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2014 YEAR IN REVIEW
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Above: Gene Jernigan, Energy Future Holdings, speaks on the legislative panel at the TMRA Annual Meeting.
Each year the TMRA Annual Meeting exceeds expectations from the previous year, and this past meeting was no exception. What I appreciate most about the Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort and Spa as a venue is that it enables our group to stay in close proximity. This provides more time spent discussing issues, visiting with friends and making new acquaintances. Once again, the funds raised at both the silent and live auctions increased, with profits going to support our education efforts. I would like to thank all of our TMRA Planning Committee members, led by Cathy Pierce, for their time and effort in putting together another excellent program.

I would also personally like to thank Peter Luthiger, Mesteña Uranium, for his past year of service to TMRA as chairman. Greg Shurbet, American Electric Power, also needs to be recognized as he has completed his service as past chair. Please join me in congratulating Rick Ziegler, North American Coal, as the new incoming secretary. Finally, I would like to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude to our member company executives who allow their employees to participate and devote precious time away from their regular duties to serve on the numerous committees and attend meetings. If it were not for this continued support, TMRA would not be as successful as it is.

In August, the executive committee faced the task of identifying a new executive director. As the incoming chairman, I was very concerned with this and the added responsibility of facing a legislative session. But Ches Blevins offered his name for consideration. Following discussions amongst the executive committee and the board of directors, the ED position was offered to Ches, and he accepted. He will continue as general counsel for TMRA as well. I could not think of a more qualified candidate to assume the role of executive director, and I look forward to working alongside him. Welcome Ches!

We will hit the ground running in January with the start of the 84th Texas Legislature. As always, TMRA’s Governmental Affairs Committee, chaired by Gene Jernigan, Energy Future Holdings, will be busy monitoring legislative and regulatory activities that may have an impact on our TMRA members. This committee has regularly scheduled briefings in Austin during session and can be joined by conference call if you cannot attend in person. I extend an invitation to all of our members, including our support companies, to participate in these briefings when possible. We can’t have too many people get involved. With the anti-mining climate and opposition that we currently face, strength in numbers will be critical in proving that mining is essential, not only for Texas, but for our nation as well.

In this issue, you will see year-in-review reports from our three industry committees: lignite, uranium and industrial minerals. Currently, the issues facing our lignite and uranium member companies are quite onerous, but, due to our committee members’ involvement, we are meeting these challenges head on. Unfortunately, the same cannot be said for our industrial minerals group. As is discussed in the committee report, one of my main objectives for this year is to make a concerted effort to attract new member companies to our organization. The committee chairman’s seat is vacant at this time, and we have very few companies involved. Ches and I are currently discussing this issue and will make every attempt to correct the situation as soon as possible.

I am truly honored to serve as your chairman for 2015 and be a part of the executive committee, which directs our association. Our mining and reclamation operations are a necessity and can be conducted in a safe and environmentally conscious manner, which protects the air, land, water and the public. We can all be proud of the legacy we leave behind for generations to come.

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appy New Year! With a Texas Mining magazine theme of “Year in Review,” I should write about 2014, right? Okay, then let me give a very special THANKS to our TMRA team, from the outstanding leadership of Past Chairman Peter Luthiger to all of our officers, executive committee, board members, plus our other committee chairs. Thanks to all who — thank goodness — kept TMRA running through a transition which, at times, was a bit hectic. While hectic, it was accomplished with the help of a whole lot of folks beyond those noted above. Krissy Lilljedahl keeping TMRA out of hock in the office, and even while away. Christian Goff and Agenda keeping the TMRA public relations and outreach initiatives working. Francye Hutchins, bless her, keeping lots of balls in the air, not the least of which, along with several other folks she and we couldn’t do without, includes our teacher workshops and all of the related activities. Cathy Pierce keeping us, okay forcing us, to make sure this recent annual meeting came together and was not only a success, but a very high-level success. Anthony Mariotti on our books, and Katy Avenson on our tax matters, both hung in with us and helped us greatly. Bottom line, without all of those noted above and a whole bunch (legal term) of others, 2014 could have been one to write off. Instead, it was a year where we made clear that our TMRA leadership and outstanding members, with new members almost every week, can and will step up because that’s what we do. We know that TMRA, its goals and objectives, as an organization, are important!

2015 WILL be a banner year for TMRA! I know this going in because our leadership and support from members and contractors can’t and won’t be beat. While we will face challenges during this legislative session, our Governmental Committee, headed by Gene Jernigan, and participated in by many of you, will make sure we are aware of bills that might help or hinder our members in the conduct of our important service to Texas. And TMRA, with other aligned industry groups, will be active on those pieces of legislation where we need to be.

This same vigilance and activity will carry over to national issues, from EPA and others which can make an enormous impact on the ability of our mining and support members to conduct, or continue to conduct, business in Texas and throughout the United States. On these issues, we will work closely with Texas groups like the Clean Carbon Technology Foundation, Balanced Energy for Texas, Texas Aggregates and Concrete Association, Texas Association of Business and Association of Electric Companies of Texas, and more nationally oriented groups like the National Mining Association, American Coalition for Clean Coal Electricity, Lignite Energy Council and the Rocky Mountain Coal Mining Institute.

My personal goal for 2015 is for TMRA and its members to be provided the best management, commitment and dedication that I can bring to the table. My support from TMRA leadership, members and contractors going into this challenge has been more than I deserve, but certainly NOT more than I will work to maintain, encourage and grow. We all say, starting out, that you should let us know what needs to be done and, importantly, what we as TMRA, or me as the “freshman” executive director, can do to make TMRA the very best organization it can be. I have a long way to go. Giving me your feedback, counsel and direction is a must. I want to travel this road with you, on a path to be the best we can be.

Best wishes to you all during 2015!

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TMRA welcomed these new members in 2014:

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The TMRA Lignite Committee is comprised of Texas lignite mining company representatives with expertise and interest in regulatory and legislative issues, which impact surface coal mining in Texas. Generally lignite company environmental or operations managers attend meetings, sometimes accompanied by selected staff. The committee works with other TMRA committees as well as with the Gulf Coast Lignite Coalition, Balanced Energy for Texas and the National Mining Association.

The TMRA Lignite Committee met quarterly over the past year, and the TMRA Environmental Committee and TMRA Task Force (industry meeting with RCT Reclamation Division Director and select staff) meetings were conducted the day prior so members could attend all three if they chose.

Preparing for the 84th Texas Legislature
There are no specific legislative items that the committee is working on at this time, although we are prepared to address issues and meet with legislators as the need arises. Significant ground work is being conducted by others in the governmental affairs area, and we remain in contact with them to provide technical assistance if needed on specific upcoming pieces of legislation.

Regulations
Several regulations are being monitored and comments are being submitted, as needed. The major rules being followed are:

1. EPA CO₂ regulations:
   There was a good lignite mining company turnout at the December 2013 EPA “Listening Session” held in Dallas, where the agency provided public opportunity to make comments on the proposed CO₂ rule for existing plants. TMRA’s executive director provided testimony.
   TMRA submitted comments on the EPA’s proposed CO₂ rule for new power plants and submitted comments on its proposed rule for existing power plants.

2. The long-awaited EPA ash regulation was finalized (characterization as a hazardous/non-hazardous waste) and a proposed OSM regulation for handling coal ash on mine sites is expected in early 2015.

3. The EPA/COE is proposing an expanded definition of “Waters of the United States” – this is receiving pushback from Congress, industry and especially the agriculture community. This is expected to be finalized in 2015.

4. The OSM Stream Protection Rule has been pushed back for at least five years. The first leaked draft of this rule indicated it would result in sterilization of billions of tons of coal and thousands of jobs lost. We understand OSM continues to work on it and that it will be proposed in the next year or so.

5. The Corps of Engineers is considering additional new requirements associated with mitigation and financial assurance, and TMRA Lignite Committee members are working with the Fort District COE office to address this.

Oil and Gas Well Sites
Individual companies on the committee have been working with the Railroad Commission of Texas to get them to reduce their requirements for erosion control on oil/gas sites that are not under the control of the mine operator. We are awaiting the Surface Mining and Reclamation Division director’s report on what other states are doing to address impacts that are within a permit area but not under the control of the mining operator or mining permit holder.

This issue has been spotlighted by OSM the past few years. However, now OSM has dropped oil/gas development on surface coal mine sites as an issue in their Texas state oversight plan.

RCT Activities: Permitting and Bond Release
The TMRA Lignite and Environmental Committees and their individual company members
continue pressuring the RCT to meet statutory
deadlines for permit and revision approvals. Agency
compliance has improved. However, mining
companies are now experiencing significant delays
in obtaining bond release – the agency reports
more than 10,000 acres of bond release application
are under review. Both committees and their mem-
bers continue pursuing improved processing.

In early 2014, a meeting was held with RCT
Executive Director Milton Rister. While he re-
ported on I.T. and electronic data communication
improvements at the RCT, unfortunately all these
infrastructure enhancements had taken place in
the Oil and Gas Division.

There is concern that federal funding for
state regulatory programs may be starting to get
restricted, although no strict new limits have been
placed on RCT federal funding yet.

Regional Environmental Impact Statement
for Clean Water Act Section 404 Permitting
A separate ad hoc group of TMRA Lignite
Committee companies are participating in a
joint project to prepare a regional environmental
impact statement to be used to expedite CWA
404 permit approvals. This is coming along well.
The project is not under control of the lignite
committee, but group members happen to be
TMRA Lignite Committee members.

Research Study: Economic Impact of
Coal to Texas
The February 2013 report Coal Mining and Coal-
Fired Power Generation in Texas: Economic and
Fiscal Impacts was updated by Dr. Michael
Seman and his team at the University of North
Texas, Denton. Six lignite committee members
contributed separately as an ad hoc group to fund
this update. Just recently completed end of 2014,
and will be distributed to educate legislators dur-
during the 84th Texas Legislative Session.

During a September Texas House Environ-
mental Committee hearing on EPA’s proposed
CO2 rule for existing power plants, Dr. Terry
Clower with the UNT Center for Economic De-
velopment and Research provided well-received
testimony about the economic impact of coal
to Texas.

Lignite Committee Structure/Function
Changes
A co-chair for the lignite committee was cho-
sen at the 2014 TMRA Annual Meeting with that
member’s role being to take meeting minutes and
preside in the absence of the committee chair. Ad-
ditionally, the co-chair would be the presumptive
following-year committee chair. However, since
this arrangement is not codified in the TMRA
bylaws, a regular lignite committee vote was held
at the annual meeting to select and confirm the
upcoming chair.

Over the past couple years there has been a
major emphasis on environmental regulatory is-
issues within the lignite committee. This overlapped
significantly with the environmental committee. In
the future, a shift will be made to reduce commit-
tee overlap by having the environmental commit-
tee address more general environmental issues,
especially as they commonly relate across lignite,
industrial minerals and uranium industries. The
lignite committee will address topics more specific
to lignite, such as power generation, MSHA/safety,
and specific lignite-related legislation.
Industrial minerals are fundamental to everyday life, yet they are often overlooked when compared with other mineral resources. This can be both a blessing and a curse. While industrial mineral operators in Texas don’t face the same degree of governmental and public scrutiny as do lignite and uranium operators, the industry suffers from a lack of solidarity that jointly fighting regulatory and legislative issues brings.

2014 Focus on Safety and Education
Looking back at the challenges outlined for industrial minerals in 2014 by James Gregory of American Talc, I can say we were successful. Safety was, is and will always be our primary focus as we strive to attain and maintain zero lost time accidents. A number of industrial minerals quarries were recognized at this year’s annual meeting for their accomplishments in this area. Education is the industry’s community outreach. Industrial minerals’ support of TMRA Teacher Workshops helps teachers, students, families and voters appreciate the role and value of these low-cost resources. As I often asked my students, where did the materials to make that road come from? What are our homes and grocery stores built on?

2015 Focus on Membership Growth
Industrial minerals faces the same challenges in 2015 as it did in 2014, with one exception – we have to grow. In the 2014 edition of “USGS Aggregates Industry Atlas,” Aggregates Manager identified and mapped 256 crushed stone and 192 sand and gravel operations in Texas. Of the major companies identified, only three are members of TMRA. An overwhelming majority of all sites listed are owned and operated by smaller, local producers. Their actions regarding safety, reclamation and public perception reflect equally on the industry as those companies with a larger, interstate footprint.

For 2015, let’s maintain our goal of no lost time accidents. Let’s support and grow the teacher workshops by providing access to new sites and helping to develop and market programs to community colleges, as well as grades four through 12. Let’s continue to monitor and voice our opposition to legislative and regulatory actions that would constrain our rights. Let’s be involved with and contribute to TMRA’s functional committees with our expertise and ideas. And, let’s grow TMRA’s industrial minerals membership through outreach to all of Texas’ operators of industrial minerals, clay, stone, sand and gravel.

By Vice Chair
Chris Sumner,
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Photo: Francye Hutchins
Since the last TMRA Annual Meeting, the uranium spot price has dropped from approximately $35/lb. to a ten-year low of $28/lb. and back up $35/lb. as recently as October 2014. The nagging depressed prices of uranium have all but suspended development and production in Texas with few exceptions.

Despite the market conditions, membership maintained relatively stable, only losing one member this year. Recruitment of new members appears to be unlikely at this time but the existing members continue to be engaged with legislative and regulatory issues.

In 2014, areas of focus and accomplishments include the following:

**Legislation**
Passage of HB 1079 by the 83rd Texas Legislature was a result of the committee’s involvement and will have significant positive impacts to the industry. The bill will limit the number of contested case hearings to initial production area applications rather than opportunities for every production area authorization under most circumstances. As a result of HB 1079 passage, the committee was also engaged with TCEQ to draft new rules. Several meetings were held with TCEQ staff and an industry-approved revised rules package was developed. The new rules were adopted in November.

**Permitting Process**
The committee discussed a number of additional rule changes needed to clarify and correct rules adversely affecting the permitting process. Among those items was a rule requirement to have surface owner consent for mining even though a mineral lease was executed. This rule basically gave the surface owner the ability to prevent a mineral owner from producing its mineral. Because the rule basically negates mineral ownership in Texas, it is in the process of being revised so that surface owners must be noticed but consent will no longer be required. The rule was adopted in late 2014.

Photo: Franey Hutchins
The Planning Committee mission is to direct and coordinate the planning and preparations for the TMRA Annual Meeting and other association meetings throughout the year.

The TMRA Annual Meeting was, once again, held at the Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort and Spa in October. The 2014 event was another exceptional year where 254 attendees enjoyed fishing, golf, Fun Night and a slate of informative speakers and panel discussions. The silent auction resulted in a record-setting amount raised.

The committee is already working on the 2015 TMRA Annual Meeting. The Hyatt Regency Lost Pines has proven to be a very popular site with members, so we have signed a contract to continue to hold this meeting there through 2018! We are always looking for new ideas to encourage members to attend. If you have an idea or would like to assist, please contact Cathy at cathy.pierce@tmra.com.

Right:
Legislative panelists included: Gene Jernigan, Energy Future Holdings; Brian Sledge, Sledge Fancher, LLC; Ty Embrey, Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend PC; and Mike Nasi, Jackson Walker, LLP.
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Featured speakers included: Cecilia Green, Blanton and Associates; Peter M. Holt, Holt Cat; Eric Anderson, NAC Sabine Mine; Steve Schauwecher, Luminant, and John Miller, NAC Sabine Mine; Peter Luthiger and Mike Altavilla, outgoing and incoming Chairmen; J.L. Butch Wright, North American Coal; Gary Gibbs, American Electric Power/SWEPCO; Tim Light, American Electric Power; and Jana Russell, Flex-Source.
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The TMRA Communication’s Committee continues to gain momentum and looks forward to the road ahead with the support of the association’s new Executive Director Ches Blevins. Although there were notable accomplishments on the communications front in 2014, looking to the future we see even greater opportunity with a proactive leader like Ches at the helm.

Many thanks go out to the 2014 TMRA leadership team including the board, the executive committee and the outgoing Chairman Peter Luthiger.

TMRA continues to have multiple communications initiatives underway including:

- **Texas Mining Magazine** - In its third year, *Texas Mining*, a quarterly magazine published by TMRA and distributed to close to 1,000 people, addresses a different topic related to the industry each issue. This year, with the help of a new graphic designer, we revamped the look and feel of the magazine. The publication is a perfect medium to highlight industry issues, accomplishments and member company news.

- **Teacher Workshop Earned Media Relations Campaign** – The teacher workshop media relations campaign had yet another successful year including the publication of numerous in-depth features regarding each industry sector. From a public relations perspective, the teacher workshops continue to be TMRA’s strongest story. Not only can we highlight the exceptional work of the TMRA Teacher Workshop, but this program also allows us to incorporate all of the mining industry’s key messages into associated media pitches.

- **TMRA Web** – The new TMRA Web site is up and running. TMRA.com allows members to learn about member networking opportunities, access up-to-date industry news and current member contact information.

- **Proactive Media Relations** – In addition to providing media relations support for the teacher workshops, we successfully placed key news items throughout the year, all of which were highlighted in *Texas Mining*. Through one-on-one meetings, we also began to develop relationships with reporters from the *Texas Tribune* and the editorial board of the *Austin American-Statesman*.

### How to Get Involved

Moving into 2015, it is imperative for all members to keep the communications committee involved and informed regarding the issues that face each industry sector. We are of little help if not kept abreast of members’ needs and concerns, and collaboration between all parties, i.e., mining industry experts, legal teams, etc., is key to maintaining a healthy, effective public relations campaign. Make your voice heard and help support the mining industry by submitting any information regarding legislation and/or regulation impacting or threatening to impact the industry to cgoff@agenda-global.com.
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This past summer TMRA conducted five teacher workshops. Three were hosted at coal mines. The first was at North American Coal Sabine Mine, the second was conducted at Luminant’s Three Oaks Coal Mine, and the third was held at Texas Westmoreland Coal’s Jewett Mine. Sixty-three teachers from around the state attended these workshops.

The Industrial Minerals workshop was attended by 18 teachers. TMRA worked with the Bureau of Economic Geology and toured two types of aggregate pits.

The Uranium workshop, based in Corpus Christi, was also attended by 18 teachers. The attendees learned how uranium is mined in Texas and then how it is used to create electricity.

According to the evaluations from the teachers, TMRA’s workshops are some of the best offered for educators in the state. TMRA actually offers hands-on labs with the participants so they are able to use them in the classroom. Science teachers get to see mining as it is actually done and observe the reclamation processes as well. Over the last three years there has been an increase in the number of teachers attending our workshops that specialize in “Environmental Systems.” Very few of them were aware of mining and reclamation in Texas.

2015 Teacher Workshops
Coal Camps:
June 14-19, hosted by North American Coal-Sabine Mine
June 21-26, hosted by Luminant’s Three Oaks Mine
July 12-17, hosted by Texas Westmoreland Coal’s Jewett Mine

Industrial Minerals Camp:
July 6-10, based in Round Rock, TX

Uranium Camp:
July 26-31, based in Corpus Christi

Future Plans
The TMRA Education Committee has developed a “Nuggets of Knowledge” program - two-day workshops to be conducted during the school year. Teachers will arrive on Friday evening and spend one day performing the classroom activities that they can use in their classrooms and another day touring the mining operation, reclamation areas and power plant. A new pilot program, called “Coal to Kilowatt,” will focus on energy.
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The Safety Committee recognised TMRA member companies for significant achievement, specifically those that had no lost time injuries in 2013 with a minimum of 3,000 hours reported.

Congratulations for achieving this significant safety milestone!

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<th>Controller</th>
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Elected Officials of the Year

Legislators of the Year

Rep. Tim Kleinschmidt
Tim Kleinschmidt is a Lee County attorney, rancher, family-man and civic leader serving Texas House District 17, which includes all of Bastrop, Caldwell, Gonzales, Karnes and Lee Counties. Karnes County is where uranium has historically been produced and where abundant ore reserves exist for future production.

In his third term, the representative currently serves on the Agriculture and Livestock and the Homeland Defense and Public Safety Committees in the Texas House of Representatives, and he is Chairman of the House Republican Caucus Policy Committee.

Rep. Kleinschmidt has been an unwavering advocate of the business and uranium mining industry since taking office in 2009. Legislation he introduced provides regulatory certainty for the industry that is necessary for continued uranium production. The revisions also benefit the industry's attempt to attract new capital investment to Texas.

"It is an honor to work with TMRA to help continue growth in the Texas mining industry and to increase business opportunities and create jobs for Texans," said Rep. Kleinschmidt.

"Keeping Texas strong and competitive in a world economy is vitally important to our continued prosperity, and TMRA provides great leadership in the Texas mining industry."

Sen. Troy Fraser
Sen. Troy Fraser was elected in 1996 to serve Senate District 24, which includes Bandera, Bell, Blanco, Brown, Burnet, Callahan, Comanche, Coryell, Gillespie, Hamilton, Kerr, Lampasas, Llano, Mills, San Saba and part of Taylor and Travis Counties.

The senator serves as Chairman of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources, which handles the flow of legislation in a number of policy areas including water resources, air quality, oil and gas, waste and parks and wildlife. He also sits on the Economic Development, State Affairs and Nominations standing committees.

Sen. Fraser has on numerous occasions stepped forward during legislative sessions to support mining operations in Texas, providing leadership by carefully questioning and considering legislation that could have been detrimental to the industry.

"I have always been a proponent of maintaining a diversified energy mix in Texas, as energy diversity is in the best interest of businesses and consumers," said Sen. Fraser.

"Mining has been, and will continue to be, a boon to the Texas economy."

Public Officials of the Year

District Judge Deborah Oakes Evans
District Judge Deborah Oakes Evans was elected to the 87th District which includes Freestone, Limestone, Leon and Anderson Counties. She has been in office since January 2003.

Judge Evans has authored a number of legal articles and papers, several of which have been presented at State Bar of Texas courses for attorneys. Evans has received certification from the Texas Board of Legal Specialization for Labor and Employment Law.

"Having grown up in rural Texas, the daughter of a rancher, I am very cognizant of the important role the mining industry has played in this area of Texas and its continued economic viability. Further, having a deep-rooted love of the land, I have been able to personally observe the reclamation process, the restoration of the land and the positive impact on the surrounding communities," said Evans.

Commissioner James Greer
County Commissioner James Greer has served Harrison County for 11 years.

Greer said he is proud to have served the 3rd Precinct and is proud of the court's accomplishments including renovations to the Harrison County Courthouse and construction of a 200-bed jail annex, which were completed without raising the tax rate.

"After spending 30 years in the school business as a teacher, coach and administrator, I understand the importance of being available and accountable to the public," said Greer.

TMRA is proud to recognize the following elected officials who have been instrumental in their support of the mining industry in Texas.
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Commissioner Barry Smitherman

TMRA presented Commissioner Barry Smitherman with the 2014 Energy Public Service Award in recognition of his advocacy for the use of Texas lignite as a low cost fuel for generating electricity.

Commissioner Smitherman has championed an “all of the above” strategy for Texas to pursue in maintaining an affordable, reliable supply of electric energy. He has been a vocal advocate for the use of Texas lignite.

Smitherman served as an elected member of the Railroad Commission of Texas, most recently as chairman from 2012 - 2014. The commission oversees the oil and natural gas, coal mining, intrastate pipeline and gas utility distribution industries in the state.

“I’m very honored to receive this award from the hard working Texans at TMRA,” said Commissioner Smitherman. “Our state is blessed to have a broad portfolio of resources with which to make electricity. Coal, especially Texas lignite, and natural gas are the ‘workhorses,’ together accounting for about 80 percent of Texas power generation. Nuclear, wind, solar, hydro and biomass constitute the remaining 20 percent. Our historical use of Texas lignite has helped to reliably and inexpensively keep the lights on for our citizens. This industry has also powered the local economies of many towns throughout rural Texas for almost a half century. My grandfather, who lived to be 94, was a proud Texas coal miner — it was the best job he ever had.”

Smitherman also serves as chairman of the National Association of Regulatory Commissioners Gas Committee. Prior to joining the RCT, Smitherman served as chairman of the Public Utility Commission of Texas, which oversees the Texas electricity and landline telecommunication industries, sat on the Electric Reliability Council of Texas Board of Directors, served as vice president of the Regional State Committee of the Southwest Power Pool and served two terms on the U.S. Department of Energy Electricity Advisory Committee.
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TMRA South Texas Minerals Reps Award Scholarships to Texas A&M University-Kingsville

For more than 20 years, the South Texas Minerals Section of the Society for Mining, Metallurgy and Exploration has supported engineering and geosciences student scholarships at Texas A&M University-Kingsville.
TMRA uranium operator member companies associated with the STMS of SME include Mesteña Uranium, Uranium Energy Corporation and Uranium Resources, Inc. The group aims to promote the responsible exploration, production, utilization and reclamation of minerals and metals.

STMS representatives presented Frank H. Dotterweich College of Engineering and the College of Arts & Sciences officials with scholarship donations for engineering and geosciences students.

Scholarship funds were made available from revenue generated from the U-2013 Global Uranium Symposium held in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Pictured are Peter Luthiger, Mesteña Uranium; Dr. Kim Jones, chair of the Department of Environmental Engineering; Dr. Selahattin Ozcelik, associate dean of the College of Engineering; Dr. Mark Ford, assistant professor of geology; Dr. Thomas McGeehee, professor of geology; Daniel Heuston, STMS; and Dr. Susan Roberson, assistant dean of the College of Arts & Sciences.
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