

**Congress of the United States**  
**U.S. House of Representatives**  
**Committee on Small Business**  
2361 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-6515

**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
**March 8, 2012**  
**10:00 A.M. 2360 Rayburn House Office Building**

**TO: Members, Committee on Small Business Subcommittee on Investigations, Oversight and Regulations**

**FROM: Mike Coffman, Chairman**

**DATE: Thursday, March 1, 2012**

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The Committee on Small Business Subcommittee on Investigations, Oversight and Regulations will meet for a hearing titled, *Powering Down: Are Government Regulations Impeding Small Energy Producers and Harming Energy Security?* The hearing is scheduled to begin at **10:00 A.M. on March 8, 2012 in Room 2360 of the Rayburn House Office Building.**

In recent years, a number of small energy producers and their trade associations have identified new regulatory barriers and hurdles to oil and gas development on federal lands. These new requirements have not only limited their access to important resources, but have also increased the cost and uncertainty in developing oil and gas on federal lands. The results of these policies have been the creation of fewer new jobs by small producers and a reduction in our nation's energy security. The hearing will focus on these concerns, particularly United States Department of Interior Bureau of Land Management (BLM) oil and gas leasing policies. In addition, the hearing will examine United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations pertaining to oil and gas development on federal lands.

A staff briefing will be held on Monday, March 5, 2012 at 2:00 P.M. in Room 2360 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

If you or your staff has questions, please contact Mark Ratto, Professional Staff for the Committee at x55821.