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DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Oil & Gas Litigation

New Decision May Impede Fracking on Federal Land

Brannon Robertson

Recently, a California federal court blocked drilling on certain federal land located in California's Monterey Shale Formation play. The decision could have far-ranging effects concerning the types of fracking activities that BLM must consider when deciding to sell a lease. [More »](#)

Intellectual Property

Non-Practicing Entities (Patent Trolls) Target Oil and Gas Companies

R. William Beard, Jr.

As the number of patent infringement lawsuits brought by Non-Practicing Entities (NPEs) has increased, oil and gas companies have increasingly become targets.

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REGULATORY

FERC

Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Bulk Electric System Cyber Security Standards

Neil L. Levy, David G. Tewksbury, Bruce L. Richardson, Stephanie S. Lim

FERC recently issued a notice of proposed rulemaking stating that it intends to approve Version 5 of the Critical Infrastructure Protection Reliability Standards submitted by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation, which pertain to the cyber security of the bulk electric system. [More »](#)

Government Relations; Environmental

Crisis Management: Risks and Strategies

Louis-Alexis Bret

Panelists at the King & Spalding Energy Forum on Crisis Management in Houston shared insights on developing a successful crisis management strategy. [More »](#)

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UK BUDGET 2013: The UK Government announces tax and other initiatives to support shale gas development

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Kevin Conway, Susanna Marshall

The Budget for 2013 announced initiatives designed to encourage investment in the exploitation of UK shale gas resources including: (1) a new shale gas field allowance; (2) possible tax measures to encourage E&P; and (3) an extension of the “Ring Fence Expenditure Supplement.” [More »](#)

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Nigeria’s Petroleum Industry Bill: promising legislation beset by problems

Anthony Long

A “Petroleum Industry Bill” has created an unprecedented level of discussion for a new piece of legislation in Nigeria. However, reaching consensus on the Bill continues to be problematic. [More »](#)

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