

**Press Release  
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**Webinars to Provide an Overview on the Shale Impact Fee: Act 13**

Penn State is offering two special evening webinars, one geared for the public and one for local officials, on the Shale Impact Fee, or Act 13.

The Unconventional Gas Well Impact Fee Act (Act 13) was signed into law by Governor Corbett on February 14th. What exactly does this Act cover? What does it mean to the people of the Commonwealth, and how will it affect municipalities? Join Penn State Extension for two special webinars aimed at two audiences who are affected by the Act.

On March 15th, "What the Public Needs to Know about the New Shale Gas Impact Fee: Act 13" will be presented for the general public. An overview of what is covered with the new impact fee and how the new law affects local land use regulation will be discussed. Dr. Timothy W. Kelsey, Ph.D., Economic & Community Development, Penn State Extension and Stanford M. Lembeck, AICP, Pennsylvania Municipal Planning Education Institute (PMPEI) will share what this Act means to you.

On March 22nd, "What Local Officials Need to Know about the New Shale Gas Impact Fee: Act 13" will be presented for local officials and other community members. Ross Pifer, Director of the Agricultural Law Resource & Reference Center with Dickinson Law School, Penn State University and Jerry Walls, AICP, Professional Planner and Retired Executive Director - Lycoming County Planning Commission will discuss possible impacts of Act 13 to municipalities and items to consider.

Both webinars will be from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. Questions will be taken and answered as time allows. Both webinars are free to the public. The URL to take part in the webinar is <https://meeting.psu.edu/naturalgaswebinars/>

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