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September 23, 2015 **New Ozone Regulations Could be Costliest Ever**

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U.S. Energy Industry Leadership in Reducing Emissions

Dear Nikki,

The United States is a world leader not only in producing oil and natural gas but in reducing emissions. And the oil and natural gas industry is [leading the way](http://cts.vresp.com/c/?JackGerardAPI/d00eac5a7d/2505242c36/fb69b57dbc) [<http://cts.vresp.com/c/?JackGerardAPI/d00eac5a7d/2505242c36/fb69b57dbc>](http://cts.vresp.com/c/?JackGerardAPI/d00eac5a7d/2505242c36/fb69b57dbc).

A new study from T² and Associates reports that the industry directly invested approximately \$90 billion in zero- and low- emissions technologies between 2000 and 2014. That's almost as much as the federal government (\$110.3 billion) and more than any other industrial sector, including automotive (\$38.2 billion), electric utilities (\$37.1 billion) and agriculture/food processing (\$13 billion).

For every \$100 spent on green technology by the federal government, the oil and natural gas industry has privately invested \$82 over the 15-year period studied.

[<http://cts.vresp.com/c/?JackGerardAPI/d00eac5a7d/2505242c36/8c64e81c28>](http://cts.vresp.com/c/?JackGerardAPI/d00eac5a7d/2505242c36/8c64e81c28) It's paying off. EPA reports emissions of the six criteria air pollutants are down 68 percent since 1970, while population, energy use and GDP are all up. Ozone levels have [dropped](http://cts.vresp.com/c/?JackGerardAPI/d00eac5a7d/2505242c36/7aef1250d6) [<http://cts.vresp.com/c/?JackGerardAPI/d00eac5a7d/2505242c36/7aef1250d6>](http://cts.vresp.com/c/?JackGerardAPI/d00eac5a7d/2505242c36/7aef1250d6) 33 percent since 1980 and 18 percent since 2000, according to EPA data. Methane emissions have [decreased](http://cts.vresp.com/c/?JackGerardAPI/d00eac5a7d/2505242c36/b44f945bdd) [<http://cts.vresp.com/c/?JackGerardAPI/d00eac5a7d/2505242c36/b44f945bdd>](http://cts.vresp.com/c/?JackGerardAPI/d00eac5a7d/2505242c36/b44f945bdd) 79 percent from hydraulically fractured wells since 2005 and 38 percent from natural gas production overall from 2005 to 2013. All this while oil and natural gas production has soared.

Further, the availability of cleaner burning natural gas helped slash carbon emissions from power plants to 27-year lows. [Increased natural gas use](http://cts.vresp.com/c/?JackGerardAPI/d00eac5a7d/2505242c36/58cf7f7e4e) [<http://cts.vresp.com/c/?JackGerardAPI/d00eac5a7d/2505242c36/58cf7f7e4e>](http://cts.vresp.com/c/?JackGerardAPI/d00eac5a7d/2505242c36/58cf7f7e4e) was responsible for over 62 percent of electric power sector CO₂ savings from 2005 to 2013, according to an October 2014 EIA study.

Conclusion: we don't need costly, heavy-handed government regulations to continue making this progress.

More broadly, the data show that energy production and environmental progress are not mutually exclusive. Not only that, but the U.S. energy resurgence has played a positive role in the nation's environmental progress of the past few years. That's good news for our economy and for emerging economies that require a diverse mix of energy resources to lift millions of their citizens out of poverty.

Policy decisions that ignore significant environmental achievements – and the vital role played by the oil and natural gas industry – [threaten needless economic damage](http://cts.vresp.com/c/?JackGerardAPI/d00eac5a7d/2505242c36/950230e02f) <http://cts.vresp.com/c/?JackGerardAPI/d00eac5a7d/2505242c36/950230e02f>.

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President and CEO
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