

Natural Gas Mining Issues

Seminar for Landowners, Municipal Officials, and Interested Members of the Public

Thursday, October 23, 2008

7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Altmar-Parish-Williamstown (APW) High School Cafeteria

639 County Route 22, Parish, NY

*Please register to attend
by calling 888-785-2380
toll free in region or
315-785-2380,
or by email to
gibbs@tughill.org.*

A panel of experts in agriculture, forestry, mining contracts and negotiation, and landowner interests will provide information useful to landowners, local officials, and others as interest increases in using natural gas resources found in the Tug Hill region.

Panel Members

Lindsay Wickham, Field Advisor for New York Farm Bureau

Mr. Wickham has worked with landowners in the Southern Tier of New York State on gas exploration and leasing over the past eight years, and has studied the issue nationwide.

Ashur Terwilliger, a landowner and farmer in Lowman, NY

Mr. Terwilliger raises beef cows, hay, timber and other assorted agricultural products, and has served as the President of the Chemung County Farm Bureau for over 20 years. His passion is to protect landowners and demand a fair and equitable deal from the gas companies.

Walt Friebe, New York Master Forest Owner

Mr. Friebe interacts statewide with forest landowners as a Master Forest Owner, Inspecting Forester with the American Tree Farm System, and co-chair for forestry education seminars at the annual New York Woodsmen's Field Days in Boonville, NY. He is active with a wide variety of landowner and education groups who connect youth with conservation, wildlife and forestry.

Matthew Brower, Agricultural Resource Specialist with NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets

Mr. Brower grew up on a dairy farm, and has worked in his position with Ag and Markets for over 16 years. He has been involved in the review of gas well drilling sites and gas pipeline projects impacting agricultural land throughout New York.

Don Zaengle, Consulting Petroleum Geologist

Mr. Zaengle has worked in the oil industry for over 20 years (Shell Oil Co.), and was asked to provide scientific support for landowner education by Chris Denton (see below). He has worked as a consultant for 5 years. He will present an overview of natural gas field locations, qualities and trends in the industry.

Chris Denton, Esq., of the Denton Law Office.

Mr. Denton has studied and assisted landowners with petroleum industry inquiries over the past nine years, and continues to learn in this fast-changing field. He is one of only a few people well-versed to provide valuable information about the leasing process, how landowners can protect themselves, and what's at stake for the future in natural gas mining.