

John James Tintera P.G. 325 - Professional Resume 2019

Summary: John Tintera is a petroleum and environmental geologist as well as a regulatory expert in virtually all facets of oil and gas exploration, production, transportation, and environmental programs, including conventional and unconventional reservoirs. As the former *Executive Director* and 22 year veteran of the premier state oilfield regulator in the nation (*the Railroad Commission of Texas*) he has overseen the entire regulatory process, from drilling permits to compliance inspections, including oil spill response, detailed and high profile enforcement cases, pollution remediation, and pipeline transportation. His responsibilities as Executive Director have included complete and overall budget, personnel, policy implementation, and management of senior division heads of the 700 person State Agency, including Underground Injection Control, Pipelines Safety, and other delegated federal programs and grants.

Mr. Tintera has both B.S. and M.S. degrees in Geology with over 35 years of combined technical and managerial experience, 11 years as an industry petroleum geologist, 22 years with the state regulator, and multiple years in oil and gas policy analysis and implementation. He has an in- depth hands-on knowledge of the E&P industry and the state and federal regulatory framework that oversees it, including all applicable Railroad Commission of Texas and Texas Commission of Environmental Quality regulations. His knowledge of federal statutes including *RCRA, CERCLA, SDWA, CWA, and OPA* is thorough. In addition, he has a comprehensive knowledge of environmental assessment, remediation and emergency response.

A petroleum geologist, John has mapped and drilled dozens of prospects in his early career with large multinational oil companies and small independents. As an environmental geologist, he founded and ran the pollution cleanup section at the regulatory agency, bringing toxicologists, hydrologist and engineers into the agency for the first time to focus solely on complex environmental issues. In addition, he has been directly responsible for the state funded assessment and cleanup of over 3000 oil field pollution sites of virtually every type of contaminant possible in the oil field. He is also a hands on expert for emergency response, and has personally responded to and overseen dozens of major oil spills in a variety of environmental settings.

His service at the Railroad Commission culminated in serving as Executive Director of the agency from 2009 to 2012, when he retired from State service to go into the private sector.

Education

- Bachelor of Science Degree, Geology, Michigan State Univ. (1972-1976)
- Master of Science Degree, Geology, Bowling Green State Univ. (1977-1980).
- Licensed Professional Geoscientist, State of Texas #325

Industry Experience

- Geologist, Exxon Co. USA, 1979 -1980. Kingsville Texas: Prospect generator.
- Senior/Project Geologist, Tenneco Oil Company, 1980-1986, Houston Texas: Prospect generator (Tx., La., and Miss.).
- Independent Geologist, Greater Midwest Resources, 1986 –1989, Houston/San Antonio: Prospect generator working Frio, Vicksburg, Queen City and Wilcox Texas trends.
- Consultant, Mobil Oil Company, 1989 –1990: Senior environmental consultant conducting environmental risk assessments on producing properties in Colorado, New Mexico, and Texas.

Regulatory Experience

- 1990 – 1992: Geologist, Wichita Falls District Office. Responsible for inspectors and complaints in multi-county area to ensure compliance with RRC O&G regulations.
- 1992-1998: Manager, Special Response Program. Predecessor to the Site Remediation Section, served as the first manager and the first employee in the section. Program was built to present status with over 30 staff in both district and Austin offices, with highly technical skills and multiple high profile cleanup activities. Detailed and through knowledge of budgetary projections and spending, forecasts, state bid procedures, performance measure preparation and reporting, rulemaking, and state and internal audit responses.
- 1998 – 2006: Promoted to Assistant Director, Site Remediation. Over 3000 cleanups completed using state managed Oil Field Cleanup Funds at a cost of over \$30 million dollars. Developed and implemented the Operator Cleanup Program, The Voluntary Cleanup Program, and the successful Site Remediation Brownfield's and other Grant programs while managing the State Managed Cleanup Program.
- 2006 – 2008: Assistant Director, Environmental Services and Technical Permitting. Responsible for oversight of RRC federally delegated UIC program as well as SWR 8 environmental permitting. As part of a re-organization, additional responsibilities added to current assignment for Drilling Permit and Engineering Section management responsibilities.
- 2008: Promoted to Deputy Director of Administrative Compliance and Technical Permitting. Responsible for 100 employees and overseeing virtually all permit and report submission activities at the RRC. Eight section managers report directly to the Deputy.
- 2009 to 2012: Executive Director of the Railroad Commission of Texas, 700 employees under his management, retired 2012
- 2012 to 2016, consultant, lobbyist, and Executive Vice President of the Texas Alliance of Energy Producers. Present
- 2017: Originated the FRED Committee (Federal Regulatory Energy Delegation) and oversaw the passage of SCR 26 in 85th Texas Legislature that calls on federal delegation of energy regulations to the State of Texas
- 2018 appointed President, Texas Alliance of Energy Producers

Expert Witness

- Mr. Tintera has worked five expert witness civil cases since leaving the regulatory arena.
- Mr. Tintera can review the issues and testify with credibility. His expertise extends beyond a thorough knowledge of oil field and environmental rules and regulations but also includes oil field and environmental standards, customs, practices, and policies.

Speaking/Media Experience and Publications

- Innumerable and frequent public speeches, debates, and presentations to industry and citizen groups.
- Countless media interviews and information requests, including the Wall Street Journal, FOX News, New York Times, local television, radio stations, and newspapers.
- Multiple high- profile and media- covered Town Hall Meetings organized by state and local elected officials in Corpus Christi, Hamilton Co., Houston, Tomball, Midland, etc. Topics include environmental projects; permit activity, regulatory and industry relations, pollution concerns, etc.
- He recently co-authored (2014) a Texas White Paper on Sustainable Water Management by the Oil and Gas Industry sponsored by a prominent Washington DC think tank, the Atlantic Council.

<http://texasalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/Texas-White-Paper-on-sustainable-Water-Management-by-the-Oil-and-Gas-Industry-July-29-2014.pdf>

- In The Oil Patch – multiple featured radio interviews. 2019
- He was featured on the Jackie Daily radio show highlighting the I am Texas Oil campaign designed to put a face onto the oil patch
- John Tintera authored and was published in Shale Magazine the article titled “Fighting for Fair Energy Delegation” July, 2017.
- Numerous op eds and industry information articles.

Testimony and Legislative Experience

- Resource witness for numerous hearings and committee meetings including Texas House Appropriations, House Energy Resources, House Natural Resources, Senate Finance, and Senate Natural Resources, as well as multiple meetings with numerous legislators.
- Frequent testimony for Oil Field Cleanup Fund Advisory Committee meetings.
- Bill analyst for RRC during multiple legislative sessions.
- Experienced in providing depositions during civil suits.

International Experience

- Mr. Tintera has previously focused an effort reaching out to foreign governments, traveling to both Spain and Eastern Europe over the past few years at the governments invitation and at their expense to speak at conferences and meet directly with government officials. His expertise on how to set up a comprehensive regulatory framework for oil and gas conventional reservoirs and unconventional shale production that ensures environmental protection while fostering economic development is an invaluable asset to countries without a regulatory history.

Current Status

- He is currently the President of the Texas Alliance of Energy Producers, the largest Independent-based non-profit Oil and Gas Association in Texas, responsible for over all management, policy and government relations, and is a registered lobbyist in Texas.

Contact Information:

- John is happily married and the father of five grown children. He resides and offices in Austin, Texas. His contact information is listed below.

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