

# Oil & Gas Development in Pennsylvania

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An overview of the oil & gas extraction industry:

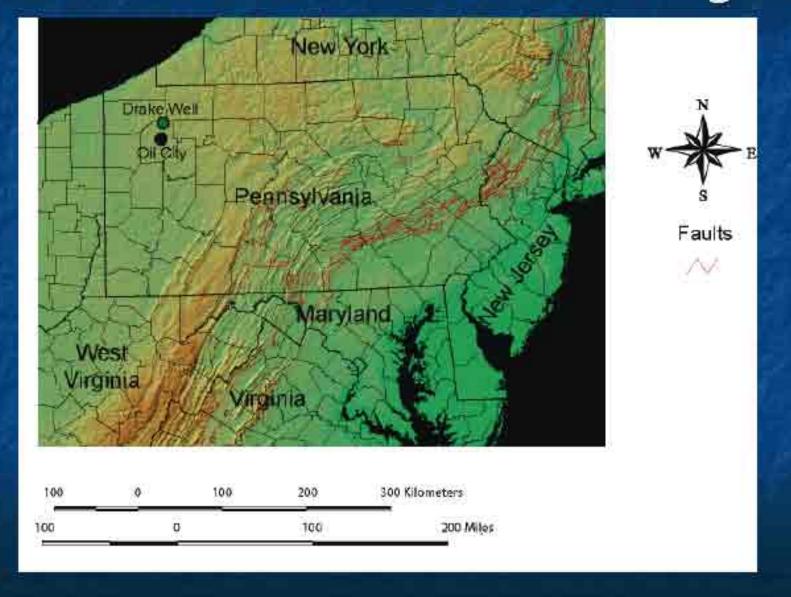
- · Who we are
- Where we operate
- What we do

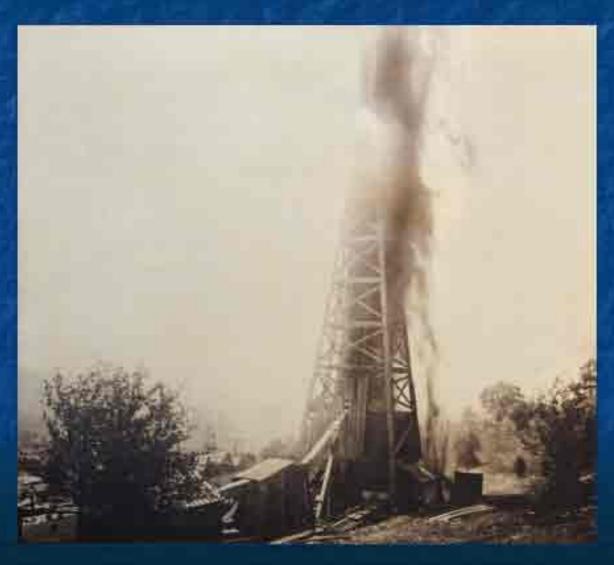
### Pennsylvania Oil & Gas Association

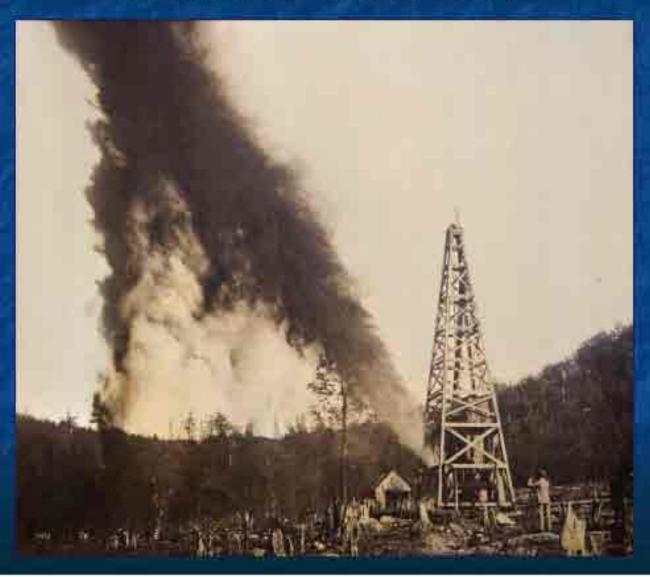
 Founded as the Pennsylvania Oil, Gas and Minerals Association (POGAM) only 59 years after Colonel Drake drilled the world's first oil well in Titusville, PA

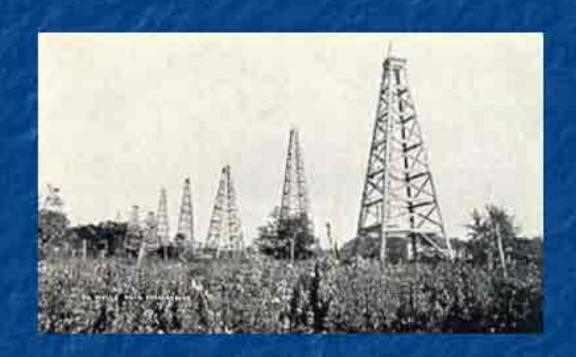
- believed to be the oldest continuously operating oil and gas trade association in the United States
- POGAM reorganized and incorporated as the Pennsylvania Oil and Gas Association on March 10, 1983
- represents all facets of the oil and gas exploration and production industry working in the Commonwealth and neighboring Appalachian Basin states

# The Drake Well: Where it all began













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- Society became more aware of the costs and the benefits of energy production

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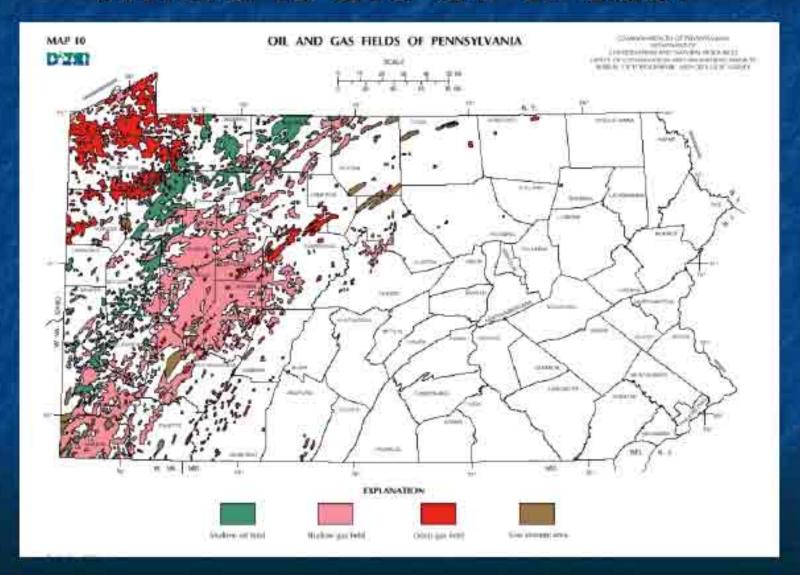
- Well Permits
- Erosion & Sediment Control and Stormwater Best Management Practices
- Protection of Surface & Ground Water Resources
- Preparedness, Prevention and Contingency (PPC) Plans

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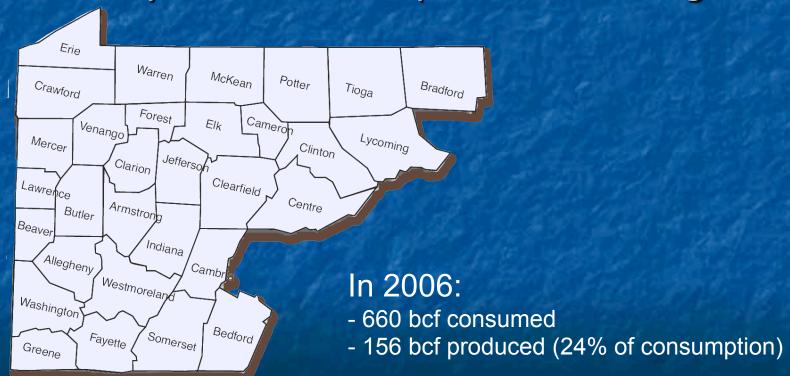
- Siting restrictions:
  - to protect streams, wetlands, buildings & water supplies
  - to protect threatened & endangered species
- Rebuttable presumption for water supply replacement

# Where is the Oil & Gas?



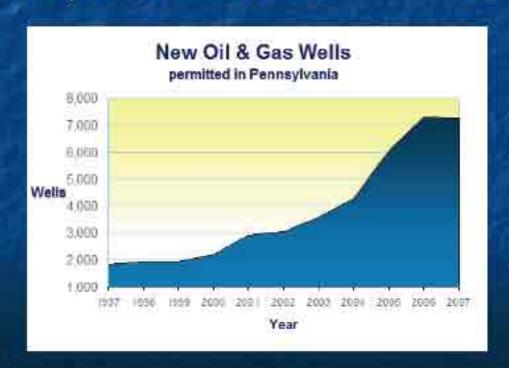
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32 Pennsylvania counties produce natural gas



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- Well drilling at an all time high:
  - 4,183 wells drilled in 2006 on 7,292 well permits
  - 7,241 well permits issues in 2007

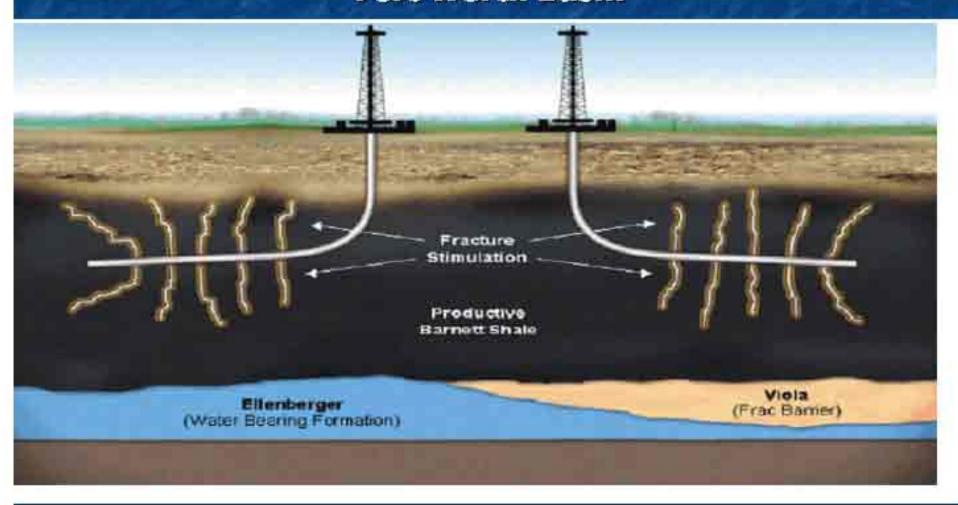


# What's Driving Current Development Activity?

- High crude oil & natural gas prices
- Horizontal drilling technology
- Advanced well treatment methods
- Advanced 3-D seismic

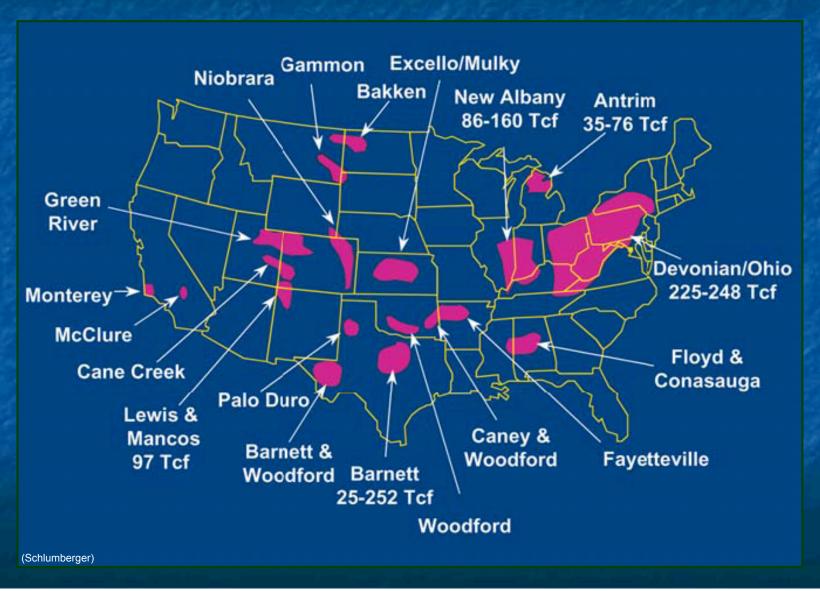
# **Horizontal-Well Side View**

**Fort Worth Basin** 

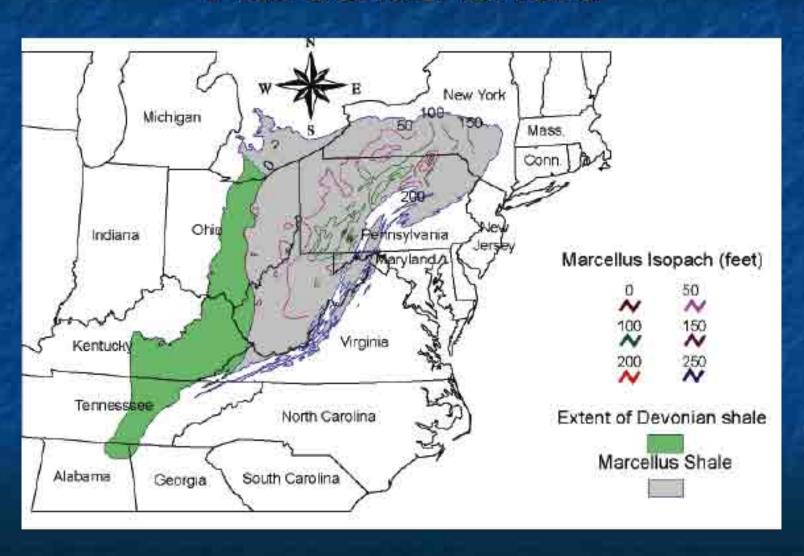


Shale Gas, Oil and Gas Investor, Jenuary 2008

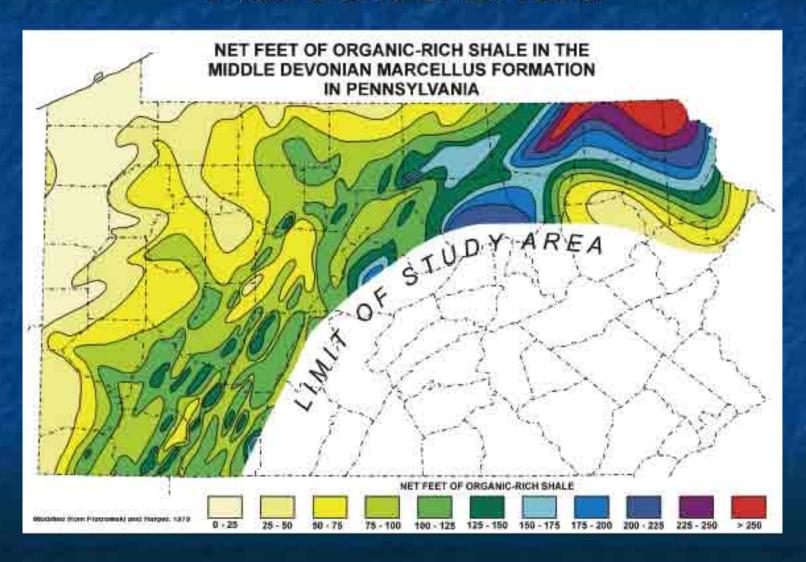
# Unconventional Gas Opportunities U. S. Shale Gas Resources



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# How Much Gas is in the Marcellus?

- Engleder & Lasch:
   500 TCF gas in place
   50 TCF recoverable reserves
   (2x Total US Annual Demand)
- USGS:
   1.9 TCF undiscovered natural gas potential

# **Typical Vertical Well**

- Hydraulically fractured in one or more stages, depending on shale thickness and separation of organic intervals
- Foam or slick water: 300,000 500,000 gallons per stage
- Proppant: 100,000 to 300,000 lbs. sand per stage
- \$400,000 to \$800,000 per well

Variables: # Frac Stages & Size of the Frac

# **Typical Horizontal Well**

- Single lateral, 2,000' to 3,000' length
- MTD = vertical + angle build + lateral
- 3 to 10 frac stages:
   25,000 to 50,000 lbs. sand per stage
- Foam or slick water: 1 million gallons +++
- \$1.2 to \$2.3 million per well

# Marcellus Shale Gas Resource Estimates

# In very broad terms some recent drilling shows:

- 1 Bcf recoverable reserves per vertical well on 40acre spacing
- 2.5 Bcf recoverable reserves per horizontal well on 80-acre spacing

# **Marcellus Shale Gas Resource Estimates**

### Other data are more conservative:

Well Type	Well Unit ( <i>acres</i> )	Shale Thickness ( <i>feet</i> )	Gas Content ( <i>Mcf/af</i> )	Gas In Place ( <i>MMcf</i> )	Recovery Factor (%)	Gas Resource ( <i>MMcf</i> )
Horizontal	80	150	100	1,200	60	720
Vertical	80	150	100	1,200	25	300

Source: Marshall Miller & Associates

# **Energy Independence Strategy**

Governor Rendell called a Special Session of the General Assembly to take action on a series of legislative initiatives designed to address a variety of energy needs with indigenous energy resources

### One key of his program:

 expand the percentage of renewable energy sources used in Pennsylvania for electricity generation

# **Energy Independence Fund**

New \$850 million Bond Issue paid for over 20 years with a 5¢ per kWh surcharge on electric bills

## \$500 million for Clean energy projects:

- wind energy and solar manufacturing
- advanced coal technologies
- biofuels
- energy conservation, efficiency & demand management

### **Creating Markets for Renewables**

Rendell-sponsored Act 35 of 2007 amended the Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards Act:

- to establish an 18% goal by 2020 of electricity production from renewable and other alternative energy sources
- to ensure that:
  - at least 850 megawatts of solar power is generated in the commonwealth by 2020
  - only renewable energy produced within the territory of the grid operator serving the regulated PA energy utility can qualify for AEPS credits

# Creating Markets for Renewables: Climate Change Initiative

"I think everyone now understands that you cannot deal with energy policy without addressing global warming. It is the largest environmental problem we face, and Pennsylvania needs to do something about it.

"The efforts I am announcing today to save energy and produce more dean energy are a good first step, but they are only a first step.

"In the next 90 days I will present a comprehensive strategy to make Pennsylvania a leader in addressing climate change."

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- 10% ethanol in gasoline supplies = 77.5 million gallons
  - New annual Natural Gas demand = 2.3 BCF

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Renewable generation has a <20% Capacity Factor

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"For every 10 MW of renewable power put on the grid, you have to build 9 MW of gas."

Bob Fleck, VP, Wood Mackenzie (April 25, 2007)