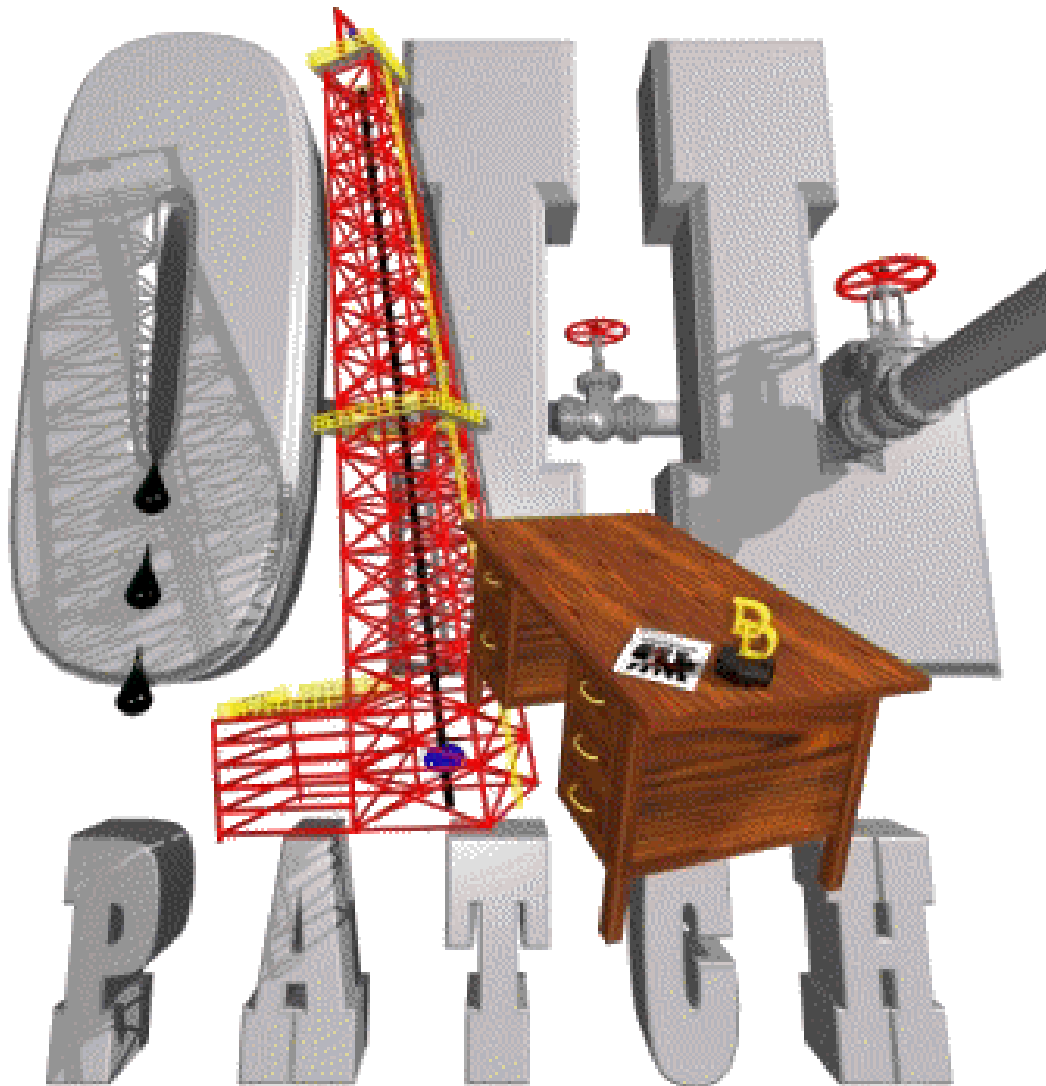


# Westbank Oil Patch

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## 2024

### BOARD MEETINGS

### GENERAL MEETINGS

January 17

January 24

March 20

March 27

May 15

May 22

**July 17**

**July 24**

September 11

September 18

November 13\*

November 20\*

\*moved -Thanksgiving

### Birthdays

Susan Miller	July 4
Evelyn McCurley-Ingram	July 13
Charlie Miller	July 26

## July Membership Meeting

**Life Without Petroleum**

**(video)**

**Discuss Club meeting logistics for 2025**

**Review ADDC Business**

**(Convention, Slate of Officers, Proposed Amendments)**

# Club President's Newsletter

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July 2024

Fellow Desk and Derrick Members

Welcome Summer! Of course we pretty much went to Summer after only two weeks of Spring. I think those of us who live in the Southeast and Gulf Coast states are prepared for the shift when we first notice the buds on our azaleas and magnolia trees. Summer is upon us, as is Hurricane Season. So, always be prepared – keep your gas tank topped off and a clear plan for sheltering in place or hitting the road. "Semper Paratus" as the Coast Guard motto says – Always Ready.

There are a number of things for the club to discuss this month.

- ADDC Convention 2024 – Registration Packet
- ADDC Nominating Committee - Slate of Candidates for ADDC 2025 Board of Directors
- ADDC Rules Committee – Proposed Amendments to the ADDC Bylaws and Standing Rules (and quick summary in this issue of the bulletin)
- Westbank Logistics – Review options for new day, new time, new menus for the Club

All of these documents were sent by email so all of us members are aware of the ongoing ADDC, Southeast Region, and Westbank Club activities.

Please take time to review these documents and bring your questions or concerns to the July meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting but have questions or concerns, please email your comments so they can be addressed.

The Convention packet, Nominating Committee letter and candidate documents, and Rules Committee letter and proposed amendments are also available on the ADDC web site.

*Judi Adams*





***DATE: SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2024***

***DOORS OPEN: 5:30 P.M.***

***GAMES BEGIN: 6:30 P.M.***

***Food served before games begin***

***Menu: Spaghetti Dinner, salad, bread, dessert, soft drinks, tea, coffee***

***Due to safety guidelines, meals will be served at the table and players will NOT change tables after rounds of Bunco are played.***

***PLACE: IMMACULATA K.C. HALL***

***566 AVENUE D - MARRERO, LA.***

***PRICE: \$20.00 ADVANCE PURCHASE ONLY***

***Contact Susan Miller for ticket information.***

***Email: [smiller7451@yahoo.com](mailto:smiller7451@yahoo.com)***

***All proceeds benefit the  
Desk and Derrick Club of the  
Westbank Scholarship Fund***



**Angie Corvers**  
 Southeast Region Director  
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June was a hot, wet month for us in Baton Rouge. I know many of you had a lot of rain as well. I pray you were safe through the bad weather.

Congratulations to the Westbank Club on their 48<sup>th</sup> birthday in April. Their birthday luncheon was very nice.

Congratulations to the New Orleans Club on their 75<sup>th</sup> birthday in June! What a special milestone. Keep on keeping on!

The Convention Packet has been distributed. I am looking forward to seeing many of you in Dallas. We will have our “in person” Region Meeting on Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. At the Virtual Region Meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup>, the group decided that we did not need to order refreshments. I don’t think the meeting will be all that long, and you are welcome to bring a drink to the meeting if you wish.

Both field trips being offered at Convention look great. There will also be a certification field trip, and two additional seminars available. The Symposium, and the speakers at the Industry Luncheon and the Saturday Night Banquet will offer more opportunities for “Greater Knowledge”.

I am still working to get the membership certificates corrected. As soon I have it all straight, I will send them to the presidents.

I hope you have had an opportunity to read the amendments that will be voted on at Convention. Please discuss these at your meetings so that your president or delegate will be ready to vote at Convention. If there are questions or comments that you would like addressed, please let me know and I will do my best to get answers for you,

Keep those spicy programs and meetings rolling!

**Love to All!**  
**Angie**



The #1 Club, Desk and Derrick Club of New Orleans, celebrated 75 years since the first meeting was held. The rest, as they say, is history (and HERstory)!! What a huge impact on thousands of members over the organization's lifetime.



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July 2024

ADDC Membership

We made it to summer and half-way through 2024. Time flies when you are having fun.

You should have received a mass email from ADO and Public Relations chair Helen Trujillo about the deadline for the DSA and SAA Awards. Please see my letter last month for details of these awards. Due Date is JULY 1, 2024.

Convention registration packets have gone out! Val, Pat and their committee were able to keep the fee at \$250 again this year. Please register as soon as you can. It makes continual planning so much easier!

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=DFWCNDT&groupCode=CDTDD2&arrivaldate=2024-09-24&departuredate=2024-09-29&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

We have nominees! Please look at their qualifications. I believe 2025 will be in good hands!

*President-Elect - Evelyn Green*  
*Secretary - Heather Woods*  
*Treasurer- Christina Forth*

Soon you will be seeing (if you have not already) the amendments we will be voting on at our Convention. Also, you will receive a discussion item we will bring up after the voting. After discussion, we will vote on having a MAIL VOTE for this item of discussion. We will go into detail on how this will be done.

*"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams" ~ Eleanor Roosevelt.*

Sincerely,  
*Wendy Sparks*





# ENERGY NOW

## 72<sup>nd</sup> ADDC Convention and Educational Conference

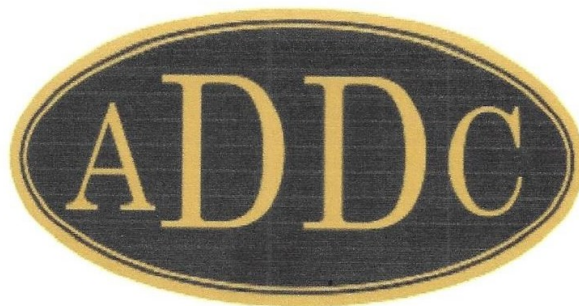
Hosted by the Central Region Clubs

(Graham, Great Bend, Liberal, Lone Star, Oklahoma City, Tulsa, Wichita, & Wichita Falls)

September 24-28, 2024

DoubleTree Dallas Campbell Centre

8250 North Central Expressway, Dallas, Texas 75206



## President's Welcome Letter



June 2024

Dear Desk and Derrick Members,

I would like to welcome you all to the 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual ADDC International Convention and Educational Conference. The Central Region, led by General Arrangements Co-Chairs Val Williams and Pat Blanford have organized and planned for months to make sure you have a fun and educational week in Dallas!

Wednesday you will have the opportunity to choose one of two field trips. You can board a bus to Kilgore College in Kilgore, Texas and tour the East Texas Oil Museum, lunch at the Back Porch Restaurant, then we go back to Kilgore College for a tour of the Corrosion Lab by Dean Walker. Afterwards, we are on to Britt's Wine and Dine. There will be wine tasting and buying, before making our way back to Dallas. The other option will be loading in Vans and heading to Bridgeport, Texas to an Enlink Carbon Capturing and Sequestration Site. We will be at the well-head and will be taught the how and why of Carbon Capturing and Sequestration. Then we will head to Fort Worth, Texas to the Fort Worth Stockyards for lunch and see and the learn about the history of the stockyards and see the cattle drive. There will be plenty of time to shop and tour the historic site.

Thursday, we have two seminars available. Andrew Aday will speak to us about his company Digital Solutions and how they help the oilfield connect the rod lift digitally to the office. It connects the office to the oilfield. Or you can choose to listen and learn from Cecil Duke, Wichita Falls Club member and professor at Vernon will speak to us about the various fluids used in drilling and why. Also Thursday, the Certification Class will be held and will also involve a field trip!

Friday night Icebreaker will be hosted by Central Regions Lone Star Club with a live country and western band and some good Texas BBQ on the menu!

Business Meetings are held on Friday and Saturday with an open forum and election of officers. We also have some proposed amendments to vote on so make sure you come informed!

Thank you for being a part of this great organization and all the help and support you have given me this year. It really takes a village! Here is to a week of Greater Knowledge – Greater Service.

Wendy Sparks  
2024 ADDC President



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June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024

To: Club Presidents

The 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention of the Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs will be held  
September 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Convention Headquarters: DoubleTree Dallas Campbell Centre  
Dallas, TX

Convention Theme: "Energy Now"

Registration Fee: \$250.00 US if postmarked by 8/31/2024  
Late Registration Fee: \$300.00 US if postmarked between 9/1/2024 – 9/10/2024  
\$350.00 US if postmarked on or after 9/11/2024

Full refund for cancellations postmarked by 7/31/2024.  
Refunds requested between 8/1/2024 – 8/31/2024 will be considered on a funds  
available basis after Convention.  
No refund after 9/1/2024.

Returned checks will be subject to a fee of \$75.00 US.

For the Convention schedule, see the attached Tentative Agenda.

We all look forward to seeing you at the Convention in Dallas, TX.

*Kelli Hiltbrand*  
Kelli Hiltbrand  
2024 ADDC Secretary

NOTE: the complete 2024 ADDC Convention packet has  
been emailed to members and is available online.

<https://addc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Convention-Registration-Packet-V4-1.pdf>

**Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs  
2024 ADDC Convention  
September 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**OFFICIAL CALL TO CONVENTION  
TENTATIVE CONVENTION SCHEDULE**

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024</b>	12:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Registration/Hospitality/Club Sales
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024</b>	6:30 AM to 10:00 AM	Registration/Hospitality/Club Sales
	7:00 AM to 7:00 PM	Field Trip 1
	7:30 AM to 6:00 PM	Field Trip 2
	4:30 PM to 8:00 PM	Registration/Hospitality/Club Sales
	7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	ADDC Board Dinner
<b>Thursday</b> <b>September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024</b>	6:30 AM to 8:00 PM	Registration/Hospitality/Club Sales
	8:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Certification - Transportation
	8:00 AM to 9:45 AM	Seminar #1
	10:00 AM to 11:45 AM	Seminar #2
	3:30 PM to 6:00 PM	Southeast Region Meeting
	6:00 PM to 8:00 PM	President's & 1 <sup>st</sup> Timer's Reception
<b>Friday</b> <b>September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024</b>	6:30 AM to 7:45 AM	Registration/Hospitality/Club Sales
	7:15 AM to 7:45 AM	Delegate & Alternate Check-In
	8:00 AM to 11:30 AM	Business Meeting
	11:30 AM to 12:00 PM	Registration/Hospitality/Club Sales
	12:00 PM to 1:30 PM	Industry Appreciation Luncheon
	2:00 PM to 5:00 PM	Business Meeting
	5:00 PM to 6:00 PM	Registration/Hospitality/Club Sales
	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Ice Breaker
<b>Saturday</b> <b>September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024</b>	6:30 AM to 7:45 AM	Registration/Hospitality/Club Sales
	7:15 AM to 7:45 AM	Delegate & Alternate Check-In
	8:00 AM to 11:30 AM	Business Meeting
	12:00 PM to 2:30 PM	Members Awards Luncheon
	2:30 PM to 4:00 PM	Business Meeting (If necessary)
	2:45 PM to 4:00 PM	Registration/Hospitality/Club Sales
	2:30 PM to 4:00 PM	Post Convention Board Meeting
	4:30 PM to 5:45 PM	Board & Club Photos
	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Banquet & Passing of Gavel
<b>Sunday</b> <b>September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024</b>	7:00 AM to 10:00 AM	Hospitality

Please refer to the convention package (on the ADDC website) for the times, locations and details pertaining to the field trips, seminars, club sales and photography schedule. The final Agenda and Program will be provided at the Convention.

*Kelli Hiltbrand*

2024 ADDC Secretary

# 2024 ADDC CONVENTION AND EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE GUEST REGISTRATION FORM



First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Guest of: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Special Dietary Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  I'm interested in receiving ADDC membership information.  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

		Amount	
GM1	Industry Luncheon per person	\$ 65.00	
GM2	Ice Breaker per person	\$ 65.00	
GM3	Banquet per person	\$ 75.00	
<b>Select Event(s), and enter corresponding payment below.</b>			
FT#1	East Texas Oil Museum	\$ 100.00	
FT#2	Carbon Capturing & Sequestration	\$ 55.00	
S#1	Digital Solutions - Andrew Ailey	\$ 25.00	
S#2	Drilling Fluids - Cecil Duke	\$ 25.00	
C #1	Certification - Transportation	\$ 125.00	
		<b>TOTAL</b>	

Credit Card Charge:  MasterCard  Visa  
 Discover  
 Card #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Exp Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 A convenience fee of 4% will be added to all Credit Card Charges.  
 All credit card registrations processed in U.S. funds.  
 Please note we do not accept credit card information via e-mail. Credit card registrations must be sent via mail, fax, or telephone.

Make checks payable to:

**ADDC CONVENTION FUND**

U.S. and Canadian registrants pay by check in U.S. funds.

**REFUND POLICY**

Full Refund (Postmarked) July 31, 2024

Refunds requested between Aug 1, 2024 and Aug 31, 2024 will be considered on a funds available basis after convention.

**NO REFUND** after September 1, 2024

**RETURNED CHECK POLICY - \$75.00**

Mail to: Assoc of Desk and Derrick Clubs  
 5014 FM 1500  
 Paris, TX 75460  
 Contact: Val Williams, 2024 CO-GAC  
 E-mail: valwilliams1950@gmail.com  
 Telephone: 713-962-7184

**FOR ADDC USE ONLY**

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

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**2024 ADDC CONVENTION AND EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE  
EMERGENCY INFORMATION & RELEASE FORM**



This form is to be completed by each person (member or guest) participating in ADDC activities.

All information is confidential.

**PARTICIPANT'S INFORMATION**

PARTICIPANT NAME:

ADDRESS:

OFFICE PHONE:

CELL PHONE:

**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, PLEASE NOTIFY**

NAME:

RELATIONSHIP:

ADDRESS:

OFFICE PHONE:

CELL PHONE:

**HOSPITALIZATION INSURANCE COMPANY (OPTIONAL)**

INSURANCE COMPANY:

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

POLICY NUMBER:

I understand that my participation in the field trips and/or special events is at my own risk and responsibility, The Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs assumes no liability.

SIGNATURE:

CLUB NAME:

DATE:

This signed release form must be received before departure of any field trip and/or special event. Please return signed release form with your registration form.



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June 13,2024

To: ADDC Club Presidents, ADDC Board

From: 2024 ADDC Nominating Committee

Re: Nominations for 2025 ADDC Officers

The 2024 ADDC Nominating Committee consists of the committee Chair, Val Williams, Lone Star Club, Central Region and Donna Siburt, Tuscarawas Valley Club, Northeast Region. The Committee received one nomination each for the offices of President Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer for 2025 by the June 10, 2024, deadline.

The ADDC Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the following candidates for 2025 ADDC Officers:

President-Elect	Evelyn Green, San Antonio Club, Southeast Region
Secretary	Heather Woods, Farmington Club, West Region
Treasurer	Christina Forth, Grande Prairie Club, West Region

ADDC wants to thank each of these members for stepping up to share their industry, Desk and Derrick, and personal leadership experience with our organization. The Candidates' qualification and goals are included with this letter and will be posted and emailed out to the Club Presidents.

Details for any additional nominations which may come "from the floor" and the instructions for voting will be explained at the 2024 ADDC Convention in Dallas, Texas on September 27-28, 2024. We will hold the Candidates Caucus, where the candidates will have the opportunity to share their thoughts, vision, and passion for the future of the Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs.

Sincerely,

*Val Williams*

Val Williams  
2024 Nominating Committee Chair

CC: Evelyn Green, 2024 ADDC Parliamentarian

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# Candidates for ADDC 2025 OFFICERS

EVELYN GREEN  
2025 ADDC PRESIDENT ELECT



HEATHER WOODS  
2025 ADDC SECRETARY



CHRISTINA FORTH  
2025 ADDC Treasurer



**NOTE: the complete 2024 ADDC Nominating Committee letter and 2025 ADDC Slate of Candidates (with their credentials) has been emailed to members.**

# MADE FROM OIL AND NATURAL GAS

Literally thousands of products you use and depend on every day are made or made better using **petrochemicals**: plastics and other materials that come from oil and natural gas.

## CAN YOU SPOT IT?

Only one of the 30 every-day products shown here is not made using petrochemicals derived from oil and natural gas.

*Can you find it?*



- |                  |                   |                    |                |                         |                        |
|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 toothbrush     | 6 smartphone      | 11 washing machine | 16 yoga outfit | 21 running shoes        | 26 saran wrap          |
| 2 safety goggles | 7 laptop computer | 12 ski jacket      | 17 shampoo     | 22 carbon-fibre bicycle | 27 cotton towels*      |
| 3 lipstick       | 8 rubber gloves   | 13 wind turbine    | 18 headphones  | 23 toy blocks           | 28 pills               |
| 4 airplane       | 9 crayons         | 14 dentures        | 19 garden hose | 24 electric piano       | 29 chemical fertilizer |
| 5 contact lenses | 10 helmet         | 15 fitness tracker | 20 syringe     | 25 kayak                | 30 electric car        |

\*The only product that doesn't rely on petrochemicals is #27.

# Life without Oil or Natural Gas

Imagine the United States stopping all exploitation and production of natural resources that give us affordable sources of energy. Our daily lives would be so very different.

Without oil or natural gas the world would be drastically different than the world we know today. At the core of our energy consumption, oil and natural gas are used as building blocks for thousands of products used every day. Very significant changes would be felt throughout all lifestyles. A world without these resources would require significant changes to our lifestyles and result in a higher cost of living.

We will watch a couple videos at the July meeting. Think of what it could be like to deliver a baby in a hospital or go on a date without being able to use petroleum-based products. Or getting ready for your jobs every morning. Doesn't sound very appealing!

Thousands of products that rely on oil and natural gas as building blocks would not be mass-produced; this includes chemicals, plastics, and fertilizers, among others. Oil and natural gas are resources necessary to produce everyday household items such as cleaning products, clothing, and food. Construction materials like asphalt and tar would also be impacted, drastically affecting infrastructure development or maintenance.

We would see significantly higher cost of energy without a supply of oil or natural gas. They provide the majority of our energy sources and are critical to maintain the global energy grid. Renewable energy sources such as solar and wind power would need to be vastly increased and implemented to replace oil and natural gas. But the investment and implementation of these technologies will almost certainly result in a higher cost of living and would take years to implement on a global scale. And, no matter how much energy wind and solar provide, they won't give the world affordable pharmaceuticals, clothing, cooling and heating, and a myriad of everyday items. Yes, we can use natural fibers such as cotton, linen, and flax but they need fertilizers and technology to remain affordable to grow, process, and convert to wearable/useable items.

I think we can all agree that a world without oil or natural gas would be very different than this, where we live today. We'd see an enormous ripple effect across numerous industries if we lose petroleum-based resources. We would lose modern conveniences we take for granted – who wants to live without telephones, cars, trains, and wrinkle-free clothing?

Judi Adams  
July 2024

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**6/26/2024 - US states sue government over forcing companies to pay for dismantling old equipment** - Three southern states have filed a lawsuit against the Biden administration's proposed rule requiring oil companies to cough up billions of dollars. Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi filed a lawsuit on Monday against the US Government to stop the Biden administration's proposed rule forcing the offshore oil and gas industry to pay almost \$7bn in financial assurances to cover the expense of dismantling old infrastructure. The lawsuit was filed against BOEM, which has stated that the regulation could impact around three-quarters of Gulf of Mexico operators. [Read Full Article](#)

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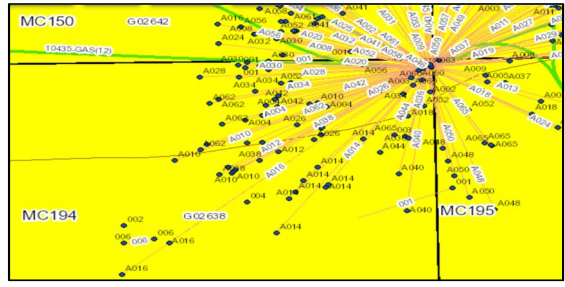
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