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## Texas' Midstream Sector Congratulates Dr. Honeycutt on Appointment to Chair EPA's Science Advisory Board

**Austin, Texas [Nov. 1, 2017]** – The Texas Pipeline Association (TPA) and the GPA Midstream Association (GPA) congratulate Dr. Michael Honeycutt on his appointment as chair of the EPA's Chartered Science Advisory Board (SAB).

Said Thure Cannon, president of TPA, "This is an excellent appointment. Dr. Honeycutt's years of service to the state have provided him with broad familiarity of the scientific and regulatory issues affecting the energy industry."

Both TPA and GPA have direct experience working with Dr. Honeycutt in his capacity as the chief toxicologist for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). He has consulted with member companies on regional air quality issues, including challenges presented by the impacts from emissions due to the production of oil and gas in the Barnett Shale Region, as well as on the potential health benefits of a lower ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard.

"It's great to see the SAB reforms that Administrator Pruitt has made," said Mark Sutton, president of the GPA Midstream Association. "Having Dr. Honeycutt as SAB chair not only places someone on the board who is familiar and knowledgeable about the midstream industry, but also provides some much needed regional diversity."

Cannon and Sutton cited Dr. Honeycutt's demonstrated expertise and balanced judgement, combined with his commitment to applying a rigorous scientific approach toward evaluating environmental issues, as qualities that make him a uniquely qualified candidate for service on the SAB.

## About Texas Pipeline Association

Texas Pipeline Association, the largest state trade association in the country representing solely the interests of the intrastate pipeline network, is the primary resource for information regarding the Texas pipeline industry and provides advocacy on issues related to pipeline safety, environmental regulations, taxation and legislation. Member companies and their representatives commit to conduct their business in accordance with integrity, honest communication, fair right-of-way acquisition, respectful construction and safe operations.

## About GPA Midstream Association

GPA Midstream has served the U.S. energy industry since 1921. GPA Midstream is composed of nearly 100 corporate members of all sizes that are engaged in the gathering and processing of natural gas into merchantable pipeline gas, commonly referred to in the industry as "midstream activities." Such processing includes the removal of impurities from the raw gas stream produced at the wellhead, as well as the extraction for sale of natural gas liquid products ("NGLs") such as ethane, propane, butane, and natural gasoline. GPA Midstream members account for more than 90 percent of the NGLs produced in the United States from natural gas processing. Our members also operate hundreds of thousands of miles of domestic gas gathering lines and are involved with storing, transporting, and marketing natural gas and NGLs.