

## 10 Fast Facts About the Marcellus Shale:

- 1** Marcellus production focuses on five states: Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, New York, and Maryland.
- 2** The Marcellus Shale formation is thought to be the second largest natural gas field in the world.
- 3** The Marcellus is about a mile below the surface, and natural gas is usually extracted by drilling horizontally through the shale.
- 4** To protect groundwater resources, Marcellus wells must be encased with multiple layers of steel and concrete—one of many regulations in place to protect our environment.
- 5** More than 70% of all Marcellus-related jobs are filled by Pennsylvanians, while 93% are filled by residents from the five-state Marcellus region.
- 6** Pennsylvania counties with major Marcellus production experience higher sales tax collections and lower unemployment.
- 7** Marcellus producers have paid more than \$1 billion in taxes since 2006, according to Pennsylvania's Department of Revenue.
- 8** Marcellus producers have invested more than \$411 million to build and repair Pennsylvania roads since 2008.
- 9** Abundant natural gas in the Marcellus not only means lower heating bills for families and small businesses, but lower electricity rates as well, as they are tied to prices for natural gas.
- 10** Natural gas does far more than heat your home and help to cook your food. It's a key component of many common household products as well.



**We, the members of the Marcellus Shale Coalition, embrace and operate by the following guiding principles:**

- We provide the safest possible workplace for our employees, with our contractors, and in the communities in which we operate;
- We implement state-of-the-art environmental protection across our operations;
- We continuously improve our practices and seek transparency in our operations;
- We strive to attract and retain a talented and engaged local workforce;
- We are committed to being responsible members of the communities in which we work;
- We encourage spirited public dialogue and fact-based education about responsible shale gas development; and
- We conduct our business in a manner that will provide sustainable and broad-based economic and energy-security benefits for all.

**We recognize that to succeed in business, we not only embrace these principles, we live by them each and every day. This will be our legacy.**



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