

# What Others are Saying About Natural Gas Development Across America



## Pennsylvania

“We’re sitting on gold here.”

U.S. Rep. Tim Murphy, R-Upper St. Clair, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, June 17, 2010

“We have the opportunity to put money into the economy here that’s not affected by other aspects of the economy. We want to see that drilling take place.”

Larry Larese, executive director, Westmoreland County Industrial Development Corp., Pittsburgh Tribune Review, January 18, 2011

“As of 2009, natural gas production had generated 29,000 new jobs in the state. In Pennsylvania, Marcellus Shale exploration has yielded more than \$240 million in state and local taxes, and \$2.3 billion in economic development.”

Penn State University College of Earth and Mineral Sciences, May 2010

“In counties with ten or more Marcellus wells, returns reporting royalty income increased 44.1 percent and tax income increased 325.3 percent.”

Penn State Cooperative Extension, Marcellus Education Fact Sheet

“This can be an upgrade to everyone’s economy. Look at what the oil rush did for Dallas and all of Texas.”

David Knuth, president, Marshall County Chamber of Commerce, The Intelligencer, Wheeling, W. VA., March 10, 2011

“There is potential for a huge economic impact from the Marcellus Shale. They are really just getting started in this area.”

Terry Sterling, president, Wheeling Area Chamber of Commerce, The Intelligencer, Wheeling, W. VA., March 10, 2011



## West Virginia

**“The time has come, once and for all, for this nation to fully embrace a clean energy future ... it means tapping into our natural gas reserves.”**

– President Barack Obama, June 2, 2010,  
Carnegie Mellon University

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“There’s real potential there to help a lot of people who have been in deep economic trouble for a long time. If we can get that Marcellus Shale and if it can yield a significant amount of gas — oh, it will be a godsend for our state.”  
Ohio Governor John Kasich, December 2010

“The flourishing energy industry has meant a healthy economy in Wyoming. The unemployment rate was 6.4% in December, compared with 9.4% for the country as a whole, according to the Labor Department.”

USA Today, March 4, 2011



“It’s no coincidence that Montana and North Dakota are the only two states in the Union with budget surpluses at a time when others are slashing spending just to stay afloat. At a time when most states are dealing with an unemployment crisis, North Dakota boasted a 3.9 percent unemployment rate in 2010, the lowest in the nation for the third straight year. Many open positions remain unfilled.”

“Increased Drilling Creates Jobs,” USA Today, March 17, 2011



**“The worst spin on the worst incidents are treated as if it’s going to be the norm here. This could really help us fight climate change; this is a huge gift, this shale.”**

Taury Smith, NYS geologist, Times Union, March 14, 2011

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