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Today was the first meeting of the Governor's Marcellus Shale Advisory Commission, chaired by Lt. Governor Jim Cawley.

After taking an oath, each member introduced themselves and gave a short opening statement.

The agenda continued with:

Approval of future meeting dates

- 4/15 meeting has been cancelled and will be rescheduled by staff
- May 17 and June 20

Discussion of working groups

- 4 work groups established with chairs and vice chairs

(1) Public health, safety and environmental protection (chaired by Secretary Krancer with Cynthia Carrow as vice chair)

(2) Economic and work development (chaired by Secretary Walker, vice chair Gene Barr)

(3) Infrastructure (chaired by Secretary Schoch)

(4) Local impact and emergency response (chaired by PEMA director Cannon and vice chair Lycoming County Commissioner Jeff Wheeland)

Overview: Environmental Law & Regulatory Requirements

- Scott Perry, Director, DEP Bureau of Oil & Gas Management (Powerpoint presentation). Will be posted on DEP's website at:
http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/marcellus_shale_advisory_commission/20074

Economic Development Impacts & Opportunities

- Tom Murphy, Co-Director Penn State Marcellus Center for Outreach and Research (Powerpoint presentation). Will be posted on DEP's website at:
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- Teri Ooms, Executive Director, the Institute for Public Policy & Economic Development (Powerpoint presentation). Will be posted on DEP's website at:
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Public comment

- The makeup of the Commission lacks science. There was no mention of climate change which could severely impact natural gas and you are staking our economic future on it.

- You all are a nice group of cheerleaders.

- Bradford County Commissioner Doug McClintock???? If we get it right in our county, we can get it right in PA. The misinformation going on is incredible. We do have gas migration in one well, but it's not wide spread.

- Clean Water Action rep from York County Nathan Soy ??? You are creating jobs in my industry. We want to see responsible drilling, but the drum beat against it is out there. Not a week goes by that Gasland isn't shown somewhere.

- Let's not forget about steel and its collapse in western PA. Nothing has been said about what we can't see. What has been done to look at seismic data and what will happen when we ultimately get a shift (i.e. Earthquake)?

- We have a wastewater problem because we have too many wells. We should eliminate open evaporation pits.

Adjournment