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## "Katrina Toxic Soup, Myth or Reality?"

Details inside

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## Al Baker: The Best of Times

On January 2nd, winter arrived over all of the U.S. and crude oil hit the \$100 per barrel mark. OPEC has indicated that they can do nothing to offset the recent surge in the price of crude oil, and the U.S. has refused to tap the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. Economics 101 prevails because the supply once again cannot meet the demand.

Yet history was made recently in Washington, D.C. when a Democratic-controlled but Republican-driven Congress sent the United States' first meaningful Energy Bill to President Bush for his signature rather than veto. Sort of "restores" one "faith" in government and the clowns in charge.

Yet the great challenge continues for the industry that chases after the elusive hydrocarbons to find and deliver more fossil fuels to energize the world. As independent oil finders in that business, I often wonder the significance of our contributions to the big picture as creating wealth can often be a frustrating experience but one that I personally would not trade my eye teeth for. And I believe that most men and women that share my worldview feel the same way. So, as 2008 begins in interesting fashion, let's do our part to shape it into one the "best of times".

Don't forget to mark down on your calendars February 8-9 for NAPE in Houston, April 20-23 for the AAPG Annual Meeting in San Antonio, and May 12-15 for the SIPES National Convention in New Orleans. Also, please note that the spring dues and newsletter ad renewal notices for our local chapter are included with your copy of this newsletter. Please respond accordingly.

*Al Baker*, Chairman  
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**Tom Harris:  
Katrina Toxic Soup, Myth or Reality?**

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