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**Montana University System**  
**Coal, Oil, and Gas Energy Tour**

**August 6-7, 2013**

**Highlights:**

- Tour of ExxonMobil Refinery, Billings, MT
- Oil and Gas Industry Panel and Discussion, Billings, MT
- Tour of Spring Creek Coal Mine, Decker, MT

**Key Discussion Points:**

- University System is a critical partner for all aspects of energy workforce development.
- Many opportunities exist to promote collaboration among experts in the University System for the purposes of sharing energy-related expertise and assisting in the development and implementation of a comprehensive, long-term, compatible and sustainable workforce.
- Work together to increase collaborative, interdisciplinary energy research among the universities and the energy industry.
- Continue to develop education and outreach programs at both the two-year and university levels to prepare a qualified energy workforce and informed public.
- Industry and college partnerships are important for the development of college-level degrees, technician training, and public and commercial sectors' awareness.
- The University System should continue to expand its work in developing specific programs targeted at preparing graduates who have a background in energy; continuing education courses for technical and nontechnical professionals; and creating modules, laboratories, and courses to be shared among the universities.
- When possible, the University System should emphasize the importance of leveraging state, federal, and private funds for the purpose of conducting education, research, and development in the area of energy workforce development.

## Coal, Oil and Gas Tour Participant List

Name	Title	Affiliation
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