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Woodsfield Outlet Agreement Fee - Mack Smith; Dominion East Ohio

At the August 28th SOOGA Membership Open Forum, David Hill (President, OOGA) made a special announcement regarding the Woodsfield Outlet Agreement Fee.

Beginning with the August 2015 production period, the Woodsfield Outlet Agreement Fee will no longer be applied. The total amount remaining to be paid under the Woodsfield Outlet Agreement is being eliminated through funding by the OOGA/DEO Project Review Committee and Dominion East Ohio.

Producers that had been paying the Woodsfield Outlet Agreement Fee

will no longer have the Fee applied beginning with the August 2015 production period. The Fee will still be applied for any prior period adjustments (PPAs) for July 2015 production period or earlier.

Mr. Hill thanked Dominion East Ohio and the OOGA appointed producers on the Project Review Committee – Gene Huck (Artex Oil), William Kinney (Summit Petroleum), and Bruce Levengood (Sound Energy) – for their efforts and support in finding a mutually agreeable solution to end the Woodsfield Outlet Agreement Fee.

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Southeastern Ohio Oil & Gas Association
2015 Annual Fall Trade Show
September 17th, 2015
Washington County Fairgrounds

All of us at SOOGA are excited about our upcoming *Annual Oil & Gas Trade Show*. We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to participate. As always this year's show includes morning training sessions for member companies 'field employees' and afternoon technical sessions covering current issues in our industry. Door prizes will be awarded throughout the day and participants must be present to win. Lunch and refreshments will be available for purchase. The show is open to the public, advertised throughout the industry and continues to grow each year. For a listing of our Technical Presentations please see page 11. For additional information and to register for our Training Sessions please visit our website at www.sooga.org.

THE CROW'S NEST

Endeavor to persevere! This classic one liner is certainly one that comes to mind lately. With crude oil prices recently touching \$38 per barrel (a 62% drop from last year's levels) and continued low natural gas and NGL prices, the perseverance of our industry is certainly being tested. To add insult to injury, we are still somehow in the midst of fighting a proposed severance tax increase in Ohio despite the crumbling prices and a major pull back in activity. Additional rule proposals and regulations have also arisen in recent months, which have led to further headwinds in the already tumultuous storm. Despite these headwinds, your SOOGA Board is intently focused on helping our membership navigate through these challenging times.



This was the main purpose for our recent SOOGA Open Forum held at the Marietta Country Club on August 29th. SOOGA began hosting these "open forums" a few years ago to provide our members with a venue to hear and voice concerns facing their organizations. There were around 58 in attendance at the August 29th forum and topics discussed included oil and gas prices, the severance tax, ODNR rule making updates, BLM leasing, EPA ozone standards, increased Ohio digital well log costs, and the removal of the Dominion East Ohio Woodsfield area \$0.66 fee. The announcement by Dave Hill with OOGA about the removal of the Woodsfield fee was fantastic news! Many thanks to Dominion East Ohio and the PRC for providing a huge relief to producers in such tight times. The announcement was welcome news in the midst of the many not so positive issues discussed. As in the past, the SOOGA Board will develop action items from these discussions and will focus on resolving problems where possible.

As the SOOGA Board continues to fight on your behalf, we also ask our members to provide aid in these battles. Some ways you can help include recruiting new SOOGA members, lending your time and expertise on one of our committees, sponsoring events or direct donations, and staying involved with SOOGA in general. There are several upcoming opportunities to do so. The 2015 SOOGA Annual Trade Show is right around the corner and will be held on Thursday, September 17th at the Washington County Fairgrounds. Booth spaces and sponsorship opportunities are still available. You can register online at our Upcoming Events page or contact the SOOGA office at 740-374-3203. The SOOGA Fall Clay Shoot will also take place on Friday, October 16th at Hilltop Sports in Whipple, Ohio. We look forward to seeing you there!

As always, your SOOGA Executive Committee and Board of Trustees will continue to provide you with great events, keep you informed about important issues, and push back against attacks on our industry. In the months to come, the SOOGA team will stay engaged in the continued Ohio severance tax debate and do our best to ensure common sense prevails.

Thank you for all you do to provide energy for our community, state, and country. Keep your head up during these tough times and remember... this too shall pass!

President

Matt Lupardus

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**Southeastern Ohio Oil and Gas Association
Gas Committee Report
August, 2015**

PRICING**Prices August 10, 2015**

One Year NYMEX strip (Sept.2015 – Aug, 2016)	\$3.02
Summer NYMEX strip for 2015 (Sept.-October)	\$2.84
Winter NYMEX strip (Nov.2015 – March, 2016)	\$3.12
TCO Index Posting – August, 2015	\$2.79
DTI Index Posting – August, 2015	\$1.24

It appears that high storage levels combined with enhanced production capabilities and slow usage growth could keep gas prices from rising dramatically over the next couple of years.

GAS STORAGE AS OF THE August 6, 2015 Report

Working Gas in storage was 2,912 bcf as of Friday, July 31, 2015. At 2,912, total working gas is above the 5 year historical range.

Region	Stocks billion cubic feet (Bcf)			Year ago (07/31/14)		5-Year average (2010-2014)	
	07/31/15	07/24/15	change	(Bcf)	% change	(Bcf)	% change
East	1,354	1,318	36	1,210	11.9	1,423	-4.8
West	466	464	2	386	20.7	447	4.3
Producing	1,092	1,098	-6	781	39.8	978	11.7
Salt	292	300	-8	212	37.7	202	44.6
Nonsalt	800	797	3	568	40.8	776	3.1
Total	2,912	2,880	32	2,377	22.5	2,848	2.2

Storage is 67.2% full compared to normal as of this report, with normal total capacity of 4,336 at the start of the withdrawal season. Storage is 535 BCF above last year, and 64 BCF above the five year average.

Source: Form EIA-912, "Weekly Underground Natural Gas Storage Report."

February 10, 2015 EIA Forecast for natural Gas Prices:

According to the EIA, natural gas consumption will average 74.3 Bcf per day in 2015, and 75.2 Bcf/d in 2016. The projected Henry Hub natural gas price averages \$2.97/MM Btu in 2015 and \$3.31/MM Btu in 2016.

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September 17th, 2015
Annual Trade Show
Washington County Fairgrounds
Marietta, OH

October 16th, 2015
Fall Clay Shoot
Hilltop Sports
Whipple, OH

October 3, 2015
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GATHERCO

Chesapeake Utilities Corporation announced a Definitive Merger Agreement to acquire Gatherco, Inc.

On January 30, 2015, Chesapeake Utilities announced a merger agreement to acquire Gatherco, merging it into Aspire Energy of Ohio, LLC. A wholly-owned subsidiary of Chesapeake Utilities. It is expected to be completed in the second quarter of 2015.

The transaction has an aggregate value of approximately \$59.2 million, inclusive of the following:

\$49.8 million in exchange for all outstanding shares of Gatherco common stock, paid as follows:

593,005 shares of Chesapeake Utilities common stock, valued at \$29.9 million, and

\$19.9 million in cash (before payment of certain transaction expenses and escrow deposits);

\$7.7 million in cash in consideration for cancellation of all outstanding Gatherco stock options; and

Assumption of Gatherco's debt at closing, estimated to be \$1.7 million.

GATHERCO RETAINAGE

Retainage for April, 2015 is as follows for the Gatherco systems. Treat was 4.0%, Miley was 4.0%, Meigs was 6.0%, York was 4.0%, Grimes was 6.0%, and Elk was 6.0%.

May, 2015 retainage was not available as of the date of this report.

WEST VIRGINIA NEWS:

West Virginia legislators are currently considering forced pooling, and the producers and oil and gas associations are working with the House and Senate to develop rules. The last attempt did not pass, and they are working to come up with some acceptable legislation in 2015.

New Tank Regulations:

West Virginia has adopted some new tank regulations recently. The results and requirements of this new regulation was set out and explained in the latest SOOGA Newsletter, so please read it to familiarize yourself with these regulations if you have production in WV.

UTICA NEWS:

NEW PIPELINES PROPOSED TO SPUR UTICA SHALE DRILLING IN OHIO

SUNOCO LOGISTICS PARTNERS, L.P.

Sunoco Logistics Partners L.P. announced on 11/6/2014 that it will build a huge pipeline project that will quadruple the Marcellus Shale gas liquids moving through the Philadelphia area called the Mariner East 2 project. It will be at least 16 inches in diameter, and begin in Scio, Ohio and cross West Virginia and Western Pennsylvania to the Philadelphia area. The pipeline will be 350 miles long, and is expected to deliver 275,000 barrels per day of natural gas liquids (NGL) to the Marcus Hook complex, and will begin operations by the end of 2016, subject to regulatory and permit approvals.

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The Insider

By: Carl Heinrich

Recently with all the hoop-la about environmental “concerns” like climate change, global warming, etc., the media has been covered up with much one sided “information” about this. Very little has been presented about the benefits of fossil fuels and (gasp!) fracking.

Your editor is old enough to remember Pittsburgh during the Second World War. Then, the sky was dark gray and often it was hard to see the sun at noon. This was due to all the smoke from the steel mills running flat out to produce steel for the war effort. We needed to do this and live through it in order to survive and not have to learn to speak German or

Japanese. With our future as a nation at risk, what environmental concerns existed back then were put on hold until it was “over over there.”

In retrospect if all the environmental hoop-la were true there wouldn't be a living tree or anything northeast of Pittsburgh (the direction of prevailing winds.) If you have visited north central Pittsburgh lately, you would see some of the greenest forest are the Appalachian area to the east.

Anyway, in the current issue of the IOGA – WV News are two very astute articles on environmental matters that present the other side of the issue. For the benefit to our readers that are not IOGA-WV members we present the following (with permission from IOGA-WV):

From the Burd's Nest: Life Without Oil and Natural Gas

Charlie Burd; Executive Director IOGA WV

The History Channel's “Life After People” is a TV series where scientists, engineers and other experts speculate about what might become of Earth should humanity suddenly disappear. There were several episodes and, if you haven't seen any of them, their depiction of human absence is pretty interesting to observe.

As you may recall or learned in your history classes, in the late 1970's then President Jimmy Carter, in a televised speech April 18, 1977, stated: “The oil and natural gas we rely on for 75 percent of our energy are running out.” Later that year, on August 4, 1977, President Carter created the Department of Energy (DOE) with his signing of the U.S. Department of Energy Organization Act that merged the Federal Energy Administration, the Energy Research and Development Administration, the Federal Power Commission and other energy-related government programs into a single presidential cabinet-level department. He then proceeded to convince Congress to pass the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 which authorized the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to regulate intra-

state and interstate natural gas production and transmission. It also established price ceilings for wellhead first sales of gas (which were later repealed).

Thank goodness there were risk taking oil and gas pioneers that had bigger and better ideas than Jimmy Carter on how to develop and provide energy for our nation. Because of these individuals, advances in drilling and completion technology now give us the ability to drill deep and go horizontal into formations once considered unattainable and has, for the first time, given the United States hope to become energy independent and the opportunity to shed our dependency on foreign oil. Being part of this is extremely exciting.

While I am certainly not a scientist, engineer or expert, the question of “What might the world be like without oil and natural gas?” is interesting to ponder. We witnessed first-hand the onslaught of anarchy in just a few days without power back on June 29, 2012, when the derecho swept across the Midwest and into West Virginia and the east coast. Growing up in a world with fossil fuels, we take so much for granted.

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COLUMBIA PIPELINE GROUP:

NiSource, Columbia Pipeline Group complete separation

MERRILLVILLE, Ind. and HOUSTON, July 2, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- NiSource Inc. (NYSE: NI) and Columbia Pipeline Group (NYSE: CPGX) ("CPG") announced today that the separation of the two companies was completed successfully through a distribution of all the common stock of CPG held by NiSource to NiSource shareholders.

CPG, based in Houston, includes Columbia Gas Transmission, Columbia Gulf Transmission, Columbia Midstream Group, its ownership interest in Columbia Pipeline Partners LP (NYSE: CPPL), and other natural gas pipeline, storage and midstream holdings previously owned by NiSource. In total CPG operates more than 15,000 miles of natural gas transmission pipelines, nearly 300 billion cubic feet of underground natural gas storage working capacity, and a growing portfolio of midstream and related facilities. Additional information about CPG can be found at www.cpg.com.

DUKE ENERGY:

Duke Energy and Piedmont Natural Gas today announced the selection of Dominion to build and operate a 550-mile interstate natural gas pipeline from West Virginia, through Virginia and into eastern North Carolina to meet the region's rapidly growing demand for natural gas. The pipeline has an estimated cost of between \$4.5 billion and \$5 billion, an initial capacity of 1.5 billion cubic feet of natural gas per day, and a target in-service date of late 2018. Gas will be carried through a 42-inch-diameter pipe in West Virginia and Virginia, and a 36-inch-diameter pipe in North Carolina. The pipeline's main customers are six utilities and related companies that collectively will purchase a substantial majority of the pipeline's capacity to transport natural gas – Duke Energy Carolinas, Duke Energy Progress, Virginia Power Services Energy, Piedmont Natural Gas, Virginia Natural Gas, and PSNC Energy.

AMERICAN ENERGY/REGENCY ENERGY PARTNERS

American Energy and Regency Energy Partners are planning a \$500 million pipeline to move American Energy's Utica shale gas to major pipelines like Rockies Express and Texas Eastern that service Texas, Colorado, and states along the nation's southeastern rim. The 52 mile system will deliver more than 2 BCF per day of gas supply. It is expected to be completed in the third quarter of 2015.

ENERGY TRANSFER

A second interstate pipeline is being planned to ship natural gas from the Utica and Marcellus Shale regions across Stark County. The planned Rover Pipeline would carry up to 3.25 BCF of natural gas per day from West Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Ohio. In total, the Rover mainline will include 380 miles of 36 inch and 43 inch diameter pipe and five compressor stations, plus 197 miles of supply laterals ranging in diameter from 24 to 47 inches.

DOMINION EAST OHIO:

Blue Racer Midstream has finalized a new agreement for liquids uplift for producers on the DEO Guernsey/Cambridge gathering system for conventional production. The new agreement will be an amendment to the original HCA agreement. More details will be available later.

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SOOGA Trade Show (continued from page 1)

TECHNICAL PRESENTATIONS

11:00 – 11:15

Opening Comments/SOOGA Updates

Matt Lupardus - SOOGA President

11:15 – 11:45

State and Federal Updates

*State Representative Andy Thompson
Woody Ireland WV House of Delegates*

Lunch Served 12:00 – 1:00

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*Door Prize Drawings
(ALL DAY, must be present)*

1:00-2:00

Public Relations and Outreach Panel

*American Petroleum Institute - Rebecca Heimlich
Energy In Depth - Jackie Stewart
Ohio Energy Education Program - Mark Bruce
Ohio Oil & Gas Association - Mike Chadsey*

2:00 - 2:15 (15 minute Break)

2:15 - 2:45

ODNR Rule Making Update

Scott Kell, Asst. Chief (Tentative)

2:45 - 3:45

Drugs: What's out there and What to watch for

*Lt. Kevin Hornbeck
Washington County Sheriff Department*

SOOGA Legacy Fund

The oil and gas industry has been a big part of our community or more than 120 years. Our history with the community has led us to partner with the Marietta Community Foundation to establish the SOOGA Legacy Fund in 2013. This fund was established to giveback to our communities across Ohio and West Virginia and to honor the memory of members who have dedicated their lives' work to this industry.

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- Completely buried storage capacity greater than 42,000 U.S. gallons
- Reasonable expectation of an oil discharge into or upon navigable waters of the U.S. or adjoining shores



A facility that meets the criteria described must comply with the SPCC rule by preventing oil spills and developing and implementing an SPCC Plan.

Prevent oil spills:

- Using containers suitable for the oil stored.
- Providing overfill prevention for your oil storage containers.
- Providing sized secondary containment for bulk storage containers, such as a dike or a remote impoundment. The containment needs to hold the full capacity of the container plus possible rainfall.
- Providing general secondary containment to catch the most likely oil spill where you transfer oil to and from containers and for mobile refuelers and tanker trucks.
- Periodically inspecting and testing pipes and containers. Visually inspect aboveground pipes and oil containers according to industry standards; buried pipes need to be leak tested when they are installed or repaired. Include a written record of inspections in the Plan.

Prepare and implement an SPCC Plan: Describes oil handling operations, spill prevention practices, discharge or drainage controls, and the personnel, equipment and resources at the facility that are used to prevent oil spills from reaching navigable waters or adjoining shorelines.

There are certain elements that must be described in every plan including:

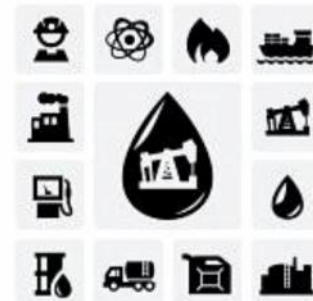
- Operating procedures at the facility to prevent oil spills
- Control measures installed to prevent oil spills from entering navigable waters or adjoining shorelines
- Countermeasures to contain, clean up, and mitigate the effects of an oil spill that has impacted navigable waters or adjoining shorelines.

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What Types of Oil are Covered?

Oil of any type and in any form is covered, including:

- Petroleum
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- Sludge
- Oil refuse
- Oil mixed with wastes other than dredged spoil
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 Inside FERC/DTI: \$1.2800(Basis: -\$1.493)
 Inside FERC/TCO: \$2.6800 (Basis: -\$0.093)
 NYMEX 3-day Average: \$2.7940

AUGUST 2015

NYMEX Settlement: \$2.8860
 Inside FERC/DTI: \$1.2400 (Basis: -\$1.646)
 Inside FERC/TCO: \$2.7900 (Basis: -\$0.096)
 NYMEX 3-day Average: \$2.8320

OIL PRICING 2015**ERGON OIL PURCHASING WEST VIRGINIA MONTHLY AVERAGE**

June Ohio Tier 1: \$58.7630
 June Ohio Tier 2: \$55.7630
 June Ohio Tier 3: \$52.7630
 June West Virginia Tier 1: \$58.7630
 June West Virginia Tier 2: \$55.7630
 June West Virginia Tier 3: \$52.7630
 June Marcellus/Utica Condensate: \$34.7630
 June Marcellus/Utica Medium: \$58.7630
 June Marcellus/Utica Light: \$52.7630

July Ohio Tier 1: \$50.4448
 July Ohio Tier 2: \$47.4448
 July Ohio Tier 3: \$44.4448
 July West Virginia Tier 1: \$50.4448
 July West Virginia Tier 2: \$47.4448
 July West Virginia Tier 3: \$44.4448
 July Marcellus/Utica Condensate: \$26.4448
 July Marcellus/Utica Medium: \$50.4448
 July Marcellus/Utica Light: \$44.4448

Tier 1 - 150 + net barrels of crude oil

No more than 2% BS&W (if the BS&W is over 2% it will then qualify for Tier 2 pricing)

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The prices as posted are based upon computation of volume by using tank tables, or as measured by a deduction for all BS&W and correction for temperature deductions or allowances shall be made on the oil purchased shall be free of contamination and/or alteration by foreign substances or chemicals not associated with virgin crude oil. These include but are not restricted to, oxygenated and/or chlorinated compounds.

The Marcellus/Utica Shale produced crude oil will be purchased based on the monthly average for the following postings:

38.0-49.9 API Gravity—**Marcellus/Utica Medium** crude oil

50.0-59.9 API Gravity—**Marcellus/Utica Light** crude oil

60.0+ API Gravity—**Marcellus/Utica Condensate** (formerly posted as Appalachian Sweet Light-ALS).

Other parameters will be evaluated on a farm by farm basis.

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OIL PRICING 2015**AMERICAN REFINING GROUP AVERAGE**

6/11 to 6/20 Group 1 OH: \$58.97
 Group 2 OH: \$55.97
 Group 3 OH: \$52.97
 6/21 to 6/30 Group 1 OH: \$58.70
 Group 2 OH: \$55.70
 Group 3 OH: \$52.70
 7/1 to 7/10 Group 1 OH: \$53.67
 Group 2 OH: \$50.67
 Group 3 OH: \$47.67
 7/11 to 7/20 Group 1 OH: \$50.59
 Group 2 OH: \$47.59
 Group 3 OH: \$44.59
 7/21 to 7/31 Group 1 OH: \$47.38
 Group 2 OH: \$44.38
 Group 3 OH: \$41.38
 8/1 to 8/10 Group 1 OH: \$44.15
 Group 2 OH: \$41.15
 Group 3 OH: \$38.15

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Group 2 (OH/PA/NY) - 60.0-149.99 net barrels from a single location

Group 3 (OH/PA/NY) - 30-59.9 net barrels from a single location

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MIDSTREAM/PROCESSING NEWS:

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Pinto Energy is looking to build a 2,800 bbl/day gas to liquids plant east of Ashtabula, Ohio. It will produce high quality synthetic liquids as well as lubricants, waxes and solvents from gas being produced by the Utica and Marcellus formations.

Utica East Ohio (UEO), a joint venture by Access Midstream, M3, and EV Energy Partners, became the first fully integrated gathering, processing, and fractionation complex to be put into operation on July 28th in Eastern Ohio. This initial phase of the UEO project is capable of processing 220-million cubic feet per day at their cryogenic processing facility near Kensington, and is processing 45,000 barrels per day of natural gas liquids at their fractionation, storage and rail facility near Scio.

The second phase is under construction and scheduled to be completed in December, 2014 with a third phase to follow. When complete, the UEO project will have 800 million cubic feet per day of cryogenic processing, 135,000 barrels per day of natural gas liquids fractionation, 870,000 barrels per day of natural gas liquids fractionation, 870,000 barrels of gas liquids storage and a rail facility capable of loading 90 cars per day.

Hickory Bend Project, the NiSource and Hilcorp natural gas processing project, has announced the construction of a \$60 million pipeline to move natural gas liquids from their cryogenic natural gas processing plant in Springfield Township to attractive market destinations. Pennant Midstream will construct the 12 inch 38 mile pipeline. It will have the capacity to deliver up to 90,000 bbls. of NGS per day to a Utica East Ohio pipeline in Columbiana County, and from there be transported to the fractionator in Harrison County. It is expected to be complete by July, 2014

Appalachian Resins announced that it will **build** a \$1 billion facility in Monroe County that will be able to process approximately 18,000 barrels per day of ethane into ethylene and polyethylene, the feedstock for plastic and many other items we use in our daily lives. The facility is expected to begin operating in early 2019 and will produce 600 million pounds of ethylene/polyethylene per a year. This new feedstock has the potential to reinvigorate the manufacturing sector in the region, which will, in turn, increase investment and jobs in the Ohio Valley.

For more information, click on this link; <http://energyindepth.org/ohio/new-natural-gas-plant-up-and-running-in-eastern-ohio/>

Utica Facts and Numbers – First Quarter

Numbers released by the Ohio

Department of Natural Resources show production from wells in Belmont, Jefferson, Monroe, and Harrison counties helped total natural gas output statewide to reach 183.5 BCF from Jan. 1 – March 31, which is nearly three times the 67.3 BCF produced during the same period last year.

As of August 1, 2015, there have been 1,982 Utica Shale permits issued in 23 counties in Ohio to 29 companies, and 1,564 of them have been developed. The counties are listed below.

Ashland, Belmont, Carroll, Columbiana, Coshocton, Geauga, Guernsey, Harrison, Holmes Jefferson, Knox, Mahoning, Medina, Monroe, Muskingum, Noble, Portage, Stark, Trumbull, Tuscarawas, Washington, and Wayne.

There are currently 931 Utica Shale wells in production, with 20 rigs running.

MARCELLUS SUPPLY UPDATE:

It has been reported by the EIA that the Marcellus Shale gas has hit 16.5 BCF per day in August, 2015.

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Statute of Limitations

By: Dan P. Corcoran,

Recent cases involving oil and gas lease disputes between landowners and oil and gas producers have addressed alleged breaches or gaps in production that occurred many years before the lawsuit was filed by the landowner. In several instances, the Court of Common Pleas, Washington County, Ohio has applied the equitable doctrine of laches in instances where it found that the landowner failed to timely assert his claim. See *Rudolph v. Viking International Resources Co., Inc.*, Case No. 140T67 (June 17, 2015), *Cisler v. Stonebridge Operating Company, LLC*. Case No. 140T51 (Mar. 26, 2015), and *Dishong v. Heinrich Enterprises, Inc.*, No 130T303 (Dec. 31, 2014). In the case of *Rudolph v. Viking International Resources Co., Inc.*, the trial court also applied the 8-year statute of limitations for written contracts set forth under R.C. § 2305.06.

Some of these cases remain subject to review by the Fourth District Court of Appeals. The Fourth District recently refused to apply the doctrine of laches when the landowner waited just eight months before asserting a lease forfeiture. See *Sims v. Anderson*, 4th Dist.No. 14CA31,2015 Ohio 2727 (June 30, 2015). The Fourth District also has another pending case that may address this same issue. Specifically, in *Schulteiss v. Heinrich Enterprises, Inc.*, 4th Dist. No. 15CA20, the landowner asserted that oil and gas lease expired based upon an alleged gap in production that occurred from 1977 to 1981. The producers have asked Fourth District to bar the landowner's claim based on the doctrine of laches and based on the statute of limitations.

The Fifth District Court of Appeals recently issued an opinion on and appeal from the Guernsey

County Court of Common Pleas in a case styled *Cox v. Kimble*, 5th Dist. No.13CA32, 2015-Ohio-2470 (Feb. 17, 2015). In that case, the landowners were not attempting to cancel the entire lease; rather, they were asking the court to declare that the balance of the leasehold acreage, which had not already been drilled and developed, should be released because the lessee had breached an expressed covenant to drill a second well. The first well had been drilled in 1981 and, under the terms lease, the second well was to be drilled within one year after the first well.

Determining the date on which a claim accrues can be just as important as determining which statute of limitations should apply to the claim. The trial court in *Cox v. Kimble* held that the landowners' claims were not barred until 2011, when the producer refused to release the remaining acreage. Prior to 2011, the producer had never engaged in any overt acts which would outwardly demonstrate occupation and ownership of the property. The Fifth District affirmed the trial court's judgment.

The decision in *Cox v. Kimble* seems to acknowledge that landowners' claims related to oil and gas leases are subject to a statute of limitations, but it remains uncertain as to which statute should apply. The answer may depend, in part, on the nature of the landowners' claim. For example, a court could conclude that a different statute of limitations should apply to a claim for the breach of a lease covenant versus a claim for declaratory relief relating to the duration of a lease under the habendum clause. The answers that Ohio courts give to these questions will clarify how long producers must retain their records of production in order to successfully defend title to existing leases.

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Creature Comforts: Let's start with when we wake up in the morning. First, we all like waking up to that comfortable temperature provided by the heat from our gas furnace or cooled with air conditioning provided from natural gas-fired electric generation. Certainly if you brush your teeth, go for a run, or just get dressed and head to work, you'd better be thanking the oil and gas industry—all those products are made with petroleum. Hey, don't forget that nice cup of coffee as you head out the door!! I read somewhere that over 6,000 products are made from petroleum including, for example, anything made with nylon, elastic, rayon, polyester and even "permanent press" items—they all come from petroleum. If you wear glasses, the lenses and frames were probably made using a derivative of crude oil.

Transportation: Let's get to work! Well, unless you are walking (dressed, of course, in clothes and shoes reliant on petroleum) you certainly need oil and natural gas for your transportation needs. The overwhelming majority of the oil we produce and import is devoted to powering our cars, motorcycles, trucks, trains and planes. Without oil, refined into fuel, it is projected that it would take about 30 days for every fuel tank to be dry. The highways, rails and skies would be virtually empty. About 10 percent of every barrel of oil is used for jet fuel to power airplanes and helicopters. By the way, when you do get to work, the plastics used to make electronics such as computers and phones are made with petrochemicals. Without oil and gas, forget using your cell phone, the Internet, Facebook, Twitter and all those other social media venues. Without oil and natural gas, we may need to revert back to using carrier pigeons.

Energy Security: The Strategic Petroleum Reserve. The Strategic Petroleum Reserve is a U.S. government complex of four sites with deep underground storage caverns created in salt domes along the Texas and Louisiana Gulf Coasts.

The caverns have a capacity of 727 million barrels and store emergency supplies of crude oil owned by the U.S. government and used in times of national emergency. Needless to say, this security blanket of petroleum, which gives the U.S. about four months of emergency fuel supplies, becomes a figment of our imagination without oil and natural gas production. By the way, it came in pretty handy back in 2005 and 2008 when hurricanes Rita and Katrina and then Ike and Gustav shut in all offshore drilling in the Gulf Coast.

Oh yes, manufactured products. Again, you might want to leave early for work to get there in time because, without natural gas to provide gas furnaces for glass making and metal fabrication you will certainly not have that vehicle you so readily take for granted. Add in the rubber on those tires for good measure. Nor will you have aluminum and steel or thousands of other metal products. Forget all plastic – it is 100% petroleum. The minute percentage of energy we get from wind and solar just don't quite fulfill that basic manufacturing necessity. Did I say wind and solar, as in wind turbines and solar panels? Well, you won't have those because they, too, rely on petroleum in the manufacturing process. Oh, well, all you environmentalists out there, it looked good drawn up on paper!! Come to think of it, so did the Hindenburg.

Did I say paper?? Natural gas is the dominant fuel used to generate heat, and process heating. In fact, according to The Center for Climate and Energy Solutions (C2ES), natural gas accounts for 42 percent of the natural gas use in the industrial sector. Boilers are commonly used for a variety of purposes by chemical manufactures, food processors, pulp and paper manufacturers. As with process heating, the C2ES says that 83 percent of industrial boilers are dependent on natural gas. I don't see anyone embracing the return to writing on the back of tree bark.

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Obituaries



Cookson, Charles W. "Cookie", age 92, founder and publisher emeritus of The American Oil & Gas Reporter, died peacefully on Friday, July 17, 2015. Born on August 13, 1922, to Ellis and Marie Cookson, he was united in marriage to Margaret Joyce Wedel at Blessed Sacrament on

May 7, 1949. Their union was blessed with six children.

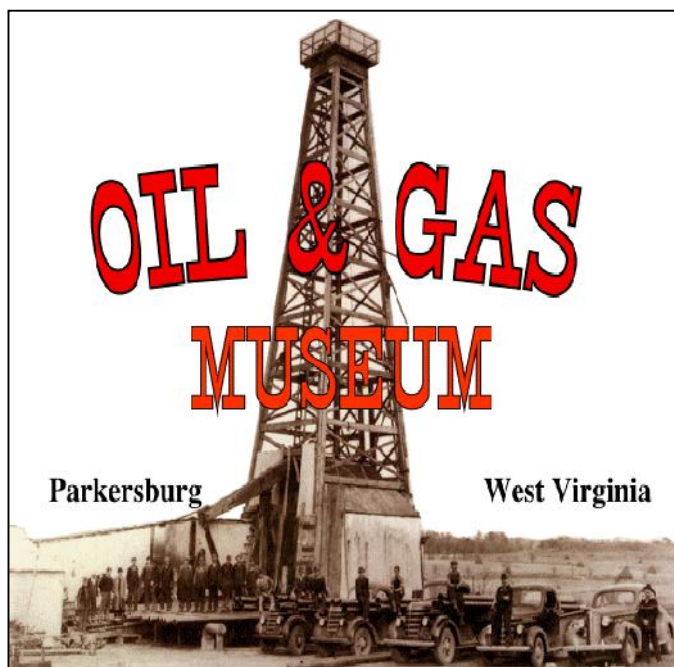
Widely known throughout the nation's oil and gas industry as "Cookie", he lived his entire life in Wichita. Cookson wrote high school sports for both the Wichita Beacon and the Wichita Eagle while attending North High in the late 30's and graduated from the University of Wichita with a degree in journalism in 1946. He served in the military from 1943 to 1946, earning a bronze star during combat in Europe as a liaison officer, and was discharged with the rank of Captain after serving as a regimental adjutant in the army of occupation. Cookson was executive-secretary of the National Baseball Congress in the late forties and fifties. Together with his wife, Joyce, he founded The American Oil and Gas Reporter in 1958. On April 16, 2010, he was inducted into the Butler County History Center and Kansas Oil Museum's Legacy Gallery. Among other laymen's duties performed in the Catholic Church, he served as president of the Wichita Deanery Council of Catholic men, and later as president of the Wichita Diocesan Council for the same organization in the early seventies. Cookson was also a member of the American Legion and VFW. He and Joyce were parishioners at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church for over fifty years and then most recently at St Catherine of Siena. He was preceded in death by his parents; infant son, Joseph M. Cookson; brothers, George W. Cookson and Raymond T. Cookson. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Joyce Cookson; daughters, Lucia Biehler (Jim) and Anne Oxler (Doug); sons, Charles Cookson (Yvonne), John Cookson (Lisa), and Michael Cookson (Lynn); nineteen grandchildren; twenty-two great-grandchildren; brother, Joseph Cookson, and numerous nieces and nephews. Memorials have been established with St Catherine of Siena Catholic Church, 3636 N. Ridge Rd, Wichita KS 67205 and Guadalupe Clinic, 940 S. St Francis, Wichita KS 67211.



E. Scott Kees 59, of Newcomerstown died Saturday, Aug. 22, 2015.

He was born March 25, 1956 in Cambridge to Vernon Kees of Newcomerstown and the late

Donna (March) Kees. He was an Indian Valley South High School graduate. He worked for NGO Development of Coshocton for 34 years. He is survived by his wife, Kathi (Fuller) Kees, whom he married April 30, 1983. He is also survived by his daughter, Lacie Ann (Caleb) James; two grandsons, Colt and Wesson James; brother-in-law, Lonnie (Becky) Fuller; sister-in-law, Debbie (Bill) Fankhauser; numerous aunts and uncles and cousins; special cousin and best friend, Tim (Carol) Kees. Memorial contributions may be made to Hartwood Cemetery Foundation Assoc, c/o Renny Glazer, 15693 Pleasant Valley Rd., Newcomerstown, OH 43832. Online condolences may be made at www.addyfuneralhome.com - See more at: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/timesreporter/obituary.aspx?>



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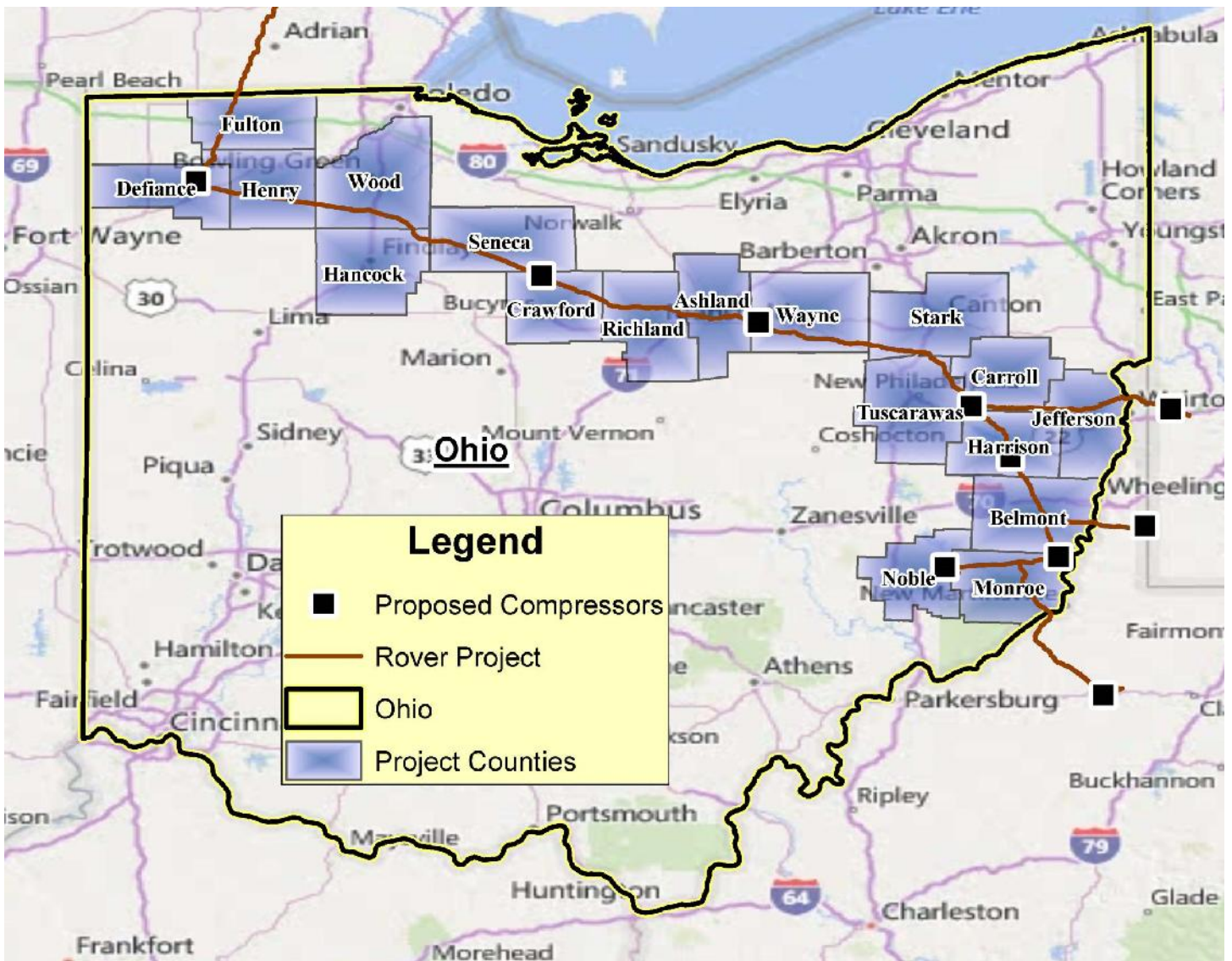
The Rover Pipeline is a 711-mile pipeline designed to transport 3.25 billion cubic feet per day of domestically produced natural gas from the rapidly expanding Marcellus and Utica shale production areas to markets across the U.S. as well as into the Union Gas Dawn Storage Hub in Ontario, Canada for redistribution back into the U.S. or into the Canadian market.

The approximate \$4.2 billion pipeline will transport gas from processing plants in West Virginia, eastern Ohio and western Pennsylvania for delivery to pipeline interconnects in West Virginia and eastern Ohio as well as the Midwest Hub near Defiance, Ohio, where up to 68 per-cent of the gas will be delivered for distribution to markets across the United States.

The remaining 32 percent of the natural gas will be delivered to markets in Michigan via an interconnect near Livingston County, Michigan with the existing Vector pipeline, which has established delivery points to local distribution companies and the vast Michigan storage fields throughout the state. Additionally, Vector will transport natural gas that is not delivered to Michigan markets on to the Dawn Hub in Ontario, Canada.

For additional information regarding the Rover Pipeline project, please visit: www.roverpipelinefacts.com

ROVER PIPELINE PROJECT OHIO MAP



Miles of Pipeline per County

Ashland County: 33.03

Milton 8.92
 Mohican 8.68
 Montgomery 0.66
 Perry 2.04
 Vermillion 12.72

Belmont County 34.99

Mead 5.00
 Pultney 1.75
 Richland 7.39
 Smith 8.52
 Washington 4.92
 Wheeling 4.66
 York 2.75

Carroll County: 26.23

Loudon 5.29
 Orange 14.48
 Perry 6.46

Crawford County: 35.40

Auburn 2.18
 Chatfield 11.74
 Cranberry 10.13
 Lykens 4.59

Vernon 6.76

Defiance County: 14.88

Adams 3.26
 Richland 7.17
 Tiffin 4.45

Fulton County: 17.09

Chesterfield 5.33
 Dover 0.19
 Franklin 3.88
 German 7.68

Hancock County: 11.16

Washington 11.16

Harrison County: 44.72

Athens 5.05
 Cadiz 13.05
 Monroe 9.96
 North 4.46
 Stock 12.20

Henry County: 42.38

Flatrock 12.15
 Monroe 12.44
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 Ridgeville 5.15

Jefferson 20.06

Island Creek 4.30
 Knox 5.12
 Salem 6.49
 Springfield 4.16

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 Summit 5.47
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Let's eat! That gets a little tougher, too, because without transportation there will be no one who can truck in fresh fruit, veggies and meats from across the country. Since hunger is a motivator, we may likely be inspired to go back to basics of growing our own food. Better hope you have good fertile soil because fertilizers and pesticides are also made almost exclusively from petroleum. All this makes those local farmers down the road a necessity, not just people who sell us corn and honey along the road or at the farmers' market. And, they better keep the food coming, fast and fresh, because it's going to be extremely hard to refrigerate (remember...refrigeration cannot be manufactured and there would be no power to run it). Fishing might work, so you'd need to get that new rod, reel, and artificial bait while supplies last. Wait...most of those are made of plastic also!! Then again, so is fishing line. I hate it when this happens!!

What about our health?? Without doubt it will be adversely affected. As I have already said, forget all plastics used in medical procedures: tubes, latex gloves and disposable syringes. Even heart valves and artificial limbs couldn't be produced without oil and gas. Gases play an important part in the production of many pharmaceutical ingredients and pharmaceuticals, and not just natural gas, but compressed air, oxygen, nitrogen and carbon dioxide.

So let's recap.... "Life without oil and natural gas" would basically be a world of hardships such as:

- No modes of modern transportation;
- No modes of modern climate control;
- No refrigeration to preserve food;
- No way to process food for the masses;

- No way to cook meals, except on wood stoves;
- No antibiotics or medicines to protect our health;
- No running water; modern bathrooms, hot showers or baths;
- No cleansing materials for the clothes that would have to be washed by hand; and
- No expectations to live a long and productive life.

Wow, seems to me this not having oil and natural gas takes us back to pre-1854 when Abraham Gesner, a Canadian geologist, first invented the process to refine oil. While this exercise sounds a bit farfetched, there are countless, and totally clueless, environmental groups and extremists supporting the anti-drilling and anti-fracking movement.

But, hope springs eternal. While these groups and individuals protest the exploration, development and consumption of fossil fuels like oil and natural gas and their by-products, they will NEVER understand or accept the hypocrisy of their argument. The facts are clear; each and every one of them is utterly and absolutely reliant on the very products they protest. A good illustration of this was in the recent protest of the arrival of Shell's Arctic drilling vessel the Noble Discoverer as it came into Everett, Washington, on Tuesday, May 12, 2015. Drove of protestors swarmed out into the Possession Sound around the offshore oil drilling rig in protest. They did not swim out...no, they paddled out in canoes and kayaks made of plastic, or in watercraft manufactured with and powered by petroleum based fuels. Most were adorned in clothing and lifejackets heavily dependent on synthetic materials—once again derived from petroleum. It might be fun thought to watch a History Channel documentary that exposes them. They could title it: "Anti-frackers...Hypocrites them all!!"

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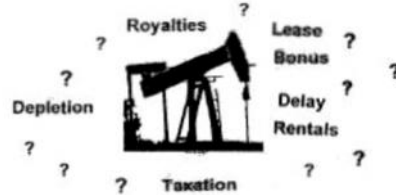
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Last November at my publisher's annual Authors' Summit a total stranger approached and called me by name. "Greg, I was hoping you would be here. I've read Just the Fracks," he offered. Milo, I quickly learned, is an executive in the food industry. He wanted to know more about oil and natural gas. Specifically, how much did we really have in the United States and could we be depended on to deliver. The conversation turned to global warming. Milo stated, "Knowledge of weather and climate is critical to make good buying and operational decisions in my industry. I have an entire team of meteorologists and climatologists. They don't do speeches or write papers. They keep their jobs because they are accurate." He continued, "My entire team is telling me that, due to solar activity, the earth is going into a 30-year cooling cycle that has already started." I was stunned. If Milo's team of experts is right, not only is the earth not getting warmer as is the popular belief, it is getting cooler fast. I still remember the last two winters we had.

Milo stated that the sun is far more powerful than supposed CO2 increases caused by man. The two items of greatest concern as the earth gets cooler are energy and food production. Hopefully the oil and natural gas industry can handle increased energy demand. He pointed out that global cooling will impact food production in northern China, Canada and the United States. One of Milo's biggest concerns is that we are using corn to make methanol to fuel vehicles at a greater cost than oil. "We should be using corn for human or animal consumption," he stated. As oil and gas people, we know that, especially now that gasoline prices have fallen since last fall.

We might wonder, "How can we possibly have global cooling when most of the world's scientists believe in global warming?" A few years ago I was at a public informational meeting about drilling and hydraulic fracturing the Marcellus. At the question and answer period a small number of the anti-frack crowd took over the meeting when they were handed the microphone to ask a question. The media might assume that the majority of attendees were anti-frack unless they noticed how many people were leaving because they could see they weren't going to get their questions answered. They may not

have stayed to see how many people approached us on the panel after the meeting ended to find out how to get jobs or how their business could become part of the Marcellus revolution. A vocal minority can bully or intimidate the majority into silence. How many scientists have chosen not to speak out for fear of intimidation or being embarrassed publicly?

In February, Lynnda and I were at the Professional Speakers Winter meeting in Las Vegas. On Saturday morning, we happened to sit next to a dentist who is a very respected member of the organization. His wife was a past National President. When this gentleman found out that I am in the energy industry he said, "You need to read Dark Winter by John Casey." Casey is a former White House national space policy advisor, NASA headquarters consultant and space shuttle engineer. Casey's research into the Sun's activity led to the discovery of a 30-year solar cycle that is the beginning of a "solar hibernation," a reduction of the energy output of the sun resulting in a decades-long climate change. This climate change, according to his research, will result in dangerously cold weather and a long-term drop in the Earth's temperatures. He discusses this in Dark Winter but Casey, being a good engineer, backs his research up with plenty of supporting evidence from other scientists that global warming has already ended and a new climate change has begun.

So who is right? Is it John Casey and the scientists who believe the earth is getting colder? Is it the scientists and many of the politicians in Washington like the President and, of course, Al Gore who not only believe in global warming but are doing all they can to change how we live, trying to get a carbon tax in place, restricting the use of coal and increasing regulation on our industry? Or maybe the climate isn't changing at all. I'm not sure who is right but, based on our last two winters, I'm leaning toward Casey. I've been skeptical of the global warming crowd for some time. We have heard from a number of anti-global warming speakers at IOGAWV meetings and they made sense to me. Casey makes the point that his climate change prediction has already started and we won't need to wait 50 years for results.

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So what is the big deal? Most Americans don't care about climate change anyway. What, if anything, does this mean to the oil and gas industry and us and our families? Here are some thoughts;

- This is a reminder that we should always do what we learned in high school science class, that is to constantly test our hypothesis or beliefs. Science evolves. People used to believe the world was flat. Our industry is an example of how science and technology evolve. When I was in college in the 1970's, we were told we had only a nine-year supply of natural gas. Forty years later, we have a natural gas supply of over 100 years. We need our elected officials to know that the climate change question is NOT settled.
- We need to look at what has happened to the coal and nuclear industries and realize that the antis aren't finished. They are coming after us next. The Sierra Club has a campaign called "Beyond Fossil Fuels." We were

tolerable until we started developing our shale reserves and they realized we weren't running out of natural gas and oil. We need to keep fighting the legislative, public relations and public education battles.

- Electricity and energy use is continuing to increase in spite of conservation. Most households have multiple automobiles, cell phones, computers and other energy consuming devices. When I was in school, electricity was primarily for lighting. We had chalk boards, #2 lead pencils, paper and real books. If the power went out, teaching continued. My daughter is a teacher in Maryland. Everything is done on the computer or iPad. There are no books. All testing and homework is done on computer. If the power goes out, they can't teach the planned lesson. This also makes schools huge consumers of energy. Unless government regulations change, coal and nuclear power can't expand to meet this overall

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increased energy demand. Wind and solar have a place, but can't replace the coal plants that are being shut down. They can't be depended on when we really need them like on very hot or very cold days. Whether we like it or not, we are it! We are the only fuel that can meet this new demand. If we don't work, bad things can happen to a lot of good people. Just imagine the problems people living in high rise buildings in New York City have when the power goes out. We need to make sure we think and act like the large important industry that we are.

- We need to continue to do our jobs well. We need to continue to explore and develop new reservoirs and new technologies. We need to continue to develop and improve our pipeline infrastructure. Natural gas is worthless if it can't get from the wellhead to consumers.
- If Milo's team and John Casey are indeed correct, I believe that we can expect to see increased demand for natural gas if winters become longer and colder as they predict. Corn will need to be used strictly for human and animal consumption and will cease being used as a transportation fuel. Global demand for energy will increase requiring more of our natural

gas and even crude oil be exported. Could we meet this new demand?

- Keep an open mind and always keep looking for a better way to do things.

The history of the oil and gas industry shows that, if government doesn't interfere, we are capable of great things. I'm not promoting one theory over another, but the traditional media only tells one side of the climate story. We need to be aware that there are opposing views that have data to back up their theories. What if they are right? The "experts" and numerous government leaders are preparing for a warmer future and maybe just the opposite is happening and a lot quicker than 50 years from now that the global warming crowd predicts.

Just in case, Lynnda and I have moved our vacation next January to south Florida from the Orlando area. We froze in Orlando this past winter. They even issued wind chill warnings while we were there. At least it didn't snow. Human beings have gotten a lot smarter, but we still have trouble predicting weather and the future.

Thoughts to ponder.

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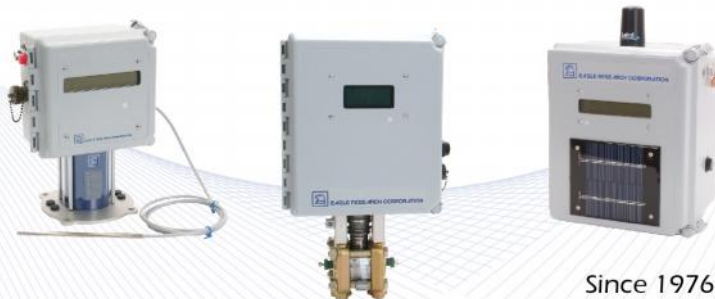
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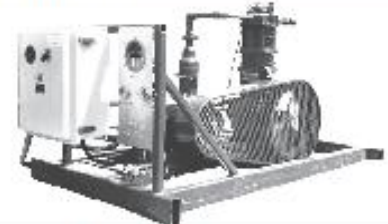
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