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Marcellus Shale Development and Pennsylvania: What Lessons for Sustainable Energy?

September 27, 2013
8:30 am–5:00 pm

Pennsylvania is the epicenter of a rapidly evolving national effort to develop deep shale gas reserves. In less than a decade, a convergence of technology, market forces, and political factors has fundamentally transformed the hydraulic fracturing of Marcellus shale for gas extraction. What was very recently a commercially unproven endeavor has grown to become a fully-developed enterprise, with game changing consequences for the commonwealth, the United States, and even the world.

The first of its kind, this conference will ask just what hydraulic fracturing means for an environmentally sustainable America—one that promotes economic development, social well-being, and environmental protection and restoration concurrently. This conference will assess what we have learned from Pennsylvania’s experience to date about the role of law in fostering sustainability of shale gas production, how this translates elsewhere, and what more needs to be done so that hydraulic fracturing contributes to a sustainable future.

AGENDA

8 a.m.–8:30 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m. Welcome—Linda L. Ammons, Associate Provost and Dean, Widener University School of Law

8:35–9:50 a.m. Framing the Question and Setting the Stage
Moderator—Professor John Dernbach, Widener University School of Law; Diana Stares, Center for Energy Policy & Management, Washington & Jefferson College; Scott Perry, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection; Professor James May, Widener University School of Law

10:00–11:00 a.m. Panel 1—Public Health
Moderator—Professor Jean Eggen, Widener University Law School; Bernie Goldstein, University of Pittsburgh School of Public Health; Dean Lynn Goldman, George Washington University School of Public Health (via Skype); Dean Patricia Salkin, Touro Law Center; Professor Pam Ko, The Sage Colleges

11:10 a.m.–12:25 p.m. Panel 2—Environmental Sustainability
Moderator—Tim Lambert, WITF; Elizabeth Bjerke, University of Pittsburgh School of Public Health; Alan Krupnick, Resources for the Future; Tom Beauduy, Susquehanna River Basin Commission; John Quigley, John H. Quigley LLC

12:25–1:10 p.m. Lunch—Special Student Presentation

1:10–2:25 p.m. Panel 3—Community Sustainability
Moderator— Professor Jill Family, Widener University Law School; Professor Ross Pifer, Penn State University Law School; and Professors Jonathan Williamson and Bonita Kolb, Lycoming College; Elam Herr, Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors; Professor Ken Kristl, Widener University Law School

2:35–3:50 p.m. Panel 4—Governance for Sustainability
Moderator—George Bibikos, K&L Gates LLP; Professor Tom Merrill, Columbia Law School; Professor David Spence, McCombs School of Business, University of Texas; Terryl Bossert, Range Resources Appalachia LLC; Andrew Place, Center for Sustainable Shale Development

4:00–5:00 p.m. Panel 5—Energy, Climate Change, and Ethics
Moderator—Professor David Hodas, Widener University Law School; John Hanger, Eckert Seamans; Professor Don Brown, Widener University Law School; John (“Skip”) Laitner, Economic and Human Dimension Research Associates

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