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**Savage River Watershed Association**

Marcellus Shale Follow-up # 7

**Upcoming Events:**

**April 11 at 7 pm**

**Gasland** - Garrett College Auditorium - Sponsored by friends of Josh Fox.

Josh Fox's Academy Award nominee for Best Documentary will be shown without interpretation or accompanying panel discussion. The public is invited to see first-hand what all the controversy is about.

**April 13 at 7 pm**

**Industrial Gas Drilling and Community Impacts** - Garrett College Auditorium -Panel discussion organized by local citizens & sponsored by Garrett County Marcellus Natural Gas Advisory Committee. Further information: <http://marcellusshale.garrettcounty.org> Speakers:

John Stolz, professor of environmental microbiology at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, is director of Duquesne's Center for Environmental Research and Education. Dr. Stolz has published more than 60 journal articles and contributed to more than 30 books in his field. He is currently investigating the environmental impacts of shale gas extraction on water resources, and his presentation will rely on aerial photography to examine land-use issues in southwestern Pennsylvania's gas industry.

Ron Gulla, a southwestern Pennsylvanian whose contact with the gas industry dates from 2005, when Range Resources drilled the second Marcellus well in Pennsylvania on his property, will discuss his personal experiences. Range earlier this year purchased Gulla's 141-acre farm near Hickory, after years of industrial gas development that Gulla says rendered it uninhabitable. His efforts to educate land-owners have earned him an international reputation.

Nadia Steinzor is the regional Marcellus representative for the Oil & Gas Accountability Project of Earthworks, a national organization dedicated to protecting communities and the environment from the destructive affects of mineral development. She will provide a comprehensive overview of OGAP's work in the Eastern U.S., with an emphasis on how the "gas rush" interacts with energy issues facing the country.

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**Links to important research:**

The Pinchot Institute for Conservation - April 2011

***Assessing the Environmental Effects of Marcellus Shale Gas Development: The State of Science***

"The Marcellus Shale is regarded as an important new source of domestic energy for the United States, but its development also carries significant potential for environmental impacts, especially on water quality. The Pinchot Institute recently convened a technical workshop that

examined the adequacy of existing science to assess cumulative impacts from shale gas development, as well as the science basis for standards and regulations aimed at protecting environmental values during development. The workshop was hosted by the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia. The Pinchot Institute also recently released a report on "best management practices" for minimizing impacts on water quality and biodiversity from shale gas drilling."

A concise summary of the information presented at the technical workshop is available for immediate viewing or download by clicking:

<http://www.pinchot.org/gp/EffectsofMarcellusShale>

This webpage will provide you with access to:

- Workshop summary
- Speaker presentations in downloadable .pdf format
- Speaker bios
- Workshop participant list

The Pinchot Institute report on "best management practices" for protecting water quality, biodiversity, and other environmental values during shale gas development can be downloaded at [http://www.pinchot.org/gp/Marcellus\\_Shale](http://www.pinchot.org/gp/Marcellus_Shale) .

"This information will be helpful to regulatory agencies, and to the landowners, land managers, and other stakeholders who are submitting comments in ongoing regulatory review processes such as the regulations proposed by the Delaware River Basin Commission, and available for public comment until **April 15**. Over the longer term, the scientific and technical information compiled through this workshop is intended to strengthen the knowledge base of stakeholders of all kinds, and facilitate both citizen monitoring and future academic research."

#### **Links to media articles:**

ANNAPOLIS - Compromises on a bill that would delay natural gas drilling in Western Maryland's Marcellus Shale formation are being hammered out in a series of closed-door meetings.

<http://www.hometownannapolis.com/news/gov/2011/04/09-02/Fracking-moratorium-deal-under-discussion.html>

Trout Unlimited helps trains volunteers to monitor PA streams near Marcellus Shale drilling operations.

[http://delivery.qmags.com/d/?pub=TU&upid=20110301&s=OL&fl=others%2fTU%2fTU\\_Spring\\_2011\\_S.pdf](http://delivery.qmags.com/d/?pub=TU&upid=20110301&s=OL&fl=others%2fTU%2fTU_Spring_2011_S.pdf)

Western PA - Authority customers told to boil water

<http://www.observer-reporter.com:80/or/gasdrilling/04-09-2011-Carmichaels-water>

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