

HGS LUNCHEON MEETING

The Domestic Natural Gas and Oil Initiative

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Social Period, 11:30 a.m., Luncheon and Meeting, 12:00 Noon

The Houston Club

In December, the current administration in Washington released "The Domestic Natural Gas and Oil Initiative." This Initiative recommends specific actions to be taken within ten focus areas for producing more domestic energy. Members of the administration are making an effort to educate the public and Congress on the importance of the domestic natural gas and oil industry to the U.S.'s national and economic security.

Among the plans included in the initiative area:

- Review tax incentives to attract capital into the industry
- Increase gas and oil production and environmental protection through the development and application of technology
- Stimulate markets for natural gas
- Reduce the cost of regulation where applicable while maintaining environmental protection
- Encourage industry and government partnerships to build on America's technological lead in gas and oil exploration and production
- Assess the near and long-term economic, environmental and security implications of rising U.S. dependence on oil imports, via an integrated study, including various agencies,

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Reginal Spiller is the U.S. Department of Energy's Deputy Assistant Secretary for Gas and Petroleum Technologies.

Mr. Spiller began his career as a geologist with Exxon USA in Houston, advancing to a position as Senior Operations Geologist, where he was responsible for exploration well planning and drilling and the evaluation of Federal waters off the continental U.S.

He joined Elf Aquitaine in 1984 where he became manager of the southern district which included the Gulf of Mexico shelf and deepwater tracts. In 1987 he became Offshore Exploration Manager for Primary Fuels, a subsidiary of Houston Industries. In 1988, he joined Maxus Energy Corporation in Dallas, where he became their International Exploration Manager, responsible for

projects in Africa, Europe and the Middle East. He joined the Department of Energy in 1993.

Mr. Spiller earned a B.S. in Geology from the State University of New York in 1974 and an M.S. in Hydro-Geology from Penn State in 1979. He has authored several technical papers in petroleum geosciences and geology.