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TotalEnergies buying 20% stake in EOG Dorado leases from Lewis

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TotalEnergies will soon become a partner to EOG Resources in South Texas' dry gas Dorado play targeting the Eagle Ford and Austin Chalk. The supermajor is buying Lewis Energy Group's 20% WI in leases in the play where EOG operates with 80% WI. The French supermajor did not disclose the financial terms of the transaction or the size of the leasehold it was acquiring. Overall, EOG's core position in the Dorado covers 160,000 net acres in Webb and LaSalle counties.

The acquisition will provide TotalEnergies with estimated 2024 net gas production of 50 MMcf/d, with potential to increase net volumes from the acreage by another 50 MMcf/d by 2028. TotalEnergies' total U.S. net gas production last year was 340 MMcf/d (400 MMcf/d technical production), primarily from the Barnett.

"This acquisition strengthens our production of natural gas in the United States, contributing to reinforce TotalEnergies' LNG integration with a low-cost and low-emission upstream gas feed," TotalEnergies E&P president Nicolas Terraz said.

TotalEnergies exported over 10 million tons of LNG in 2023 from Cameron LNG in Louisiana, where it holds a 16.6% stake. The company aims to boost its U.S. export capacity to 15 million tons per year by 2030 following the startup of Rio Grande LNG in Texas.

Comstock talks Western Haynesville pace, shift to 2-well pads

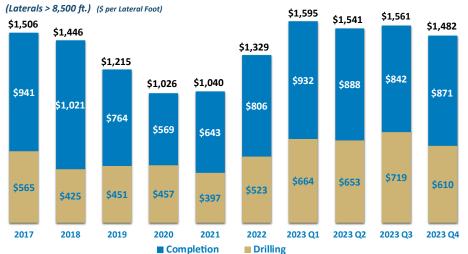
A little over two years into its Western Haynesville appraisal program, Comstock Resources had eight wells online as of February, de-risking an area that extends nearly 24 miles from Robertson County into Leon County, Texas. Since its initial spud in November 2021, the company has shaved about 20 days from its drilling times, COO Daniel Harrison said on a Feb. 14 earnings call.

Enverus Foundations data backs up Harrison's assertion, showing average spud-to-rigrelease times of 96 days for the first five wells spudded through January 2023 and 74 days for the next four spudded through last August. The fastest well, according to the data, was the Glass RT 1H in Leon County at 69 days.

Harrison believes the company can shave 20 more days off its Western Haynesville drill times. A shift to two-well pads will drive efficiencies, and the use of newbuild rigs on the acreage is also expected to help.

With TVDs averaging 16,872 ft, the Western Haynesville wells are deeper than those Comstock has drilled in other parts of the shale play, which have averaged about 11,700 ft since YE21 and have had spud-to-TD times averaging 54 days. *Read more...*

Overview of Comstock's D&C Costs



Source | Comstock Resources 04/03/24 presentation via Enverus docFinder

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Overview by State/Region	Permits	i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i	oy <u>2</u> -4	Δ	Rigs	Δ	Operators	s	Δ	
Illinois	-	-	2	▲ 2	3	▲ 2	-		-	
Indiana	-	▼ (1)	-	-	-	-	-	•	(1)	
Kentucky	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	
Michigan	3	▲ 1	2	▲ 2	1	▲ 1	3		2	
New York	8	▲ 8	- '	▼ (4)	-	-	1		1	
Ohio	8	▼ (4)	8	▼ (2)	9	▼ (2)	2		-	
Pennsylvania	22	▼ (35)		▼ (7)	22	▼ (3)	10	▼	(7)	
Tennessee	-	▼ (4)	-	-	-	-	-	▼	(2)	
West Virginia	3	▼ (8)	11 '	(12)	11	-	2	▼	(3)	
New Permits by Formation		Last 4 Wk	k Prev 4 Wk		Yr Ag	go 2 Yr Ago		Rigs		
Marcellus		13	3	32	83	1	11	23		
Bradford		12		-	1		4	-		
Point Pleasant & Uti	са	8	1	2	14		18	-		
Cooper	00	5		7	4		25	_		
Prairie du Chien		1		-	-		-	-		
Others		5	3	36	36	61		23		
Total		44		37	138	219		46		
Top Counties by New Permits		Last 4 Wk	Prev	4 Wk	Yr Ag	o 2 Yr Ago		Rig	S	
Warren, PA		9	1	1	-		12	-		
Cattaraugus, NY		8	-		-		-	-		
Susquehanna, PA		4		5	7		23		3	
Harrison, OH		4		3	7	3		2		
Bradford, PA		3		4	7		9	4		
Guernsey, OH		3		-	-	3		1		
Ritchie, WV		2	:	3	-		6	-		
Clearfield, PA		2		-	-	-		-		
Greene, PA		2		2	12	5		2		
Armstrong, PA		1		-	8		7	-		
Top Operators by New Permits		Last 4 Wk	Prev	4 Wk	Yr Ag			Rigs		
Vertical Energy		8		-	-		-	-		
Wilmoth Interest Inc		5		-	-	7		-		
Russ Holden Well Se	ervices	4		-	-	-		-		
Ascent Resources		4		-	8	9		3		
EOG Resources		4		-	3	-		1		
Coterra Energy		3	:	2	7	17		2		
EQT Corp.		3		1	15	20		4		
Chesapeake		2	1	2	11	6		4		
Antero Resources		2	;	3	9 12		12	2		
PPG Operations		2		-	-	-		-		
Top Completions by	/ IP24	Operato	r	Cou	nty	Reservoir	Lateral (ft)	boe/d	Oil (%)	
Franz Thoman OHI #	#401H So	uthwestern	Energy	Ohio,	WV	Marcellus	15,244	1,834	48%	
Lash #6H	Si	nyder Brothe	ers Inc	Armstro	ng, PA	Marcellus	10,682	461	0%	
Lash #9H	S	nyder Brothe	ers Inc	Armstro	ng, PA	Marcellus	10,828	748	0%	
Lash #8H		Snyder Brothers I		-		Marcellus	, 11,779	608	0%	
Lash #7H		Snyder Brothers Inc		Armstrong, PA		Marcellus 11,663		372 0%		
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Note | Operators in the top table and Rigs in all tables are based on active rigs as of the last date in the period covered. Source | Enverus Foundations, state data for Top Completions

BLM tries to curb methane after court nixed 2016 rule

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management released a final rule that regulates methane emissions on federal and tribal lands. The agency said the Methane Waste Prevention Rule modernizes regulations made more than 40 years ago, will reduce vented, flared or leaked gas, and will generate more than \$50 million in additional natural gas royalty payments each year. An average 44.2 Bcf/ year of vented or flared gas was reported on federally managed lands from 2010 through 2020, according to the Department of the Interior.

According to a March 27 press release, the new BLM rule, which is separate from methane regulations imposed by the EPA, requires companies to "take reasonable steps to avoid natural gas waste from the very beginning of operations, carry out leak detection and repair across ongoing operations, and cut down on wasteful gas venting and flaring." Royalty-free flaring is prohibited, with the requirement that companies pay for "avoidable losses of natural gas."

The American Petroleum Institute called the new rule regulator overreach, arguing that the BLM's statutory authority only extends to assessing royalties on gas that can be captured economically.

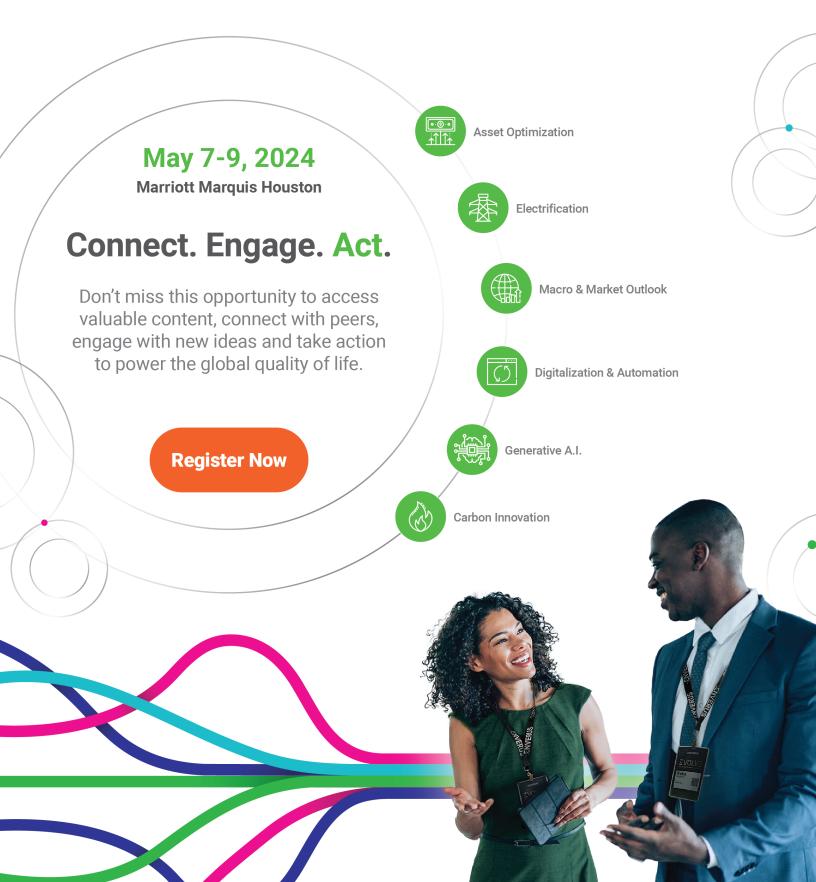
"U.S. oil and natural gas producers are continuously working to meet growing energy demand while reducing emissions, and consistent access to federal resources is essential for maintaining America's energy advantage," API upstream policy VP Holly Hopkins said. "API supports a smart regulatory framework for reducing methane emissions, but overlapping regulations and lack of coordination between policymakers could hinder progress, create unnecessary barriers to development on federal lands and result in regulatory incoherence."

This is not the first time the BLM has attempted to regulate methane. A rule issued under the Obama administration in 2016 to limit "venting, flaring and leaks of natural gas" on public lands was rejected by a federal court in 2020 as an effort to regulate air quality, which the court said was outside the BLM's regulatory authority.



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