



**Fiscal Year 2017
Appropriations Wins**

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FY '17 Energy & Water Appropriations Bill

1. **FY17 House Report (p.94): Research.**- “The Committee recommends \$24,700,000 for Natural Gas Technologies Research. Within available funds, the recommendation provides \$10,000,000 for research into the cost-effective and responsible extraction of methane hydrates, a vast but currently inaccessible resource with total energy reserves that rival those from all other known fossil fuels combine; \$6,000,000 for Environmentally Prudent Development; \$5,200,000 for the Risk Based Data Management System; and \$3,500,000 for midstream natural gas infrastructure research and development. The Committee encourages the Department to examine activities within midstream natural gas infrastructure research and development that curtail methane gas emissions from flaring and venting in shale formations. Additionally, the Department is encouraged to explore methane leakage technologies, including acoustic monitoring, in planned research.”
2. Language encouraging Department of Energy to explore research and development for natural gas systems

“The Committee notes that natural gas plays an important role in meeting the energy needs of U.S. homes and commercial buildings. In particular, the Committee is aware of research opportunities related to the use of natural gas in water heating, space conditioning, furnace venting, and combined heat and power systems. The Committee encourages the Department to explore research and development that can advance future natural gas systems and appliances to meet consumer demand for high efficiency and environmentally friendly products.”