



West Virginia University

Office of the President

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Dear Members of the Society of Petroleum Engineers:

I would like to be among the first to welcome you to Morgantown. West Virginia University is honored to be hosting the Society of Petroleum Engineers regional meeting. Thank you all for your leadership roles in the global focus on energy research and development.

WVU has a rich past and a bright future. We have approximately 32,000 students, a comprehensive health sciences enterprise with a top 10 medical school in rural health, a statewide Extension Service, and a strong research agenda in energy, biomedical sciences, nanotechnology, and biometrics.

Our community is proud that Forbes.com recently ranked Morgantown as the number two college town in the nation for jobs and Inc.com named Morgantown one of the nations top 10 boomtowns. Bizjournals.com recently recognized us as one of the best small cities in the nation and the American Institute for Economic Research named Morgantown one of the nations top 20 college towns.

I would like to thank the faculty and staff from WVU who helped plan the Conference and wish all of the participants a wonderful few days in West Virginia.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James P. Clements".

James P. Clements, Ph.D.
President