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U.S. Natural Gas and Oil Industry: Growing Role, Job Opportunities for Millennials

Dear Kevin,

America's natural gas and oil industry is one of the nation's most reliable job creators – supporting 10.3 million American jobs. And opportunities are expected to grow. As many as 1.9 million job opportunities are projected in the oil and natural gas and petrochemical industries by 2035, according to a recent study. Nearly 40 percent of those [opportunities](#) will be filled by African American and Hispanic workers, the study finds, and hundreds of thousands of women will join the industry, too.

The industry is committed to building a [diverse workforce](#), and we're working to raise awareness and support education programs that could drive these numbers even higher. That includes reaching out to millennials, who have bright prospects in the natural gas and oil industry. API conducted a [study](#) to examine [industry opportunities for millennials](#), and the results confirm millennials will play an increasingly prominent role in our sector.

The STEM Path to Success

A new RAND Corporation report confirms that prioritizing STEM education is one of the best things we can do to put America's young people, our industry, and the nation, on a path to future success. [Learn more about STEM opportunities](#), and about the variety of ways the natural gas and oil industry is supporting STEM education in communities across the nation.

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