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**Northwest Public Power Association**  
**35-10 Archived Resolution – Proposed**  
**Energy Resource Development is a National Security Issue**

**Background**

NWPPA believes that recent national security threats have made the United States more aware that it lacks adequate domestic energy resources to meet growing energy demands. Currently, the United States imports in excess of 50 percent of its petroleum needs, in part from sources that are subject to embargo. The nation’s energy security depends upon the development of new and existing domestic energy resources, more efficient technologies, and comprehensive conservation efforts in order to reduce the nation’s dependence on foreign fuels. NWPPA recognizes the importance of developing domestic energy resources to meet the nation's energy security and economy needs.

**NWPPA’s Position**

- NWPPA supports legislation to facilitate an adequate domestic energy supply to reduce the nation’s dependence on foreign energy sources.
- NWPPA supports increased appropriations funding and tax credits to incentivize renewable energy production, energy efficiency research and development programs, and consumer incentives for new product use.
- NWPPA urges Congress to consider environmentally responsible exploration and development of domestic oil, gas, coal, and other energy resources including development of new, domestic nuclear and hydro power resources.
- NWPPA believes Congressional support is needed for conservation programs and incentives, alternative fuels, and the use of more fuel-efficient vehicles provide additional opportunities to reduce the nation’s dependence on foreign energy sources.

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