Range Welcomes Secretary of the Interior Doug Burgum to Well Site, Washington Office

Leadership at Range Resources welcomed Secretary of the Interior and Chair of the National Energy Dominance Council, Doug Burgum, to Washington County on Thursday, April 3, 2025.

Range CEO and President, Dennis Degner, hosted Secretary Burgum at a Washington County active well pad along with industry leaders including Toby Rice, EQT CEO and President, and Anne Bradbury, CEO of American Exploration and Production Council (AXPC).

During the tour, Range representatives gave Secretary Burgum insight into industry-leading best practices, state-of-the-art technology, and emissions reduction efforts in place.

Secretary Burgum's visit further cements Pennsylvania as a global energy resource with an abundance of natural gas resources in the Marcellus shale that could further propel American security with additional infrastructure and policy reform.

While in Southwestern Pennsylvania, Burgum met with Degner and other industry leaders at Range's field office in Washington, PA, to discuss both obstacles and opportunities for further natural gas development to continue supporting America's growing energy demand.

"Energy isn't really just a conversation about power—it's about possibilities. When you look back at what we have accomplished over the last twenty years, the possibilities are endless," said Degner, "We think energy dominance runs right through this area, and we can help meet the energy demand."

With proximity to major data centers that power AI, Marcellus shale natural gas has both the proximity and abundance to help power the energy-intensive region. Industry-wide dedication to emissions reduction has also put natural gas on the map more than ever.

Shawn Steffee, Boilermakers Local 154 spoke to the crowd as well a day after he was part of the Homer City natural gas power plant and AI/data center announcement. This $10 billion natural gas-fired power plant is poised to be largest natural gas power plant in the U.S.

"I feel that the pendulum has swung back in our direction," Steffee said.

Addressing an audience of nearly 400 pro-American energy advocates, Burgum's main message echoed gratitude. "Energy dominance is about these two core principles: it's about prosperity at home and it's about peace abroad," said Burgum.

He went on to say "Energy is not an industry; it is THE industry. It is the industry that underpins every other industry."

The crowd at Range's Washington office roared with excitement in hearing of Burgum's commitment to American energy production, which ultimately leads to American energy dominance.

With energy demands surging, it is clear Pennsylvania natural gas is more important than ever. Range is well-positioned to continue to be a leader in supplying the world with the energy it needs.