on the Energy Subcommittee on the Energy and Commerce Committee, I am tasked with advising him on topics related to oil and natural gas production. Learning further information from stakeholders and from individuals who operate these sites will help me better inform him on matters before the committee.
9. **Yes No Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?**
10. For staff travelers, to be completed by your employing Member:

ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Signature of Employing Member: _____



Date: 1/16/2026

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PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a *Traveler Form* **at least 30 days before the start date of the trip**. The trip sponsor should *NOT* submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee's website (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form. The Committee will notify the House invitees directly of its decision and will not notify the trip sponsors.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip: _____

2. I represent that the trip will not be financed, in whole or in part, by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*

3. **Check only one.** I represent that:

a. The primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source, funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip; **OR**

b. The trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds; **OR**

c. The primary trip sponsor has accepted funds, services, or in-kind assistance from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.

If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: _____

4. Provide names and titles of **ALL** House Members *and* employees you are inviting. **For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited** (include additional pages if necessary): _____

5. Yes No Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?

6. Date of Departure: _____ Date of Return: _____

7. a. City of departure: _____

b. Destination(s): _____

c. City of return: _____

8. **Check only one.** I represent that

a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965; **OR**

b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent; **OR**

c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.

9. **Check only one of the following.**
- a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above; **OR**
 - b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging; **OR**
 - c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night; **OR**
 - d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights. If you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted. _____
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10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees). *Indicate agenda is attached by checking box.*

11. **Check only one of the following.**

- a. I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. *Signify the statement is true by clicking the box; OR*
 - b. *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.
12. For *each* sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip *and* its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:

13. **Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:**

- a. Mode of travel: Air Rail Bus Car Other (specify: _____)
- b. Class of travel: Coach Business First Charter Other (specify: _____)
- c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:

14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*

15. **Check only one.** I represent that either:

- a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees; **OR**
- b. The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation. If "b" is checked:

1) Detail the cost *per day* of meals (approximate cost may be provided): _____

2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: _____

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:

Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____

Reason(s) for Selecting: _____

Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____

Reason(s) for Selecting: _____

Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____

Reason(s) for Selecting: _____

17. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. *Signify that the statement is true by checking the box.*

18. **Total Expenses for each Participant:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts <input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee			
For each Accompanying Family Member			

	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee		
For each Accompanying Family Member		

19. **Check only one:**

- a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below; **OR**
- b. *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education.

20. **I certify by my signature that**

- a. **I read and understand the Committee's Travel Regulations;**
- b. **I am not a registered federal lobbyist or registered foreign agent; and**
- c. **The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

Signature: Anita Bradley Date: _____
 Name: _____ Title: _____
 Organization: _____
 Address: _____
 Email: _____ Telephone: _____

If there are questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103 or travel.requests@mail.house.gov.


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ADDITIONAL TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by an organization that provides funds, services, or in-kind assistance to another entity to underwrite, in whole or in part, a trip or an event, meal, or activity that will occur during a trip, or a necessary expense that will be incurred during a trip, with express or implicit knowledge or understanding that one or more House Members or employees may participate in or attend that trip or event, or otherwise may be beneficiaries of the gift or donation. **Provide a copy of your completed form to the primary sponsor of the trip.**

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.

1. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor for this trip: American Exploration and Production Council (AXPC)
2. Name of your organization: Diamondback Energy
3. Yes No Is your organization designated a § 501(c)(3) charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service?
4. Yes No Does your organization receive funding from any foreign government or multinational organization?
5. **Check one.** I certify that my organization:
 - a. Has provided a grant, gift, or donation to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor and conducts an audit or review of its grant, gift, or donation to ensure that the funds are spent in accordance with the terms of its grant, gift, or donation. **OR**
 - b. Has had a direct role in the organizing, planning, or conducting of a trip to
Destination: Midland, Texas on Date: February 18, 2026
that is being organized or arranged by the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor. **OR**
 - c. Has provided in-kind support to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor (e.g., meeting planning assistance, meeting space and set-up, and paying for expenses related to this trip directly to the service provider).
6. **Check only one:**
 - a. My organization does not employ or retain a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent **OR**
 - b. My organization employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but their involvement in planning, organizing, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the travel regulations.
7. **I certify by my signature that**
 - a. I read and understand the Committee's Travel Regulations;
 - b. I am not a registered federal lobbyist or registered foreign agent;
 - c. I am an officer of this organization and am duly authorized to sign this form; and
 - d. The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Lacy Sperry  Digitally signed by Lacy Sperry
Date: 2026.01.16 13:28:07 -06'00' Date: January 16, 2026

Name: Lacy Sperry Title: Communications Director

Organization: Diamondback Energy

Address: 500 W. Texas Avenue, Midland, Texas 79701

Telephone: (432) 208-5907 Email: lsperry@diamondbackenergy.com

If there are questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103 or travel.requests@mail.house.gov.



AXPC Congressional Staff Field Trip – Diamondback Energy (February 2026)

Tuesday, February 17:

Travel to Midland, Texas via Southwest Airlines. No activity scheduled.

Washington, DC (DCA) to Midland Airport (MAF)

- Departure: 12:40 p.m. (WN 2575)
- Layover: 1 hr – Dallas Love Field (DAL)
- Arrival: 5:35 p.m. (WN 4156)

5:45 PM CT - Travel from Midland Airport

6:00 PM CT Location: Residence Inn Marriott Midland 5509 Deauville Blvd, Midland, TX 79706

6:00 PM CT – Check into hotel (Residence Inn Marriott, Midland, TX)

Wednesday, February 18:

7:40 AM CT - ***Meet in Hotel Lobby to Board Bus***

7:45 AM CT Location: Residence Inn Marriott Midland 5509 Deauville Blvd, Midland, TX 79706

7:55 AM CT - ***Travel***

8:00 AM CT From: Location: Residence Inn Marriott Midland 5509 Deauville Blvd, Midland, TX 79706
To: Diamondback Energy, 500 W Texas Ave, Midland TX 79701

8:05 AM CT - ***Oil & Gas Operations Overview***

9:20 AM CT Location: Diamondback Energy Headquarters, 500 W Texas Ave, Midland TX 79701
Topics of Discussion: Overview of Diamondback Energy and their operations, significance of the Permian Basin, U.S. activity summary and oil production growth outlook, Q&A

Presenters:

- *Anne Bradbury, President & CEO, AXPC*
- *Kaes Van't Hof, CEO, Diamondback Energy*
- *Lacy Sperry Communications Director, Diamondback Energy*
- *Danny Wesson, EVP & Chief Operating Officer, Diamondback Energy*
- *Chad McAllaster, EVP, Operations, Diamondback Energy*
- *Al Barkmann, EVP and Chief Engineer, Diamondback Energy*
- *Hunter Landers, SVP, Drilling & Completions, Diamondback Energy*
- *Ben Ragsdale, VP, Planning and Reserves, Diamondback Energy*
- *Eric Erickson, VP and Advisor to Chief Engineer, Diamondback Energy*

Please note, this itinerary may change due to unforeseen events that may alter production schedules



Takeaways: Participants will gain a foundational understanding of Diamondback Energy's operational approach, scale of development, and commitment to responsible resource production.

9:20 AM CT - **Travel to Drilling Rig Site – Ensign 774**

10:00 AM CT From: Diamondback Energy, 500 W Texas Ave, Midland TX 79701
To: Drilling Location – Ensign 774 (31.9915866, -101.9584465)

10:00 AM CT - **Tour – Drilling Rig Site – Ensign 774**

11:30 AM CT Location: 31.9915866, -101.9584465

Presenters:

- *Kevin Northcutt, H&S Director*
- *Jeff Atwood, H&S Supervisor*
- *David Wantuck, Drilling Manager*
- *Santos Moroles, Drilling Advisor*

Topic of Discussion: Safety briefing, drilling process and well design, use of technology to improve efficiency and reduce surface footprint

Takeaways: Participants will observe modern drilling practices and understand how innovation enhances safety and efficiency.

11:30 AM CT - **Lunch on Drilling Rig Location**

12:15 PM CT Location: Drilling Site - Ensign 774 (31.9915866, -101.9584465)

12:15 PM CT - **Travel to E-Frac Location**

12:45 PM CT From: Drilling Location – Ensign 774 (31.9915866, -101.9584465)
To: E-Frac Location – Pine Tar (31.8531285, -102.3139545)

12:45 PM CT - **Tour – E-Frac Location – Pine Tar**

2:30 PM CT Location: 31.8531285, -102.3139545

Presenters:

- *Robert Yancy, VP of Completions*
- *Andrew Jones, Completions Supervisor*

Topic of Discussion: Hydraulic fracturing process, electrified fracturing technology, emissions reductions and operational efficiencies

Takeaways: Participants will learn how electrification and advanced completion techniques reduce emissions and improve operational performance.

2:30 PM CT - **Travel**

3:00 PM CT From: E-Frac Location – Pine Tar (31.8531285, -102.3139545)
To: Production Location – Bulldog Battery (31.854797, -102.262082)

3:00 PM CT - **Tour – Production – Bulldog Battery**

4:00 PM CT Location: 31.854797, -102.262082

Presenter:

- *Joel Martin, VP of Production*

Please note, this itinerary may change due to unforeseen events that may alter production schedules



Topic of Discussion: Production monitoring and optimization, leak detection and emissions management, long-term asset management

Takeaways: Participants will understand how production facilities are monitored, maintained, and optimized to ensure safe, efficient, and environmentally responsible operations.

4:00 PM CT - **Travel**

4:30 PM CT From: Production Location – Bulldog Battery (31.854797, -102.262082)
To: Residence Inn Marriott Midland

4:30 PM CT - **Break in programming**

5:30 PM CT Group break at hotel before dinner

5:45 PM CT - **Travel**

6:00 PM CT From: Residence Inn Marriott Midland
To: Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, 1500 I-200 E Bus, Midland, TX 79701

6:00 PM CT - **Arrive at Permian Basin Petroleum Museum for a Local & State Stakeholder Forum**

7:00 PM CT Location: 1500 I-200 E Bus, Midland, TX 79701

Featured Stakeholders:

- Midland Mayor
- Permian Basin Strategic Partnership representatives
- Midland ISD Superintendent
- Permian Resources employees
- Diamondback Energy employees

Notes: Discussion will focus on regional economic development, workforce, education, infrastructure, and the role of energy in supporting community growth.

7:00 PM CT - **Dinner at Permian Basin Petroleum Museum**

Location: 1500 I-200 E Bus, Midland, TX 79701

8:15 PM CT An informal dinner with local stakeholders to continue conversations around energy, economic growth, and regional priorities.

8:15 PM CT - **Travel**

8:20 PM CT From: Permian Basin Petroleum Museum
To: Residence Inn

End of Programming

Thursday, February 19

Fly to Washington D.C. via Southwest Airlines. No activity scheduled.

Midland Airport (MAF) to DCA

- Departure: 7:40 a.m. (WN 2811)

Please note, this itinerary may change due to unforeseen events that may alter production schedules



- Layover: 3 hr 10 min – Houston (HOU)
- Arrival: 4:15 p.m. (WN 1155)

End of Programming

9. d) Given the distance and travel time to Midland, Texas, two nights allows for a full day of programming on February 18, 2026.

12. For **each** sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip **and** its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:

The American Exploration & Production Council (AXPC) is a national trade association representing independent domestic oil and natural gas exploration and production companies. AXPC is funding, organizing, and conducting the trip, with additional logistical support from Diamondback Energy, the company whose operations the group will tour.

Diamondback Energy is a leading independent producer in the Permian Basin, focused on operational efficiency, technological innovation, and responsible resource development. The company has a strong interest in providing policymakers and stakeholders with a firsthand understanding of modern oil and natural gas operations and the full lifecycle of development.

AXPC is providing this educational field trip to inform participants about independent upstream onshore industry practices and to provide context to those working on legislative and regulatory issues around oil and gas development. The organization has hosted this type of trip over 20 times over the last 24 years.

15. b) 2. Midland, Texas is a central hub for U.S. oil and natural gas development and provides an opportunity to observe Diamondback Energy's exploration and production operations, including current industry practices related to efficiency, safety, and environmental management.

4. AXPC Field Tour: House Invitee List (February 17-19, 2026)

Reason: As we have been informed by each office and through Congressional directories, these particular staffers handle energy and/or environmental issues for their House member, Committee, or Caucus.

First Name	Last Name	Title	Employer
Abbie	Callahan	Senior Legislative Assistant	Representative Joe Neguse
Abby	Brewington	Senior Legislative Assistant	Representative John Carter
Adam	McBride	Policy Adviser	Representative Doris Matsui
Albert	Mercer	Legislative Assistant	Representative Pete Sessions
Ale	D'agostino	Legislative Assistant	Representative Raul Ruiz
Alex	Eliassen	Legislative Assistant	Representative Lori Trahan
Alex	Karabatsos	Legislative Director	Representative Lori Trahan
Alexandra	Davis	Legislative Director	Representative August Pfluger
Alexandra	Heller	Legislative Director	Representative Raul Ruiz
Alicia	Seagraves	Legislative Director	Representative Lou Correa
Allen	Garnes	Legislative Director	Representative Nick Langworthy
Allie	Cavanagh	Policy Adviser	Representative Sarah Elfreth
Amy	Aaronson Levine	Legislative Director	Representative Jan Schakowsky
Anderson	Okoniewski	Senior Adviser	House Republican Conference
Andre	Beliveau	Senior Policy Adviser	Representative Dan Crenshaw
Andrea	Valdes Valderrama	Legislative Director	Representative Darren Soto
Andrew	Furman	Professional Staff Member	House Energy and Commerce Committee
Ann	Oliveira	Legislative Director	Representative Greg Casar
Anthony	Gutierrez	Professional Staff Member	House Energy and Commerce Committee Environment Subcommittee
Arian	Beckwith	Legislative Director	Representative John James
Ariana	Bhambhani	Senior Legislative Assistant	Representative Rick Allen
Arthur	Speck	Legislative Director	Representative Randy Weber
Austin	Welter	Legislative Director	Representative Mariannette Miller-Meeks
B.J.	Koohmaraie	Policy Director	House Republican Majority Leader
Ben	Rizk	Legislative Assistant	House Republican Conference
Berkley	Lane	Legislative Assistant	Representative Bob Latta
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Additional details and logistics are included in the attached overview. AXPC will provide all necessary materials to support congressional ethics and reporting requirements.

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We hope you can join us!

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