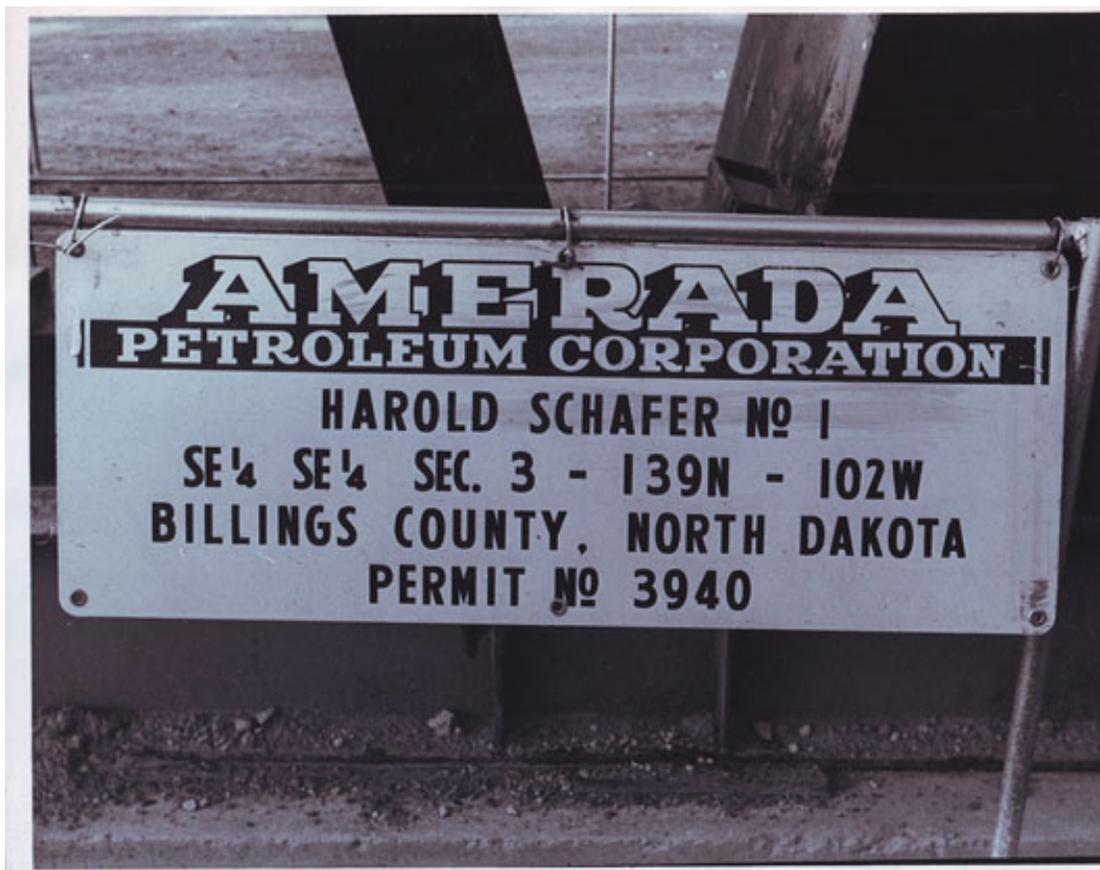


liquefy it, ship it over to the U.S., re-gasify it off shore and get it into the grid. OK. Now what Exxon is trying to do is take all the natural gas that we are producing here in this country and export it. So they are going in the opposite direction.”

Currently North Dakota is experiencing major investment into facilities from MDU Resources, Hess and ONEOK. These are a few prime examples of that industry wide investment in North Dakota. John Gibson, CEO of ONEOK and Chairman of ONEOK Partners, said the investment from the petrochemical industry and the special attributes of the Bakken’s wet gas are the reasons for their \$3.5 billion investment in North Dakota.

“First off the investment into the natural gas industry is what is driving our interest into the natural gas liquids business. Our natural gas business allows us to gather these raw NGLs all the way up into the Williston Basin and deliver them to the petchems,” Gibson said. “In a cubic-foot of natural gas produced in the Williston (Basin) you will find somewhere around 8-12 gallons of raw natural gas liquids. That’s ethane, propane, butanes all mixed up. If you go down into Oklahoma or the Texas in the pan handle, that same cubic foot will have say, 3 gallons per MCF.”

State Rep. Vicky Steiner, R-Dickinson, has seen the energy investment occurring in the Southern shale plays as well. She recently spoke at an oil and gas conference in Louisiana and while there, she toured several energy areas within the state



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1966: Amerada, Harold Schafer no. 1. Elkhorn Ranch Field Bakken pool discovered in McKenzie and Billings County

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