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Industrial Commission members to see Norway energy efforts

BISMARCK – Two members of the North Dakota Industrial Commission – Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring and Attorney General Wayne Stenejem – are members of a North Dakota delegation visiting Norway, June 2-9, with the intention of fostering a relationship in energy development, technology and investment.

“Norway and North Dakota share many common features as we each develop our energy resources. I look forward to meeting with our Norwegian counterparts to discuss how they’ve dealt with the opportunities and challenges of developing their natural resources,” said Attorney General Stenejem.

“I am particularly interested in what Norway is doing in regard to carbon capture and storage, and to carbon dioxide-enhanced oil recovery,” said Goehring. “Their work with shale hydrocarbons is especially significant to what is happening here in the Bakken Formation.”

The 20-member delegation includes state and local government officials; legislators; executives from engineering, electric utility and bioenergy firms; and representatives from universities and conservation groups.

“The agenda focuses on several energy-related concerns, including production of advanced biofuels and other products, integration of electricity from renewable energy into local and regional grids, long-term investment of oil revenues, as well as oil and gas production,” Goehring said. “All of this relates to fossil energy and bio-energy development in North Dakota.”

“The North Dakota Industrial Commission deals with energy development, investment of dollars and research in oil and gas and renewable energy so these meetings will allow us to talk face-to-face with individuals who are dealing with the same issues we are. Research, especially, is a key to future energy development and having an opportunity to talk with those that are doing research will be beneficial for North Dakota as we look at research opportunities here,” said Attorney General Stenejem.

The Norwegian Ministry of Petroleum and Energy, as well as Statoil and Borregaard companies are the hosts of the delegation, which was organized by the Great Plains Institute and the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

As members of the Industrial Commission, Goehring and Stenejem, together with Gov. Jack Dalrymple, oversee the state’s Department of Mineral Resources, which includes the Geological Survey and the Oil and Gas Division, the primary regulator of petroleum and gas exploration and development in North Dakota, and also oversees the Oil and Gas Research and Renewable Energy Research Programs.

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