

Marcellus Shale Academic Applied Research Conference

When: May 10, 2011 to May 11, 2011

Where: Blair County Convention Center One Convention Center Drive, Altoona, PA 16601

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The development of Marcellus Shale has created a great opportunity (some would argue it is an obligation) for researchers to examine the impacts and implications and to help policy makers, communities, industry, citizens, and others understand what is occurring and the means for ensuring Marcellus fulfills the opportunities while minimizing negative effects. Much of what is currently known about the potential impacts of Marcellus Shale is either anecdotal, or extrapolations from experiences in other states with major energy development. Individual academics and individual institutions have been responding with a variety of research and outreach activities, but due to the quick onset of Marcellus Shale development in the region, and the rapidly evolving nature of issues, much of this individual effort is occurring without the kind of communication and coordination that is essential for research to be comprehensive and timely.

The Marcellus Shale Multi-State Academic Applied Research Conference will: 1) bring together researchers from across the Mid-Atlantic region to help identify the research needs related to the impacts of Marcellus Shale development, 2) identify on-going research activities related to Marcellus Shale, 3) build multi-institutional academic partnerships focused on Marcellus Shale, 4) endeavor to develop a broad applied research agenda that includes natural resource, wildlife, social, community and economic implications as well as research on production methods/technologies, and 5) help inform outreach and education.

The conference will be structured to highlight what we know and what we do not know. The conference tone will be one of respectfulness that allows for disagreements and that builds collegial relationships.

This conference is a collaboration between Cornell University, Penn State University, and West Virginia University.

Registration deadline: May 3, 2011

Event website at: <http://guest.cvent.com/d/zdqg8j>