



John J. Tintera, President

John Tintera is a regulatory expert and licensed geologist (Texas #325) with a thorough knowledge of virtually all facets of upstream oil and gas exploration, production and transportation, including conventional and unconventional reservoirs. As a former Executive Director and 22-year veteran of the Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC), considered the premier oilfield regulator in the nation, John oversaw the entire regulatory process, from drilling permits to compliance inspections, oil spill response, pollution remediation and pipeline transportation.

Mr. Tintera has BS and MS degrees in Geology from Michigan State University and almost 30 years of combined technical and managerial experience: 11 years as an industry petroleum geologist and 18 years as a state regulator. He has an in-depth knowledge of the state and federal regulatory framework of the E&P industry, including RCRA, CERCLA, SDW Act and OPA. In addition, Mr. Tintera has a comprehensive knowledge of environmental assessment, remediation and emergency response.

As both a petroleum and environmental geologist, John mapped and drilled dozens of prospects in his early career, then founded and ran the pollution cleanup section at the RRC, bringing toxicologists, hydrologists and engineers into the agency for the first time to focus solely on complex environmental issues. He is 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. Mr. Tintera retired as the RRC's Executive Director in 2012 to return to the private sector.

John's expertise, sought in the US, has extended abroad where European governments, confronted with the recent potential of developing unconventional energy in their countries, find themselves at various stages of preparedness, given the complexity of issues. They have reached out to John to share practical ideas, technical know-how and regulatory best practices as they create and update regulatory frameworks to allow safe economic development of natural resources, mirroring what has long been underway in Texas. John also delivers papers and consults on brownfield developments and other environmental issues. John and his wife Jenna live in Austin.