

# CERAWeek 2025 Daily Media Brief (3/11/25)

### Key Insights

- **Fossil Fuel Fiesta:** Oil and gas execs cheered Trump's pivot to "Energy Dominance," with many rolling back previous green energy commitments.
- **Policy Vision:** U.S. Energy Sec. Chris Wright declared the administration is "unabashedly pursuing a policy of more American energy production and infrastructure."
- Stability Call: Chevron's Mike Wirth and others urged steadier policies as tariff talks stir uncertainty.
- **Tariff Relief Possible:** Wright indicated the U.S. might remove tariffs on Canadian oil and gas, potentially restoring free energy trade between the countries.
- **Power Puzzle:** Coal's comeback and renewables' readiness clashed, with AI and grid woes spotlighting demand challenges.

### **Top News**

#### Oil And Gas Executives Roll Back Green Energy Pledges As They Celebrate Trump

Washington Post · Evan Halper and Jake Spring · Mar 11, 2025

Oil and gas executives, in a celebratory mood Monday as they kicked off an annual energy summit, showed just how quickly they are rolling back their support for a rapid transition from carbon fuels to cleaner power.

### **CERAWEEK HIGHLIGHTS: US Energy Policy, Tariff Uncertainties In Focus**

#### S&P Global Platts · Mar 10, 2025

The Trump administration's energy policies, uncertainty around North American tariffs and shifting timelines for climate goals dominated discussions March 10, opening day of the CERAWeek by S&P Global conference in Houston.

### Gulf Coast Gas, AI Top CERAWeek Opening

Houston Chronicle · Amanda Drane · Mar 11, 2025

The newest U.S. energy secretary, Chris Wright, called for more oil and gas production but said he isn't a climate denier, as he spoke before a crowd of thousands of energy insiders who gathered in Houston Monday for CERAWeek by S&P Global, known as the Super Bowl of Energy.

## Speakers

#### <u>Trump Administration's 'Common Sense' Approach Expanding Natural Gas</u> <u>Output And Exports, Says Wright</u>

Natural Gas Intelligence · Carolyn Davis · Mar 10, 2025

Reindustrializing the United States and bringing jobs home will require increasing natural gas and oil production, and the infrastructure that goes with it, top priorities for the Trump administration, Energy Secretary Chris Wright said Monday.

#### Oil CEOs Celebrate Trump's Pivot Back To Fossil Fuels

Bloomberg · Will Kennedy · Mar 11, 2025

CERAWeek's opening sermon was delivered by US Energy Secretary Chris Wright, and his paean to fossil fuels was greeted with great enthusiasm by the Houston congregation.

#### <u>Chevron's Wirth: Rapid Transitions In Energy Strategy 'Not The Right Policy</u> <u>Approach'</u>

Hart Energy · Sandy Segrist · Mar 10, 2025

Chevron CEO Mike Wirth called for a steadier set of regulations to calm the waves the previous few presidential administrations have caused at CERAWeek by S&P Global on March 10.

# **Key Quotes**



Hon. Chris Wright United States Department of Energy Secretary of Energy

"We are unabashedly pursuing a policy of more American energy production and infrastructure, not less. Our goal is to reindustrialize America, not deindustrialize."



Amin Nasser Saudi Aramco President & Chief Executive Officer

"As the fictions of the promised transition finally washes away, there is an historic opportunity to change course."



Michael Wirth Chevron Corporation Chairman of the Board & Chief Executive Officer

"Swinging from one extreme to the other is not the right policy approach in the long investment segment."

#### Oil CEOs Back Trump's Energy Agenda As Crude Hits Six-Month Low

Bloomberg · Kevin Crowley · Mar 10, 2025

Executives from some of the world's top oil and gas producers offered full-throated support for President Donald Trump's "Energy Dominance" on Monday, even as financial markets slumped on broader concerns about his economic agenda.

## Energy Secretary Chris Wright On Tariffs And Climate Policies

Bloomberg · Mar 10, 2025 (Video)

US Energy Secretary Chris Wright talks about keys to Trump's energy goal and long term impact of tariffs with Bloomberg's Alix Steel at CERAWeek in Houston.

### Oil, Gas Could Be Exempted From Levies, U.S. Official Says

The Globe and Mail (Canada) · Jeffrey Jones · Mar 11, 2025

The United States could remove its tariffs on Canadian oil and gas, the U.S. Energy Secretary said on Monday, opening the door to the possibility of returning to free energy trade between the two countries.

BlackRock's Fink Says Trump Deportations Will Have Severe Impact On Agriculture, Construction

CNBC · Spencer Kimball · Mar 10, 2025

BlackRock CEO Larry Fink said Monday that President Donald Trump's deportation policy will have a severe impact on the agriculture and construction sectors, which could lead to elevated inflation in the near term.

# Oil and Gas

### **Gunvor Eyes Boosting US Natural Gas Production Assets**

Bloomberg · Devika Krishna Kumar and Will Kennedy · Mar 10, 2025

Gunvor Group Chairman Torbjörn Törnqvist said the trading house is looking to buy more assets, building on a flurry of deals it has made by deploying bumper earnings from recent boom years.

### Energy Groups Urge G-7 Nations To Cut Dependence On Russian Gas

Bloomberg · Ruth Liao · Mar 10, 2025

Energy industry groups are calling on the G7 governments to diversify away from Russian gas and consider the role of liquefied natural gas as global energy security.

### Kazakhstan In Talks With Oil Majors To Cut Output, Energy Minister Says

Reuters · Georgina McCartney · Mar 10, 2025

Kazakhstan is in discussions with oil majors to cut output to bring the country's supply back in line with targets set by the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries and allies (OPEC+), its energy minister Almasadam Satkaliyev said on Monday.

# Power, Grid and Electrification

<u>Renewables Ready To Go, But Gas Plants Face Rising Costs, Waits — NextEra</u> <u>CEO</u> As the US looks to more power generation developments to meet anticipated sharp increases in demand for electricity, renewables energy projects are ready to go, according to the CEO of the country's largest renewables developer.

#### US Should Restart Shuttered Coal Units, Interior Secretary Tells Bloomberg

#### Reuters · Mar 10, 2025

The United States should restart shuttered coal-fired power plants under President Donald Trump 's national energy emergency declaration, Interior Secretary Doug Burgum said in a video interview with Bloomberg News on Monday.

#### BlackRock CEO Cites Texas Power Grid As Example Of The Country's 'Inadequate' Infrastructure

#### Houston Chronicle · Claire Hao · Mar 10, 2025

The rapid scaling of artificial intelligence data centers — much of it expected to occur in Texas — could be limited not only by power grid capacity but also a lack of blue-collar workers, BlackRock CEO Larry Fink told energy professionals gathered in downtown Houston Monday.

### Al and Digital

#### Former BP CEO On Energy Transition And AI On Energy

Bloomberg · Mar 10, 2025 (Video)

Lord John Browne, the former chief executive of BP, talks about big oil's role in the energy transition to renewables, the evolution of AI and automation in the energy sector with Bloomberg's Alix Steel at CERAWeek in Houston.

#### EQT CEO On Tariffs, Energy Prices And Al In Energy

Bloomberg · Mar 10, 2025 (Video)

Toby Rice, CEO of EQT talks about tariffs, energy prices and AI in energy with Bloomberg's Alix Steel at CERAWeek in Houston.

### **Climate and Sustainability**

#### US Energy Secretary Defends Trump's Halt For Offshore Wind, Tariff Policy

S&P Global Market Intelligence · Mar 10, 2025

US Energy Secretary Chris Wright on March 10 defended the Trump administration's move to halt federal leasing for offshore wind energy while indicating the US Energy Department will use billions of dollars in Biden-era loan authority to support new technologies like advanced nuclear power.

#### Solar Energy, Criticized By Trump, Claims Big U.S. Gain In 2024

New York Times · Ivan Penn · Mar 11, 2025

The data was released a day after the new U.S. energy secretary, Chris Wright, strongly criticized solar and wind energy on two fronts. He said on Monday at the start of CERAWeek by S&P Global, an annual energy conference in Houston, that they couldn't meet the growing electricity needs of the world and that their use was driving up energy costs.

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