

Wilkes University Energy Institute, December 2012 – Over a two-year span, The Institute produced a series of white papers on the history of Marcellus Shale. The uses and demand for natural gas, along with policy statements on a variety of Marcellus Shale implications, were included in the research.

Appalachian Regional Commission, October 2011 – The Institute collected 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 future issues. These efforts followed a 2010 collection of baseline information (through survey and interview) on social, economic, and policy conditions of Appalachian counties. Interviews had also been conducted with Texas and Arkansas officials and landowners to explore best practices and lessons learned from shale extraction in those states.

Economic and Workforce Development Study, January 2010 – The research team addressed the changes in jobs, industries, and wages in four states engaged in shale drilling. This analysis was completed to evaluate dynamics in core shale counties and adjacent counties. The report also contains an explanation of the drilling industry's career ladder, with an overview of necessary education and training from the secondary level to continuing education and on-the-job training.