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Today the State Review of Oil and Natural Gas Environmental Regulations, also known as “STRONGER”, announced that it is accepting proposals for support services to assist the organization as it positions itself to a more prominent role in ensuring that the nation’s oil and gas resources are developed in a safe and environmentally sound manner.

“Development of domestic unconventional oil and natural gas resources present economic and national security benefits that are difficult to overstate” said STRONGER Chairman Tom Stewart. “However, we absolutely cannot sacrifice the environment to attain those benefits. Ensuring that state regulatory programs have the standards necessary to meet that goal is the mission of STRONGER” he said.

STRONGER was identified by Department of Energy Secretary Steven Chu’s Advisory Board on Shale Gas Production as an organization deserving of greater support for its work to improve state rules that govern oil and gas development.

“This is just the first step in making STRONGER a more robust organization” said Stewart. “We intend to enhance our presence throughout the country so that states can take advantage of a review.” “States that engage STRONGER in a review definitely benefit” added Scott Perry, Deputy Secretary of Pennsylvania’s Office of Oil and Gas. “Pennsylvania has undergone four reviews and we have strengthened our regulatory program as a result. States that are committed to a process of continuous improvement engage STRONGER for a review” he added.

About STRONGER:

The mission of STRONGER is to educate and provide services for the continuous improvement of regulatory programs and industry practices in order to enhance human health and the environment. STRONGER is a non-profit, multi-stakeholder organization which shares innovative techniques and environmental protection strategies and identifies opportunities for program improvement. More information about the organization can be found at www.strongerinc.org