Welcome to the spring 2011 edition of Enhanced Oil. It has been a long winter, and all of us here at TORP are looking forward to warmer weather as we gear up for an exciting season of research and technology transfer. As you know, the link between research and technology transfer is an important one and can contribute greatly to the success of the independent producer. As we move into spring we have a renewed sense of vigor and excitement as we carry on a tradition of providing information to independent oil and gas producers that is perhaps more important now than ever before.

This issue of Enhanced Oil has been specifically designed to showcase our laboratory capabilities. Although TORP is not a service laboratory we do have extensive lab capabilities allowing us to perform a wide range of research that will ultimately benefit the oil and gas industry in our region. Our labs have been in operation for 37 years and in this issue we highlight some of the state-of-the-art equipment we use for research into using CO2 for improved oil recovery, nanotechnology for oil and gas applications, flow assurance, and chemical injection for EOR. We make this research available to the oil and gas industry in a variety of ways, chief among which are our multiple field demonstration and technology transfer opportunities.

I hope you have already registered for the 2011 TORP Improved Oil Recovery Conference. We are excited to host our 19th IOR event featuring a wide range of speakers discussing cutting edge industry topics. Please visit our website at www.torp.ku.edu to register and be sure to check out the other technology transfer events we have scheduled. We hope this issue of Enhanced Oil finds you warm and well. We look forward to seeing you in Wichita.

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