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A Newsy feature-length documentary, 'Blowout' – in partnership with The Associated Press, The Center for Public Integrity and The Texas Tribune – traces the domestic and global impacts of U.S. oil and gas exports

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CINCINNATI – A new American fossil fuel boom is ushering in an onslaught of health and climate problems from West Texas to Bangladesh, according to a documentary released today, part of a joint investigation.

In partnership with The Associated Press, The Center for Public Integrity and The Texas Tribune, Newsy's feature-length documentary "Blowout" exposes the effects of a surge in U.S. oil and gas drilling and exports.

The new boom is good for business, but as domestic drilling continues to grow, the documentary reveals, an estimated 1.4 million Americans find themselves living in a high-cancer-risk zone within 500 feet of fossil fuel drill sites. And despite the growing scientific evidence of the impact of emissions from fossil fuels on the environment, the U.S. government is aggressively pushing sales of oil and gas exports across the world. Watch the "Blowout" trailer here.

"We know U.S. crude oil production has doubled in the last decade, and natural gas exports have tripled," said Zach Toombs, executive producer for Newsy's documentary unit. "In 'Blowout' we trace the impact – from where these fossil fuels are pulled out of the ground to where they're burned off and beyond – to expose the consequences on our health and the world's climate, giving viewers a global view of what's at stake."

"Blowout" is the product of in-depth reporting spanning four countries, with filming in the U.S., Panama, India and Bangladesh. To see the entire project, visit <u>newsy.com/blowout</u>.

The documentary airs Tuesday, Dec. 18, at 9 p.m. Eastern on Newsy's channel, which is available across the leading cable providers and over-the-top platforms including YouTube TV and Sling TV. To find all the ways to watch Newsy, visit <u>newsy.com/platforms</u>. Newsy is a wholly owned subsidiary of The E.W. Scripps Company (NASDAQ: SSP).

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