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First LNG Plant to Open This Summer

North Dakota LNG and Prairie Companies LLC is constructing the state's first liquefied natural gas (LNG) plant near Tioga. The plant is expected to begin operating this summer, initially producing 10,000 gallons of LNG per day. The company has plans to expand capacity to 76,000 gallons per day by 2015. The plant will eventually employ 25-30 people and some of the LNG produced will be used to supplement diesel fuel used on drilling rigs and other oil field operations. [Read more in the Dickinson Press.](#)

Researchers Studying Enhanced Oil Recovery Using Natural Gas

Early phase research is being conducted at UND's Energy & Environmental Research Center on the viability of using flared natural gas in enhanced oil production. Research is already underway on injecting carbon dioxide to help extract more oil; however, companies and others are interested in the potential for using natural gas due to the short supply of carbon dioxide and the ample supply of natural gas. [Read more in the Dickinson Press.](#)

Census Bureau Chief Visits ND, Oil Patch

The Director of the US Census Bureau was in North Dakota this week to get a first-hand look at the state's population growth and booming energy sector. Director John Thompson made the visit to the state at the invitation of US Senator Heidi Heitkamp. Thompson visited Fargo, Bismarck and Williston and told state officials that the state's recent population spike makes it difficult to accurately track population growth. The Census Bureau is looking at options, including public-private partnerships, to help achieve accurate census results in 2020. [Read more in the Bismarck Tribune.](#)

Hearing Set on Proposed Wind Project

A proposed 110-MW wind project planned near Glen Ullin, Hebron and Richardton will be reviewed at a Public Service Commission (PSC) hearing in Hebron next week. The project developer, Infinity Wind Power, will make a presentation at the hearing, followed by questions from the PSC and the public. If approved by the PSC, construction will begin on the project in 2015. [Read more in Prairie Business.](#)



ENERGY EVENTS

May 21	<u><i>Future of the Bio-Industry Summit</i></u>	Fargo, ND
May 22—24	<u><i>Williston Basin Petroleum Conference</i></u>	Bismarck, ND
June 9—12	<u><i>International Fuel Ethanol Workshop & Expo</i></u>	Indianapolis, IN
Oct. 14	<u><i>Great Plains & EmPower ND Energy Conference</i></u>	Bismarck, ND