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Bradford County Adopts Drilling Fee, 97.4 Percent Of Marcellus Wells Now Covered By Fee

So far, 33 counties with a total of 4,853 natural gas wells (97.4 percent) have formally filed their intent with the Public Utility Commission to adopt a drilling impact fee under the Act 13 Marcellus Shale Law, including Bradford County which covers 1,008 Marcellus wells.

This means 97.4 percent of the \$211.1 million the Act is suppose to raise in revenue in 2012, or about \$205.6 million, will be available so far.

The counties include: Allegheny (9 wells), New- Armstrong (112 wells), Beaver (1 well), Bedford (1 well), New- Berks (0 wells), New- Blair (6 wells), New- Bradford (1,008 wells), Butler (109 wells), New- Cambria (6 wells), New- Cameron (14 wells), Carbon (0 wells), Clearfield (136 wells), Clinton (85 wells), Columbia (3 wells), Elk (58 wells), New- Erie (0 wells), New- Fayette (185 wells), Forest (6 wells), Greene (415 wells), New- Huntingdon (2 wells), New- Indiana (43 wells), Juniata (0 wells), Lawrence (2 wells), Lycoming (473 wells), McKean (53 wells), Monroe (0 wells), Perry (0 wells), Montour (0 wells), New- Potter (76 wells), Sullivan (41 wells), Susquehanna (462 wells), Tioga- (693 wells), New- Venango (1 well), Washington (560 wells), New- Wayne (4 wells) and Westmoreland (191 wells), 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. All have adopted the fee ordinance.

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

For more information, visit the PUC's <u>Act 13 Drilling Fee</u> and <u>Drilling Fee Public Documents</u> webpages.

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