

RE-2 Employee Post Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

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Post Travel Filing Instructions: Complete this form within **30 days** of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the Office of Public Records in 144 Hart Building. **This form is a public disclosure. The form and all attachments will be made publicly available.**

Certification: *In compliance with the Regulations Governing Privately Sponsored Travel, Senate Rule 35, and the Honest Leadership and Open Government Act of 2007, I certify that I accepted the following gift of privately sponsored travel:*

Private Sponsor(s):

American Exploration & Production Council, Mewbourne Oil Company

Travel Dates:

04/14/2025 to 04/17/2025

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Relationship to Traveler:

Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
\$1,214.38	-\$400.00	\$70.00	\$10.00

I also certify that attached to this form are all required documents for post travel disclosure, including:

- The final **Employee Pre-Travel Authorization** (Form RE-1)
- The final **Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form** with all attachments
- The final invitation
- The final approved itinerary

Finally, I certify that all trip information reflected in the attachments above accurately reflects the travel that I accepted. If there were any changes to the trip after I received approval from the Committee, the changes are described in ATTACHMENT 1.

5/9/2025

Date

Timothy Kocher

Printed Name of Traveler

Timothy Kocher
Signature of Traveler

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the Employee Pre-Travel Authorization form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

5/9/2025

Date

JLS

Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

ATTACHMENT 1 – CHANGES FROM APPROVED PRE-TRAVEL

Note: Material changes to a trip that occur after the Committee has issued an approval letter may invalidate the Committee's approval. Please contact the Committee with any questions regarding changes to an approved trip.

Were there any changes to the pre-approved travel expenses? (Transportation, Meals, Lodging, Other)?

Yes No

Expense Change	Revised Amount	Explanation
Transportation	\$1,214.38	Airfare: \$935.51 Bus Transportation: \$278.87 The airfare costs reflect the purchase of refundable tickets, which were necessary to accommodate potential changes in travel plans in case of illness or inclement weather. As a result, the total expense exceeded the initially anticipated amount. The bus transportation cost is slightly higher than expected due to the inclusion of applicable taxes and service fees.

Were there any changes to the pre-approved itinerary?

Yes No

Explanation: There were no changes to the pre-approved itinerary.

Were there any additional changes to the pre-approved trip?

Yes No

Explanation: There were no additional changes to the pre-approved trip.

From: [Kayla Azoy](#)
To: [Kayla Azoy](#)
Subject: You're Invited: AXPC Field Tour
Date: Wednesday, March 5, 2025 2:43:50 PM
Attachments: [Outlook-31kvuckf.png](#)
[2025.04 AXPC Congressional Staff Tour.pdf](#)

Hello,

[AXPC](#) and [Mewbourne Oil](#) invite you to an educational field tour this April in New Mexico, showcasing the oil and gas industry's leadership in community engagement and environmental stewardship. The tour includes site visits exploring well drilling, completion, and production. As AXPC celebrates 21 years of hosting this trip, we're excited to show our industry's commitment to innovation and sustainable practices. Additional details can be found in the attached document.

In compliance with ethics regulations and reporting requirements, we will provide all necessary forms and documentation to ensure submission before the 30-day deadline on **March 17**.

This invitation is non-transferable. Due to high demand, spots are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or to RSVP.

Thank you,
Kayla

Kayla Azoy
Manager, Public Affairs
C: 561.542.2944



RE-1 Employee Pre-Travel Authorization

Date/Time Stamp

Pre-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete and submit this form at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date to the **Select Committee on Ethics in SH-220**. Incomplete and late travel submissions will **not** be considered or approved.

Name of Traveler:
Timothy Kocher

Employing Office/Committee:
CRUZ, TED

Private Sponsor(s):
American Exploration & Production Council, Mewbourne Oil
Company

Destination(s):
Carlsbad, New Mexico

Travel Dates:
04/14/2025 to 04/17/2025

NOTE: If you plan to extend the trip for any reason you must notify the Committee.

Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties.

As part of my official duties, I am responsible for the energy and environment policy portfolio for Senator Cruz. This trip will allow my to gain firsthand insight into natural gas and oil development on private, state, and federal lands.

Do you have an accompanying family member or spouse on this trip?
No

Name and Relationship to Traveler:
N/A

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.

March 13, 2025

Date


Signature of Employee

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER

(President of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms,
Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, and Chaplain)

Senator Ted Cruz

(Print Senator's/Officer's Name)

hereby authorize

Timothy Kocher

(Print Traveler's Name)

an employee under my direct supervision, to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses for travel to the event described above. I have determined that this travel is in connection with his or her duties as a Senate employee or an officeholder, and will not create the appearance that he or she is using public office for private gain.

I have also determined that the attendance of the employee's spouse or child is appropriate to assist in the representation of the Senate.



(signify "yes" by checking box)

March 13, 2025

Date



Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

American Exploration & Production Council (AXPC): AXPC Congressional Field Tour

Timothy Kocher

Title: Legislative Assistant
Employing Office/Committee: CRUZ, TED
Duty Station: WASHINGTON, DC
Destination(s): Carlsbad, New Mexico

Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties:

As part of my official duties, I am responsible for the energy and environment policy portfolio for Senator Cruz. This trip will allow my to gain firsthand insight into natural gas and oil development on private, state, and federal lands.

Name of accompanying family member (if any): Not Entered
Name and Relationship to Traveler: None

Organization Information

Organization Name American Exploration & Production Council (AXPC)	Is your organization classified as a §501(c)(3)? Yes No
§501(c)(3) Organization Type N/A	Address 999 E ST NW
Address 2 (Optional) STE 200	City, State Zip Washington, District Of Columbia 20004 United States
Phone Number 5615422944	Organization URL https://axpc.org/

History of Congressional Travel

The American Exploration & Production Council (AXPC) is a national trade association representing independent domestic oil and natural gas exploration and production companies. AXPC is funding, organizing and conducting the trip with additional logistical support from Mewbourne Oil, the company's whose operations the group is touring. AXPC is providing a field trip to educate participants on oil and gas industry practices, and to provide context to those working on legislative and regulatory issues around oil and gas development. The organization has hosted this type of trip over 20 times over the last 23 years.

Educational Activities

In addition to sponsoring congressional travel, AXPC hosts congressional briefings on environmental stewardship and technological advancements in the oil and gas industry, develops educational materials on energy production, and provides workshops for industry workers on testing protocols, best practices, and regulatory updates.

Lobbyist and Foreign Agent Registration Information

Lobbyist Registration Status: *I certify that the sponsor is not a federally registered lobbyist but retain or employ one or more federally registered lobbyists.*

Foreign Agent Registration Status: *I certify that the sponsor is not an agent of a foreign principal and do not retain or employ an agent of a foreign principal.*

Foreign Government Involvement

Foreign Agent Registration Status:

I certify that the sponsor is not a foreign government.

I certify that the sponsor is not an entity that is owned or operated by a foreign government.

I certify that the sponsor does not receive funding from a foreign government.

Comments

None Entered

Signature Page

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Purpose and Details

Provide a brief description of the trip.

This trip offers an educational visit to see the oil and gas industry's leadership in community engagement and environmental stewardship firsthand. Participants will visit active sites to explore key stages of operations, including well drilling, completion, and production, highlighting the industry's commitment to responsible development and innovation.

Explain how the purpose of the trip relates to your organization's mission.

The purpose of this trip aligns with AXPC's mission to educate policymakers and regulators about the safe and responsible development of America's oil and natural gas resources. By providing firsthand exposure to key stages of exploration and production, the trip helps demonstrate the technologies, environmental stewardship, and community engagement practices our members use. This educational experience reinforces AXPC's role as a trusted resource, promoting fact-based policies that support responsible energy development, while showcasing the industry's contributions to economic growth and community well-being.

Is your organization the only sponsor for this trip?

Yes No

Describe your organization's role in planning the trip.

AXPC works with our member company to identify and partner on a location where they will host the trip at their site. We coordinate travel arrangements, assist with programming logistics, and manage the invitation process for Senate staffers to ensure a successful and informative visit.

Joint Sponsor: Mewbourne Oil Company

Organization Information

Organization Name

Mewbourne Oil Company

Is your organization classified as a §501(c)(3)?

Yes No

§501(c)(3) Organization Type

N/A

Address

3620

Address 2 (Optional)

None

City, State Zip

Tyler, Texas 775701 United States

Phone Number

903

Organization URL

<https://www.mewbourne.com/>

History of Congressional Travel

We have hosted a de minimis amount of field tours (approximately 1-2 annually) for members of Congress and/or their respective staff members.

Educational Activities

We provide basic oil and gas education at all levels via community functions as requested and/or to public stakeholders as requested.

Lobbyist and Foreign Agent Registration Information

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Grantmaking Organizations (Optional)

There are no grantmaking organizations.

With or Without Regard for Congressional Participation

The trip is arranged or organized specifically with regard to congressional participation.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Involvement in Planning, Organizing, Requesting or Arranging

The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal, other than de minimis involvement.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Financing

The trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.

No funds or in-kind contributions were earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Accompaniment

Complete if all sponsors are §501(c)(3) organizations

The trip is limited to three days (for trips inside the continental United States) or seven days (for trips outside the continental United States), and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip

The trip is limited to a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and **one** overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip

The trip is limited to a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and **two** overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip

Complete if any of the sponsors is not a §501(c)(3) organizations.

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Given the distance and travel time to Carlsbad, New Mexico, two nights allows for a full day of programming on April 15, 2025.

Certification of No Recreational Activity and No Alcohol

Travel expenses paid for will not include expenditures for recreational activities.

Travel expenses paid for will not include expenditures for alcohol, except as permitted by the Regulations Governing Privately Sponsored Travel.

Invitees

Members and staff from the House of Representatives **will** receive invitations.

The list of invitees is below.

Travel Details

Trip Start Date/Time:
04/14/2025 @ 11:54 AM

Trip End Date/Time:
04/16/2025 @ 08:49 PM

Will the traveler be accompanied by a family member for whom the sponsor will pay travel expenses?

Yes No

Itinerary

The itinerary is below.

Transportation (Per Member/Officer/Employee: \$800.00 | Accompanying Family Member: \$0.00)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Airfare	Coach	\$600.00
Note This is a good faith estimate.		
Ground Transportation	Coach	\$200.00
Note Round trip bus to and from airport; plus bus transportation in between programming locations. This is a good faith estimate.		

Lodging (Per Member/Officer/Employee: \$-400.00)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country	Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem
04/14/2025	04/16/2025	TownePlace Suites	Carlsbad	New Mexico	United States	2	\$-200.00	Yes
Cost Exceeds Per Diem Reason Location to programming, competitive rates. Hotel with sufficient rooms available.								

Meals (Per Member/Officer/Employee: \$70.00)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
04/15/2025	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$40.00	\$10.00	\$70.00	Carlsbad	New Mexico	United States	No

Reasonable Miscellaneous Expenses (Per Member/Officer/Employee: \$10.00)

Expense Type	Amount	Notes
Other (Food)	\$10.00	Potential snacks, waters for bus in between programming locations. The figures provided in the form are good faith estimates based on the information currently available to us. At this time, we are awaiting the final cost from the caterer, which may slightly adjust the actual amount. However, we fully expect to remain within the estimated range provided and do not anticipate significant deviations. Once we receive the final invoice, we will update the figures accordingly if necessary.

Additional Attachments

Document Name

There are no additional attachments.

PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL

SPONSOR SIGNATURE PAGE

I hereby certify that the information submitted in connection with the trip listed below is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Trip Name: AXPC Field Tour

Travel Date(s): 4/14/2025 - 4/16/2025

Travel Destination(s): Roswell, New Mexico (Airport), Carlsbad, NM (lodging and programming)

Sponsor: American Exploration & Production Council (AXPC)

Anne Bradbury

(printed name of sponsor representative)

President and CEO

(title)

Anne Bradbury

(signature of sponsor representative)

Digitally signed by Anne Bradbury
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(date)

AXPC Field Tour: Senate Invitee List (April 14-16, 2025)

Reason: As we have been informed by each office and through Congressional directories, these particular staffers handle energy and/or environmental issues for their Senate member or Committee.

Wendy	Baig	Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee	wendy_baig@energy.senate.gov
Chris	Prandoni	Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee	christopher_prandoni@energy.senate.gov
Jacey	Albaugh	Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee	jacey_albaugh@energy.senate.gov
James	Bartholomew	Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee	james_bartholomew@energy.senate.gov
Anais	Borja	Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee	anais_borja@energy.senate.gov
Chris	Bowman	Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee	christopher_bowman@energy.senate.gov
Sam	Crofts	Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee	sam_crofts@energy.senate.gov
Steve	Eule	Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee	steve_eule@energy.senate.gov
Derek	Fisher	Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee	derek_fisher@energy.senate.gov
Sam	Fowler	Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee	sam_fowler@energy.senate.gov
Alyse	Huffman	Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee	alyse_huffman@energy.senate.gov
Sarah	Kessel	Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee	sarah_kessel@energy.senate.gov
Vince	Kreul	Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee	vincent_kreul@energy.senate.gov
Sam	Lane	Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee	sam_lane@energy.senate.gov
Pat	McCormick	Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee	pat_mccormick@energy.senate.gov
Sean	Mullin	Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee	sean_mullin@energy.senate.gov
Daniel	Palken	Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee	daniel_palken@energy.senate.gov
Grace	Saunders	Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee	grace_saunders@energy.senate.gov
Adam	Tomlinson	Senate Environment and Public Works Committee	adam_tomlinson@epw.senate.gov
Matt	Sommer	Sen. Tim Sheehy	matt_sommer@sheehy.senate.gov
Grace	Bellone	Sen. John Curtis	grace_bellone@curtis.senate.gov
James	Williams	Senate Finance Committee	james_williams@finance.senate.gov
Rob	Van Kirk	Sen. Bernie Moreno	rob_vankirk@moreno.senate.gov
Jesse	Mahan	Sen. James Lankford	jesse_mahan@lankford.senate.gov
Ashley	Higgins	Sen. James Lankford	ashley_higgins@lankford.senate.gov
Andy	Williams	Sen. Cynthia Lummis	andrew_williams@lummis.senate.gov
Laura	Atcheson	Sen. Dave McCormick	Laura_Atcheson@mccormick.senate.gov
Eric	Gustafson	Sen. John Hoeven	eric_gustafson@hoeven.senate.gov
Preston	Howey	Sen. Ted Cruz	preston_howey@cruz.senate.gov
Charles	Cahill	Sen. Tom Cotton	Charles_Cahill@cotton.senate.gov
Graham	Mason	Sen. Ben Ray Lujan	graham_mason@lujan.senate.gov
Timothy	Kocher	Sen. Ted Cruz	Timothy_Kocher@cruz.senate.gov
Connor	Higgins	Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto	Connor_Higgins@cortezmasto.senate.gov



AXPC Policymaker Field Trip – Mewbourne Oil Company (April 2025)

Monday, April 14:

Travel to Roswell, New Mexico via American Airlines. No activity scheduled.

Washington, DC (DCA) to Roswell Air Center (ROW)

- Departure: 11:54 a.m.
- Layover: 1 hr 36 min - Dallas Fort Worth Int. (DFW)
- Arrival: 4:39 p.m.

Travel Time from Roswell Airport to Carlsbad, NM: Approx. 1 hour and 30 minutes

Hotel

TownePlace Suites

311 Pompa St, Carlsbad, NM 88220

Tuesday, April 15:

7:40 AM MT - ***Meet in Hotel Lobby to Board Bus***

7:45 AM MT Location: **Towne Place Suites, 311 Pompa St., Carlsbad, NM 88220**

7:50 AM MT- ***Travel***

8:00 AM MT From: **Towne Place Suites, 311 Pompa St., Carlsbad, NM 88220**

To: **Pecos River Village Conference Center, 711 Muscatel Ave., Carlsbad NM 88220**

8:15 AM MT ***Safety/Operation Overview***

9:00 AM MT Location: **Room #3, Pecos River Village Conference Center**

Presenters: Mewbourne Oil Company Leaders – Brad Horton, Brian Woodard, Robin Terrell or Justin Thompson (Drilling), John LuCore (Completions), Scott Lacy (Production), Shane Heinze (HSE)

Topic of Discussion: Safety Briefing, O&G 101, Environmental initiatives

9:00 AM MT- ***BLM Carlsbad Field Office – Oil and Gas Permitting Overview and Trends***

9:20 AM MT Location: **Room #3, Pecos River Village Conference Center**

Presenters: Ty Bryson (TBD)

9:30 AM MT- ***Travel***

9:50 AM MT From: **Pecos River Village Conference Center, 711 Muscatel Ave., Carlsbad NM 88220**

To: **MOC Drilling site: Pinta (3 well pad), approximately 20 miles NW of Carlsbad**

Notes: (Put on PPE during drive and conduct safety briefing on bus upon arrival)

Please note, this itinerary may change due to unforeseen events that may alter production schedules



- 9:50 AM MT- **Tour – Pinta drilling Pad**
 11:00 AM MT Location: **Sec 29, T20S, R27E (32.546578 N & 104.310846 W)**
 Notes: Break out in ~five groups of six (6) individuals with MOC leads
 (doghouse, bits, downhole tools, rig floor, shale shakers and rotate)
- 11:10 AM MT- **Travel**
 11:25 AM MT From: **Pinta Drilling Pad**
 To: **Wine Mixer (2 well completion pad)**
 Notes: Keep PPE on
- 11:30 AM MT- **Tour – Wine Mixer Frac site**
 12:30 PM MT Location: **Sec 21, T20S, R27E (32.5604299 N & 104.2784065 W)**
 Notes: Break out in ~five groups of six (6) individuals with MOC leads
- 12:30 PM MT- **Ribeye Lunch on Location (T's Sweet Treats & Catering)**
 1:15 PM MT Location: **Wine Mixer Pad (Set up with tent and ~ 30-40 chairs)**
 Notes : If too windy, the bus may serve as adequate space for eating
- 1:30 PM ET- **Travel**
 1:50 PM ET From: **Wine Mixer Pad**
 To: **Wine Mixer Production Facility**
 Notes: Keep PPE on
- 2:00 PM ET- **Tour – Wine Mixer Production Facility**
 3:00 PM ET Location: **Sec 21, T20S, R27E (32.5547461 N, 104.2782648 W)**
 Notes: Break out in ~five groups of six (6) individuals with MOC leads
- 3:00 PM ET- **Travel**
 3:20 PM ET From: **Wine Mixer Production Facility**
 To: **Towne Place Suites, 311 Pompa St., Carlsbad, NM 88220**
- 3:30 PM ET- **Arrive at hotel for Downtime**
 5:30 PM ET Location: **Towne Place Suites, 311 Pompa St., Carlsbad, NM 88220**
 Notes: Break time / Shower
- 5:30 PM MT **Travel**
 5:45 PM M From: **Towne Place Suites, 311 Pompa St., Carlsbad, NM 88220**
 To: **Carlsbad Riverside Country Club, 1700 W. Orchard Ln., Carlsbad, NM 88220**
 Notes: Business Casual / Casual Attire
- 6:00 PM MT **Local/State Stakeholder Discussion (Riverside Country Club Terrace – Weather**
Dependent)
 7:00 PM MT
- 7:00 PM MT- **Dinner & Local/State Stakeholder Forum – (Conference/Business Room)**
 8:30 PM MT Notes: Local and State Stakeholders to meet with staff; speaker lineup is still being
 finalized.

Please note, this itinerary may change due to unforeseen events that may alter production schedules



8:40 PM MT **Travel**

9:00 PM MT From: **Carlsbad Country Club, 1700 W. Orchard Ln., Carlsbad, NM 88220**

To: **Towne Place Suites, 311 Pompa St., Carlsbad, NM 88220**

Wednesday, April 16

Drive to Roswell, New Mexico (1.5 hours) and fly to Washington D.C. via American Airlines. No activity scheduled.

Roswell Air Center (ROW) to DCA

- Departure: 1:09 p.m.
- Layover: 1 hr 13 min – Dallas Fort Worth Int. (DFW)
- Arrival: 8:48 p.m.

End of Programing

Please note, this itinerary may change due to unforeseen events that may alter production schedules