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U.S. Representative Joe Barton visits drill site.

U.S. Rep. Joe Barton (R-TX), Chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, recently toured the drilling site of a natural gas well in South Arlington operated by Harding Company of Dallas and Fort Worth.

The Barnett Shale in the Fort Worth Basin is one of the biggest natural gas plays in the industry. Harding Company, has been a leader in exploration in North Texas for decades. The company was the first to secure drilling permits in the cities of Arlington, North Richland Hills, Grand Prairie and Midlothian, to name a few.

“Gas exploration and production is important to North Texas and the U.S.,” Barton said. “Operators like Harding Company contribute significantly to our local economy.”

Rick Harding, Harding president, and Steve Smith, Harding vice president of operations, briefed the congressman about the differences associated in an urban environment, operations safety, the latest in technology for maximum products and the safeguards that Harding has in place to protect and ensure natural resources.

