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Counties With 64 Percent Of Marcellus Wells File To Adopt Drilling Fee

So far, 18 counties with a total of 3,174 natural gas wells (63.7 percent) have formally filed their intent with the Public Utility Commission to adopt a drilling impact fee under the Act 13 Marcellus Shale Law.

This means 64 percent of the \$211.1 million the Act is suppose to raise in revenue in 2012 or about \$126.6 million will be available so far.

The counties include: **New-** Allegheny (9 wells), Bedford (1 well), Butler (109 wells), **New-** Carbon (0 wells), **New-** Columbia (3 wells), Elk (58 wells), Forest (6 wells), **New-** Greene (415 wells), Lawrence (2 wells), Lycoming (473 wells), **New-** McKean (53 wells), Perry (0 wells), **New-** Sullivan (41 wells), **New-** Susquehanna (462 wells), Tioga- (693 wells), Washington (560 wells) and Westmoreland (191 wells), **New-** Wyoming (98 wells) counties.

[4,344 of the 4,982](#) producing Marcellus Shale wells in Pennsylvania are in just 11 counties: Bradford-1,008, Tioga-693, Washington-560, Lycoming- 473, Susquehanna-462, Greene-415, Westmoreland-191, Fayette-185, Clearfield-136, Armstrong-112 and Butler-109.

For 2012, counties have until April 16 to adopt a drilling fee ordinance.

For more information, visit the PUC's [Act 13 Drilling Fee](#) and [Drilling Fee Public Documents](#) webpages.