

U.S. House Passes Crude Oil Export Legislation

Defying a White House veto threat, the U.S. House approved a bill today (October 9th) to lift the 40-year U.S. ban on crude oil exports. The House approved the bill on a 261-159 vote with the entire Kansas House delegation (Huelskamp, Jenkins, Yoder, and Pompeo) voting in favor of passage. The White House calls the measure unnecessary and argues a decision on ending the ban should be made by the commerce secretary. Representative **Fred Upton (R-MI)**, Chair of the House Energy and Commerce Committee said studies show lifting the export ban would lower prices at the pump, create jobs and boost the economy. The measure now goes to the U.S. Senate.

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Upcoming Events

KBA/KIOGA Oil & Gas Conference
October 16, 2015
Wichita, Kansas

2015 IADC Annual Meeting
November 4-6, 2015
San Antonio, Texas

IPAA Annual Meeting
November 8-10, 2015
New Orleans, Louisiana

Governor's Water Conference
November 18-19, 2015
Manhattan, Kansas

Circuit Court Issues Nationwide Stay on EPA's "Waters of the United States" (WOTUS) Rule

The Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit in Cincinnati, Ohio today issued a nationwide stay against the EPA's WOTUS rule.

Kansas joined 17 other states in filing a motion for a nationwide stay of the EPA WOTUS rule on September 9th. On August 27th, a federal judge in North Dakota enjoined enforcement of the WOTUS rule in a case filed by 13 states. EPA was defiant about the injunction and said it would only apply in the 13 states included in that lawsuit. Kansas was part of a different lawsuit filed by 11 states in federal court in Georgia. In their filing, Kansas and the 17 other States underscored EPA's blatant violation of state's rights and demanded a nationwide halt while the rule is challenged in federal court. That nationwide stay came today. Kansas Attorney General **Derek Schmidt** said ". . . we're going to persist until we get our case in front of a judge who can decide the merits of our objection to this federal power grab."