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## **Liepert promotes responsible development at U.S. Energy Council meeting**

*Edmonton...* Energy Minister Ron Liepert and Fred Lindsay, MLA for Stony Plain, will discuss Alberta's commitment to responsible energy development with government and industry representatives from across North America in Santa Fe, New Mexico, December 9 to 12.

Discussions at the Energy Council's 2010 Global Energy and Environmental Issues Conference will cover issues from shale gas development to energy security and renewable and clean energy technology.

"There have been dramatic changes in the North American energy picture in recent years as a result of the global financial crisis and technological innovation to tap resources like shale gas," said Liepert. "I'm looking forward to discussing the challenges and opportunities posed by these changes. Alberta's response has been to enhance our competitiveness in support of long-term growth and job creation while maintaining our high environmental standards."

The Energy Council is a legislative organization of 12 energy-producing U.S. states, along with international affiliates Alberta, British Columbia, Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, Saskatchewan and Venezuela. Alberta became the first international affiliate of the Energy Council in 1991.

"We have an important story to tell about responsible energy development in Alberta," said Lindsay, who is Alberta's representative on the council. "One of the key areas we'll be sharing is Alberta's leading-edge work on large-scale carbon capture and storage. Alberta is becoming a centre of excellence for carbon capture and we will share our expertise with the world."

Responsible energy development is part of the Government of Alberta's clear plan to support a strong economic recovery. *The Way Forward* will use cash reserves to protect key programs; continue to invest in public infrastructure; and ensure our province's industries are competitive and continue to attract investment to provide jobs and prosperity.

The expected cost of the trip to Santa Fe, New Mexico for Minister Liepert, his executive assistant and MLA Lindsay is estimated to be \$4,300.

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**Backgrounder:** Santa Fe itinerary is attached

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## **Energy Council 2010 Global Energy and Environmental Issues Conference Santa Fe - Dec 9 to 12**

### **Thursday, December 9**

- Travel to Santa Fe, New Mexico
- Welcoming reception
- Attend speakers' dinner

### **Friday, December 10**

- Welcome breakfast with speakers:
- Tommy Moffatt, Mississippi Senate and Chairman, The Energy Council
- Warren Chisum, Texas House of Representatives and Chairman, Center for Legislative Energy and Environmental Research (CLEER)
- Timothy Jennings, New Mexico Senate
- Sessions include:
- Energy Outlook for the Americas
- Shale Gas Development in North America
- Strengthening North American Energy Security
- Renewable Energy Development

### **Saturday, December 11**

- Sessions include:
- Speaking Event: Ron Liepert, Minister of Alberta Energy
- International Advances in Carbon Capture and Storage
- Innovative Techniques in Oil Sands Development
- Status of Clean Coal Technology Plants
- CLEER Seminar on Environmental Protection Agency Policy Proposals Impacting Energy Production and Power Generation.
- Reception and dinner

### **Sunday, December 12**

- The Energy Council and CLEER Business Sessions
- Travel to Alberta

*This itinerary is tentative and subject to change.*

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