
Wilkes University Energy Institute December 2012 — The Institute produced a series of white papers over a two year span on the history of Marcellus Shale, uses and demand of natural gas, and policy statements on a variety of Marcellus Shale implications.

Appalachian Regional Commission *October 2011*— Collection of primary and secondary data as it relates to housing affordability and availability (purchase and rental) in 12 shale counties in Pennsylvania. The report included policy recommendations to mitigate current and future issues.

Appalachian Regional Commission *August 2010* — Collection of baseline information on the current social, economic, and policy conditions of Appalachian counties located in the Marcellus Shale were compiled through a survey process to households located in the shale region. Survey focused on demographic, social, economic, and policy conditions. Interviews were conducted with government officials, economic development officials and landowners in Texas and Arkansas to review best practices and lessons learned from the shale extraction in these states over the last two decades. Additional interviews were conducted in designated shale counties in Pennsylvania to analyze economic conditions prior to extraction in those counties.

Economic and Workforce Development Study *January 2010* – This study addresses the changes in jobs, industries, and wages that have occurred in four other states engaged in shale drilling. The analysis was completed to evaluate changes in core shale counties as well as adjacent counties. In addition, the career ladder of the drilling industry is explained as well as education and training from the secondary level to continuing education and on-the-job training.



The Impact of Marcellus Shale in Northeastern Pennsylvania with Emphasis on Charities, Crime, and Poverty *June 2008* — An examination of other natural gas plays and how they have affected other U.S. regions by using a case study methodology to compare Northeast Pennsylvania with other U.S. regions in terms of wealth, employment, and housing and charitable giving.

A Primer on Marcellus Shale in Northeastern Pennsylvania *May 2008*—An introduction to Marcellus Shale and the economic impact on the region using a case study methodology from events in Texas and Arkansas.