

# Energy Briefs for April 30

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## AAPG Southwest Section hosts annual convention

Members of the Southwest section, American Association of Petroleum Geologists will meet for their annual convention April 30 through May 2 at the Midland County Horseshoe.

The convention will kick-off with an Ice Breaker April 30 from 5 to 7 p.m. Technical and poster sessions will be held May 1 and 2. Scott Tinker of the Bureau of Economic Geology, University of Texas at Austin, will provide the May 1 opening keynote address: "Why We Shouldn't Keep It In The Ground."

Cost is \$275 for members, \$300 for non-members. Guest and full-time student registration is available for \$40.

More information may be obtained by calling 683-1573 or by email at [wtgs@wtgs.org](mailto:wtgs@wtgs.org). Online registration is available at [www.SWSAAPG.org/Events/78/](http://www.SWSAAPG.org/Events/78/).

## SIPES to host Halliburton Landmark advisor

The Midland chapter, Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists will meet May 3 in the upstairs ballroom at Midland Country Club beginning with a reception at 11:15 a.m.

Karan Dhuldhoya, technical advisor, Halliburton Landmark, will speak on "Investigation into the Economic Impact and Recovery Effect of Various Completion Timing Strategies in Unconventional Wells." He will discuss the economic and recovery aspects of delaying investment in unconventional well completion and stimulation.

There is no charge for members, \$20 for guests.

## SPE Completions group to meet

The Completions and Operations study group of the Permian Basin section, Society of Petroleum Engineers will meet May 4 at the Petroleum Club beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Guest speaker will be Neil Peterson, Geoscience Advisor with Packers Plus Energy Services. His topic will be "Managing Fracture Complexity through Energy Conservation and Stress Shadow Interactions using Continuous-Pumping Completion Systems."

Cost is \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. Reservations may be made online at [www.BrownPaperTickets.com](http://www.BrownPaperTickets.com).

Railroad Commission rejects appeal of Hilcorp EOR project

By Ryan Handy

Houston Chronicle

The Railroad Commission of Texas, the state's oil and gas regulator, rejected an appeal from a Gulf Coast water conservation district to block several injection wells, which local cattle ranchers fear will pollute their groundwater supply.

For years, the Texana Groundwater District has been fighting Houston-based Hilcorp Energy over an enhanced oil recovery project in Jackson County that will recover 60 million barrels of oil from an 80-year-old oilfield. Hilcorp is injecting produced water and carbon dioxide underground to help force oil to the surface. Locals say unplugged and poorly plugged wells riddle the oilfield, where they have found leaks and spills of chemicals in years past. The ranchers and farmers in the area wanted the commission to require groundwater monitoring as a condition of the project, but the commission opted to let Hilcorp run its own groundwater monitoring program.

Ranchers like Johnny Dugger, who relies on a well to bring water to hundreds of cattle on his land, say their concerns have been sidelined by a regulatory agency that consistently favors industry interests. Dugger and others have said they support the project, but on the condition that the groundwater be independently monitored.

The Railroad Commissioners, all of whom accept hundreds of thousands of campaign donations from the oil and gas industry, have said those donations do not affect their impartiality.

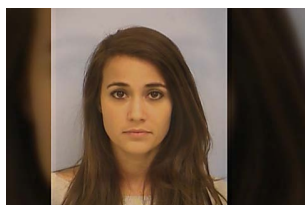
Hilcorp's project is using carbon dioxide from NRG Energy's \$1 billion carbon capture plant in Fort Bend County, south of Houston. The Petra Nova carbon capture plant is the largest in the world and the first operational plant in the U.S. The plant has been running since late last year, but in April NRG hosted a grand opening, with Texas Gov. Greg Abbott and Secretary of Energy Rick Perry, to celebrate the plant's completion.

In mid March, the groundwater district filed a motion to have the commission reconsider its decision to not impose extra groundwater monitoring requirements. The commission

rejected the motion and said it would not revisit the issue.

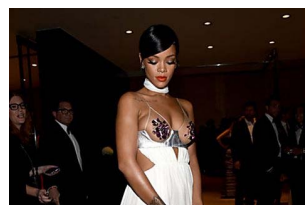
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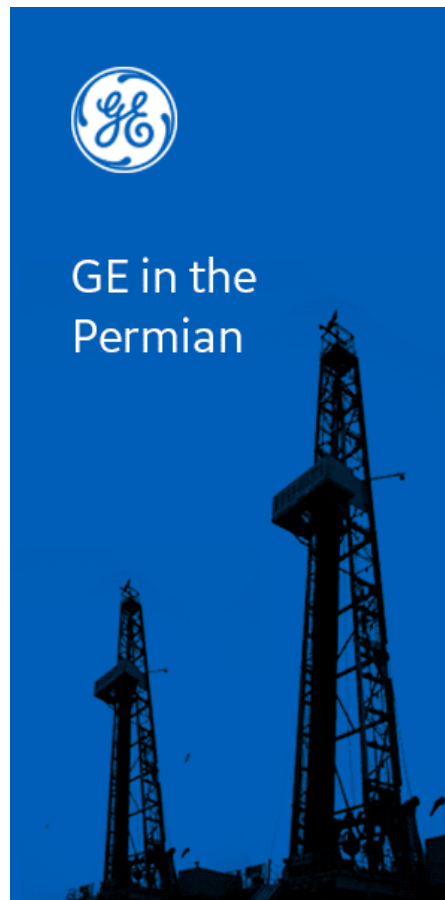
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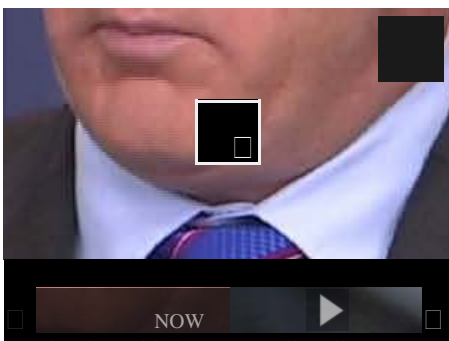
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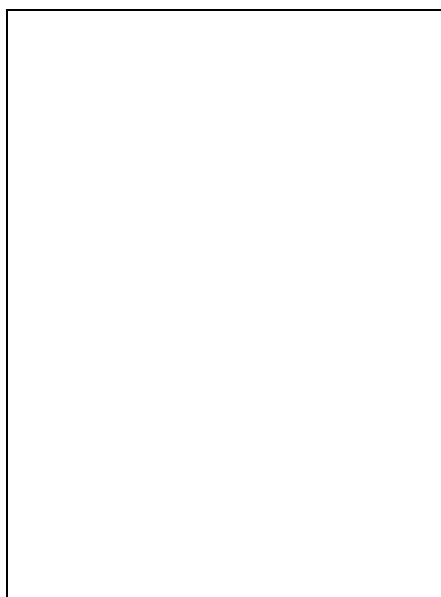
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