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The American Exploration & Production Council (AXPC) represents an influential group of independent E&P firms, including the US' second, third and fourth-largest gas producers – Chesapeake Energy, Southwestern Energy and Anadarko. Collectively, council members hold a quarter of the country's proven oil and gas reserves and account for nearly 30% of US gas output. Gas Matters spoke to AXPC president Bruce Thompson about the prevailing business environment during the early months of the Trump administration, and the hopes and potential pitfalls facing independents in the US upstream.



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