



The Secretary of Energy
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Greetings to those gathered for the United States-Mexico Cross Border Electricity and Natural Gas Workshop in San Antonio, Texas. The Bush and Fox Administrations have emphasized increased cross border energy trade and interconnections between the United States and Mexico as an important priority for both countries.

Early in his Administration, President George W. Bush set out the importance of closer cooperation on energy issues with Mexico in the United States National Energy Policy. Increased energy exchange between the United States and Mexico will help promote a secure supply of energy and prevent supply disruptions by providing access to additional sources of energy and infrastructure for energy delivery. This will enable the United States and Mexico to diversify energy sources and enhance the reliability of our energy systems.

This meeting is the continuation of an important dialogue between our governments and the private sector on critical energy and border issues. Both the United States and Mexico face growing demand for electricity and natural gas. Meeting this demand will require significant investment in energy resources and infrastructure. I commend the Government of Mexico, the State of Texas, the private industry representatives, and the United States Government agencies represented at this meeting for their efforts to enhance and accelerate cross border energy interconnections and trade.

This workshop is just one example of the long-standing energy cooperation between the United States and Mexico. I look forward to strengthening this cooperation in the future.

Best wishes for a productive series of meetings.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Spencer Abraham".

