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## **2024 WILLISTON BASIN PETROLEUM CONFERENCE TO BE HELD MAY 14-16, 2024**

### **Conference will Celebrate Major Production Milestone**

Bismarck, N.D. – Registration is now open for the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Williston Basin Petroleum Conference (WBPC), one of the preeminent gatherings for North America’s energy sector and the largest conference in North Dakota offering major networking and business development opportunities in the state. The WBPC will be held May 14-16, 2024, at the Bismarck Event Center in Bismarck, ND, and brings together some of the leading experts on breakthrough technologies, energy markets, potential untapped formations, the regulatory environment, and more.

The conference regularly brings in some of the industry’s top authorities on issues that impact the Williston Basin, as well as renowned speakers and personalities including Donald Trump, Lou Holtz, Sean Hannity, several Bakken CEOs, and more. This year’s WBPC will again feature more than 70 speakers and presenters, each sharing their insights on the latest issues impacting oil and natural gas development and what the future holds for the Williston Basin.

### **NORTH DAKOTA POISED TO REACH MAJOR PRODUCTION MILESTONE**

Unique to this year’s conference, the oil industry will celebrate reaching 5 billion barrels of oil produced in North Dakota since oil was first discovered in 1951 near Tioga, ND.

"In mid-2024, we're going to reach 5 billion barrels of Bakken oil," said North Dakota Petroleum Council President Ron Ness. "It took us about 60 years to reach one billion barrels of oil, and because of advancements in technology, innovations and efficiencies, our production will have quadrupled in just 13 years. This is a huge milestone and a testament to North Dakota’s role as a champion in driving innovation and integration of sustainable technologies to increase domestic energy production and enhance our nation’s energy security."

## **WBPC A MAJOR CATALYST TO NORTH DAKOTA'S PROGRESS**

The WBPC has been a major catalyst in the growth and evolution of North Dakota energy industry by bringing innovators and entrepreneurs together to share new ideas and technologies that have helped unlock the state and nation's vast reserves.

"We brought together some of our industry's greatest visionaries in the early years to discuss groundbreaking technologies like horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing," said Ness. "These technologies helped turn the Bakken into a world-class resource and we're working on creating an agenda that will take the Bakken and Williston Basin even further and on to the next billion barrels."

The Conference agenda will feature technology and regulatory sessions that highlight the key elements impacting Bakken production. Panelists and keynotes will discuss topics including:

- Advancing Bakken Technology
- Grid Reliability
- Carbon Management
- Enhanced Oil Recovery
- Williston Basin Geology
- Workforce Solutions
- Safety
- And more

This year's conference is expected to draw more than 2,500 attendees and up to 200 exhibitors. The WBPC regularly attracts leadership and key decision makers for the Bakken's top oil producers and largest service companies, providing excellent opportunities for networking with and exposure to industry leaders. Speakers and keynotes will be announced in the coming months.

All industry members and those interested in North Dakota's energy future are encouraged to attend. Registration and more information is available at [www.WBPCND.com](http://www.WBPCND.com).

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**About the Williston Basin Petroleum Conference:** The Williston Basin Petroleum Conference is the premier oil and natural gas conference focused on the Williston Basin and the Bakken and brings together key decision-makers and industry experts to spur the progress and future development of this world-class resource. The conference alternates between North Dakota and Saskatchewan, Canada every other year and is co-hosted by the North Dakota Petroleum Council, North Dakota Department of Mineral Resources, North Dakota Petroleum Foundation, the Government of Saskatchewan Ministry of the Economy and the Petroleum Technology Research Centre.

For more information and to register, visit [www.wbpcnd.com](http://www.wbpcnd.com)

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