



## \$1.8 Million in Planning Grants to Help Oil Patch

The US Department of Housing and Urban Development has awarded a \$1.5 million grant to North Dakota's Association of Oil Producing Counties and to the Southwest Rural Economic Area Partnership Zone to help with local planning, infrastructure and development needs. North Dakota's Energy Impact Office provided \$300,000 in matching funds for the federal grant. [Read the Dickinson Press story.](#)



## Tribe Places Ban on Hydraulic Fracturing

The Turtle Mountain Tribal Council has placed a ban on the practice of hydraulic fracturing or "fracking" on the Turtle Mountain Reservation. The council was acting on a resolution presented to them by the "No Fracking Way Turtle Mountain Tribe" grassroots organization. The resolution impacts the possible sale of 45,000 acres of allotted Indian lands based in Rolette County. An amendment to the resolution calls for land bids to be sealed until bidders are notified about the fracking ban. [Read the Minot Daily News story.](#)



## Groups Claim Haze Impact Exaggerated

The National Parks Conservation Association and the Sierra Club have released economic analysis conducted by Arlington, MA-based Resource Insights that indicates the North Dakota utility industry is exaggerating claims of costs and consumer rate increases if EPA's preferred regional haze plan takes effect. Industry and some North Dakota elected officials have been pushing for an alternate technology to the technology preferred in EPA's plan to meet the regional haze requirements. The environment groups say their study shows that the consumer price impacts would be less than the 30 percent increases projected by industry. Industry representatives say the study is flawed. [Read the Bismarck Tribune story.](#)



## Tesoro Plans to Ship Oil to Washington Refinery

Tesoro Corp is moving ahead with plans to ship up to 30,000 barrels of oil per day from North Dakota oil fields to a refinery in Washington. The company is also planning an expansion of their Mandan refinery and a rail project. [Read the Bismarck Tribune story.](#)



## Calendar of Events



November 29	<a href="#">Energy Development &amp; Transmission Committee</a>	Bismarck
November 30	<a href="#">Great Plains Land Expo</a>	Fargo
January 11-13	<a href="#">Midwest Energy Solutions Conference</a>	Chicago, IL
January 24-26	<a href="#">2012 Energy Generation Conference</a>	Bismarck
May 22-24	<a href="#">Williston Basin Petroleum Conference</a>	Bismarck
June 4-7	<a href="#">Fuel Ethanol Workshop</a>	Minneapolis, MN
July 24	WEST! Event	Williston



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