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3rd Annual PSU Marcellus Summit:

Below are 4 of the video presentations at the Summit

[Click Here](#) Graham Spanier (PSU Pres.) John Felmy (American Petroleum Industry)

[Click Here](#) Perspectives: Brad Field (NY Director), Rick Simmers (Ohio Coordinator), Scott Perry (PA Director)

[Click Here](#) Community Partnerships: Carrizo/Wilcox... Jim Welsh (Louisiana Commissioner), Gary Hanson (Dir. Red River Watershed & Mike Methias (Chesapeake Energy)

[Click Here](#) Congressman Tim Murphy

Around the Capitol:

The remaining session days in the House are November 8, 9, 10, 15 & 16. The Senate is not scheduled to return until November 17 and will only convene session to honor retiring members and elect a President Pro Tempore.

Legislation:

Severance Tax:

This week Governor Rendell asked for and received counter-proposals on the severance tax. Below are links to the responses.

[House Democrats](#)

[House Republicans](#)

[Senate Republicans](#)

After receiving the counter-proposals the Governor issued a press release declaring the issue "*dead for the year.*" To read the press release, [click here](#).

Other legislation:

[SB 298\(Yaw\)](#) - Specifies that the owner of land under the Farmland & Forest Assessment Act that is subject to a preferential assessment may split off and lease land without roll-back taxes being imposed on the entire tract. **This bill is on the Governor's desk for his signature.**

News

[Rendell asks for counterproposal on gas tax plan](#)

Philadelphia Inquirer

By Amy Worden and Angela Coulombis HARRISBURG - With the legislative session winding down and the opportunities to pass a Marcellus Shale natural-gas tax ...

[Natural gas extraction tax dead for rest of year](#)

Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

By Brad Bumsted and Andrew Conte HARRISBURG -- Lawmakers won't consider taxing natural gas extracted from Marcellus shale before the 2009-10 session ends ...

[Gas drilling forum offers hope, dispels myths](#)

Scranton Times-Tribune

... Environmental Protection addressed area residents about Marcellus Shale drilling Tuesday night at Honesdale High School during a forum on the industry. ...

[Local businesses learn whether they can benefit from Marcellus Shale](#)

By David Falchek (Staff Writer) Michael J. Mullen / Staff Photographer Kathryn Klaber, president of Marcellus Shale Coalition, addresses a business forum at ...

[Drilling backer sees 90000 new Pa. jobs by end of year](#)

Wilkes Barre Times-Leader

Natural gas drilling in the Marcellus Shale is not a "flash-in-the-pan gold rush," Klaber said, but an industry that will add 90000 jobs to Pennsylvania's ...

[Baker Hughes Opens Marcellus Shale Repair and Maintenance Center](#)

Oil and Gas Industry Latest News

... announced today the opening of its Hempfield Township, Pennsylvania, repair and maintenance center. The facility will support natural gas well drilling, ...

[Emergency responders simulate Marcellus drill site rescue](#)

Pittsburgh Post Gazette

By Amanda Gillooly Range Resources spokesman Mike Mackin said local responders have learned in classrooms how to react to a Marcellus Shale drill site ...

[DEP Secretary Issues Open Letter to Citizens of Susquehanna County Community Impacted by Ongoing Gas Migration Issues](#)

HARRISBURG -- Department of Environmental Protection Secretary John Hanger today issued the following open letter to residents of Dimock, Susquehanna County:

[Council postpones vote to ban Marcellus Shale gas drilling in Pittsburgh](#)

Pittsburgh Post Gazette

Pittsburgh Council Wednesday postponed a planned vote to ban Marcellus Shale gas drilling within the city limits, pending a public hearing set for Nov. ...

NY News:

[Airports Natural Gas Conference](#)(Video)

WETM-TV

"Drilling in the Marcellus Shale isn't happening in New York yet, but this is very timely information in advance so we can be prepared for whatever happens ...

Links & Resources:

Independent Review Completed:

An organization called **STRONGER (State Review of Oil & Natural Gas Regulations)** released a report of its review of the DEP hydraulic fracturing program. To read the report, [click here](#).

The **Department of Environmental Protection** released a report on production data that the industry and other experts say show production is exceeding earlier projections. To view the report, [click here](#).

US House of Representatives' [Natural Gas Caucus](#)

A study for the American Petroleum Institute was recently released by Natural Resource Economics Inc. showing the economic potential of the Marcellus Shale in Pennsylvania, New York and West Virginia. To read the report, [click here](#).

The Department of Environmental Protection issued a report this week concerning the June 3rd incident in Clearfield County. To access the DEP Press Release [click here](#). To access the report, [click here](#).

The Pennsylvania Environmental Council released a report calling for oversight and regulation of the Marcellus Shale activities. To access the report, [click here](#).

The Marcellus Shale Coalition has launched an interactive website with a section for those looking for jobs. To see it, [click here](#).

PCN TV covered a “Town Hall Meeting” in Williamsport. Here are links to the video. [Part 1](#) [Part 2](#)

2009 Natural Gas Conference . To view the presentations, [click here](#).

The **Department of Environmental Protection** has a number of maps on its website showing the Marcellus Shale formation and permitted wells for different periods of time. To view the maps, [click here](#).

A conversation with **Senator Gene Yaw** features a cooperative effort between **Range Resources** and Lycoming County emergency personnel to train to respond to situations on a drilling site. To see the video, [click here](#).

Technology Review has posted an informative video about the development and exploration of the Marcellus Shale Play. To view the video, [click here](#).

My Shale is better than your Shale? The thickness and depth of the Marcellus Shale formation are said to be good indicators of the best areas of the state. **The Penn State College of Agriculture** has posted a map that rates the state. [Click here](#).

A Committee of Industry & Government known as the **Wastewater Partnership** has formed to deal with water issues. To visit the Partnership Page, [Click here](#).

Watch the first in an informative 3 part series on Marcellus Shale featuring Representative Matt Baker (Tioga), Representative Sandy Major (Susquehanna) **and** Representative Tina Pickett (Bradford). [Click here](#)

The Penn State College of Agriculture has produced a document entitled *Marcellus Shale: What Local Government Officials Need to Know*. To view the document, [click here](#).

The PA Economy League prepared an Economic Impact Study for the Marcellus Shale Committee. To view the report, [click here](#).

View the Penn State Cooperative Extension’s powerpoint presentation to the House Agriculture Committee. [click here](#).

Watch an animated demo of the drilling process from **Chief Oil and Gas**. [click here](#)

Ron Gilius, Director of the Bureau of Oil & Gas Management at DEP, gave an informative presentation to the House Republican Policy Committee. To view the powerpoint presentation, [click here](#).

Watch a **PCN** tour of the process a drilling company goes through. [click here](#)

Department of Environmental Protection “Marcellus Page”. [click here](#)

PA Marcellus Committee. [click here](#)

Penn State Cooperative Extension. [click here](#)

Susquehanna River Basin Commission. [click here](#)

Delaware River Basin Commission. [click here](#)

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