

Marcellus Shale Taskforce - Fayette County  
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The Marcellus Shale Taskforce in Fayette County is hosting a forum on Compressor Stations.

The public is urged to attend the presentation which will be held on Monday, June 20, 2011 at 5:30 pm in Room 116 CTC-Eberly Building at the Penn State Fayette Campus.

Confirmed panelist include George Jugovic, DEP, Bureau of Air Quality and Joe Osborne, Group Against Smog & Pollution. Invitations were extended to natural gas industry representatives.

Mr. Jugovic was appointed to his current position with DEP, Bureau of Air Quality in November 2009. Before then he practiced law in the areas of environment and energy law. He began his legal career in 1984 with the Department of Environmental Protection's Office of Chief Counsel. While with the Department, he focused his practice in water and waste litigation. For seven years, he prosecuted environmental crimes cases as a Special Deputy Attorney General with the Office of Attorney General's Environmental Crimes Section. He left state employment to run the Law Department for the non-profit Citizens for Pennsylvania's Future. There he initiated citizen suits under Federal environmental laws, and represented the organization before the Public Utility Commission

Joe Osborne is the legal director of the Group Against Smog and Pollution (GASP), an environmental nonprofit that has worked on air quality issues in southwestern Pennsylvania for over 40 years. Mr. Osborne received his JD from Boston University School of Law. While attending law school he was editor in chief of the Boston University Public Interest Law Journal and served as a lecturer in environmental law through the Boston College Political Science Department. In the past Joe has assisted groups including Earthjustice and Toxics Action Center in their litigation and advocacy efforts. Mr. Osborne will discuss the air pollution associated with natural gas operations, as well as practical control measures and policy options to reduce air emissions from this industry.

There will be a question and answer period with the public being asked to submit written questions during the presentation. Also, in the interest of time and coordination, questions are now being accepted by the taskforce by logging on their website at [www.mshaletaskforce.org](http://www.mshaletaskforce.org) Forum Link.

Fayette County Commissioner Angela Zimmerlink, who also serves as the Chair of the taskforce said, "This forum will provide research, regulations and information for the public's use to formulate an opinion on compressor stations and take whatever action, if any, they deem appropriate to their state and federal legislators and regulatory agencies and to their county and local decision-makers."

