



PORTS-TO-PLAINS ALLIANCE

Securing the Benefits of Commerce to
North America's Energy & Agriculture Heartland

NEWS RELEASES

[Ports-to-Plains Alliance members: Dumas and Sweetwater Economic Development Corporations \(TX\) receive Awards of Excellence for Wind Energy](#)



[Editorial: Ports-to-Plains Endorses the Recommendation Regarding Fuel Taxes by the Debt Reform Commission](#)

The National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform released its final deficit-reduction proposal that includes a recommendation to gradually increase the federal gasoline tax by 15 cents per gallon between 2013 and 2015 to support essential transportation infrastructure improvements. The Ports-to-Plains Alliance joins twenty groups that endorse the proposal...

Upcoming Ports-to-Plains Alliance Activities

- December 8th -- Joe Kiely presenting on Alliance Reauthorization Recommendations at American Road and Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA) Western Regional Meeting in Austin, TX
- December 9th
 - Business and Industry Meeting co-hosted by Regina Regional Opportunities Commission in Regina, SK
 - Presenters include Len Mitzel, Cal Klewin, Brad Bekkedahl, Bob Sivertsen, Duffy Hinkle and Joe Kiely
 - Meeting with Board of Directors of Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities
- December 10th -- Business and Industry Meeting co-hosted by South Central Enterprise Region in Moose Jaw, SK
 - Presenters include Cal Klewin, Brad Bekkedahl, Bob Sivertsen, Duffy Hinkle and Joe Kiely
- December 11th -- Business and Industry Meeting co-hosted by South Central Enterprise Region in Shaunavon, SK
 - Presenters include Len Mitzel, Bob Sivertsen, Duffy Hinkle and Joe Kiely



TRANSPORTATION

[Editorial: Oversize Loads Bound for Refinery in Billings, MT Still Held Up by Administrative Procedures](#)

The ongoing event in Idaho regarding oversize loads brings an interesting question before us. Should federal funding for highways be withheld from the state of Idaho? What do I mean? Federal funds are distributed across the country on the National Highway System not on the basis of fuel tax paid, but on the theory that rural states need to be included in the national system of moving goods and people. This

Idaho receives more federal funds for transportation than it collects at the cost of other states which receive less than they collect.

[The Moment of Truth: Report of the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform: a Focus on Transportation and its Role in the Economy](#)

[Officials seek to propel projects: San Angelo](#)

[South Plains stands to lose big in earmark flap](#)

[Earmarks ... Earmarks ... Earmarks ... What about Transportation Funding! instead of Debt](#)

Economic Development

[All Eyes on Dumas Wind Energy Industry](#)

(Video) Hopefully all eyes are now on Dumas and its wind industry because of a recent award. Expansion Solutions Magazine, a national publication, has named the Dumas EDC to its' top five for success in bringing wind energy businesses to the area...



[Addition to NREL research complex planned](#)

[Convoca Fomento Económico a Cuarta Feria del Empleo en apoyo a 15 maquiladoras](#)

[Oil Boom in North Dakota Continues- Economic News in the Ports-to-Plains Region](#)

[Kit Carson Windpower Project operational: Economic Development in the Ports-to-Plains Region](#)

Fig. 6: Where are the high BTU plays?



ENERGY

[The Race to Liquids: North America's Energy Corridor](#)

The Ports-to-Plains Alliance region is the North American Energy Corridor. As this article that was published in August indicates, not only is the region a primary location for new natural gas plays, it is the location of quality, i.e., higher BTU and thus the location where the greatest drilling activity is taking place. The Ports-to-Plains Alliance region is called the liquids fairway in this article. The same is true

of wind power. What does this mean to the Ports-to-Plains Alliance regional economy and energy security? Plan to attend the Ports-to-Plains Energy Summit in on April 6-8, 2011 in Broomfield, CO. Mark your calendars now.

[PTP Editorial: The Future of Renewable Energy???](#)

[What James Cameron Can't Tell You about the Oil Sands](#)

[Canada and the U.S.: Partners in energy security](#)

[Drilling ban to impact oil, gas companies in Houston \(Video\)](#)

[Election night poll: Americans oppose new oil, natural gas industry taxes by 2-to-1 margin – most cite job loss fears](#)

[What the "Frack?" Natural Gas Is Key to America's Energy Independence, but Is It Safe? \(Video\)](#)

AGRICULTURE

[A new beef with role of cows in global warming](#)

Statistics have been giving us a bum steer when they state how much cattle methane emissions contribute to global warming, a new study shows.

That's because mathematical equations used to predict cows' methane emissions are inaccurate and don't take into account factors such as dietary changes, said Jennifer Ellis, lead author of the study and a PhD student at the University of Guelph.



Cows wear a nozzle that collects methane and other gases discharged near the nose to be measured. WILLEM DE ROOIJ/BUREAU TYPOGRAFIA BV

[Colorado's agriculture exports up 28% so far in 2010: Agriculture Development in the Ports-to-Plains Region](#)

Mark Your Calendar! 2nd Annual PORTS-TO-PLAINS ALLIANCE ENERGY SUMMIT

April 6-8, 2011

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Len Mitzel was elected to his second term as a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta for the constituency of Cypress-Medicine Hat on March 3, 2008. [Read more»](#)

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