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Oil Companies Receive Awards

TRIBES AND OIL COMPANIES JOIN FORCES ON ENVIRONMENTAL & INDUSTRY BEST PRACTICES, - INVESTMENTS IN COMMUNITY AND PEOPLE

Four Bears - At the MHA Nation's Annual Oil & Gas EXPO, two oil companies were recognized for their work on the Reservation for their safety and environmental practices and three were recognized for their community service in working with local communities and organizations. The Tribal Energy Department along with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Bureau of Land Management consulted on the awards.

- Enerplus Resources was presented with a Best Management Practices award. The award is based on sound environmental practices implemented by Enerplus Resources during the past year. Fred Fox, Tribal Energy Administrator said the company has been aggressive in bringing sound new environmental practices onto their oil sites. He said in order to contain gas contaminates they placed housing on their flare stacks; the stacks will prevent gas from spilling out and contaminating the ground around the well site. Additionally they are using hydro mulch rather than hay on the site. Fox said, in addition to being greener, the hydro mulch is more effective and easier to work with when reclaiming the land. Dan Larson, External Affairs Advisor for the company said, "Enerplus is truly honored to accept the award. Enerplus has high standards for its operations and even higher expectations. We will continue working to maintain the high levels of performance that are highlighted by this award."
- Marathon Oil received a Safety Award based on the number of accident free operations they have conducted on site since they arrived here. Marathon Oil set up operations here April 2008 and the award covers from that period until May 2012. Terry Kovacevich, Bakken Asset Manager for Marathon said, they hold safety pre-meetings in their down time and they require employees to have their required safety related training prior to going on-site. Kovacevich said, "We are appreciative to be recognized by the Mandan, Hidatsa & Arikara Nation, and the hard work by all our employees make this possible."
- WPX Energy, Petro Hunt and QEP Resources were recognized for their community service. The three were given Community Service Awards for their financial donations to local clubs and programs.
- Geraldine Van Dyke, age 89 from Mandaree also received a Community Service Award for her donation of \$5,000 to the Mandaree Boys and Girls Club.

Chairman Tex Hall said we are all here together, Tribes, oil companies, and the federal government. We need to work together so we do not leave such a large footprint for our children. We want to leave them sound environmental practices and financial stability and it is good to see the oil companies stepping up to do their part in safety and environmental practices and working with the Tribes.

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