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WVU Energy Land Management students pose at the Renewable Energy Educational Luncheon in Morgantown, WV.

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

MLBC PRESIDENT, LHAG BOWERS

STRONGER TOGETHER

“Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence win championships.” – Michael Jordan

Michael Jordan is arguably the greatest basketball player ever to play in the NBA. He was an All-Star starter just 4 months into his career and voted Rookie of the Year. By his 3rd season, he became the only player other than Wilt Chamberlain to score 3,000 points in a season. He won his first of 5 Most Valuable Player awards in his 4th season. But it wasn't until his team included Scottie Pippen and Dennis Rodman and was coached by Phil Jackson that they won the NBA championship. Why? “Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence win championships”. A good team is stronger than the combined strengths of its individual members.

Probably my favorite of Percheron's core values is “Stronger Together”. Admittedly, one reason this appeals to me is the Percheron work horse illustration that accompanies this value. It goes something like this- a draft horse, like a Percheron, can pull a load as heavy as 8,000 pounds. However, if you harness 2 draft horses together who don't know each other, together they can pull 20,000-24,000 pounds. Two horses can pull three times as much weight together. Taking this a step further, if you harness 2 draft horses together who know each other and have trained together, they can pull 30,000-32,000 pounds. So, a trained team can pull four times as much as a single horse. The point? Again, a team is stronger than the sum of its parts. I'm sure you'll agree, this principle has direct application to the MLBC and each of us as landmen.

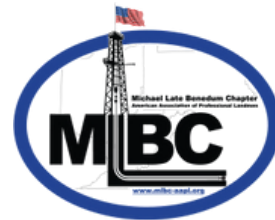
Take a moment to scan the list of past MLBC presidents from J.W. Findley on and the list of Lifetime Achievement and Landman of the Year winners found on our website. There are some amazing landmen and people on those lists. But none of them ever drilled a single well by themselves. Whatever degree of success they each achieved was in part because of surrounding themselves with a great team.

It's the same for our current organization and our individual successes as landmen. Everything about the MLBC is a product of individually excellent landmen selflessly supporting each other, our fellow MLBC teammates. Our networking and educational successes are because we show up for each other. Our charitable contributions to the communities we serve and live in are exponentially more successful because we make the decision to operate as “we”, not “me”. As individual landmen, we recognize that the skillsets we bring to the table are amplified by the professionals we work with each day to reach a shared goal. Success comes, not only from doing our best in our individual roles, but also in supporting, acknowledging and encouraging the hard work going on around us. Being stronger together means we admire the expertise and experience of each team member and value their role in our shared success. One final quote that sums up this core value of “Stronger Together” from another famous champion-

“Individual commitment to a group effort- that is what make a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work.”- Vince Lombardi

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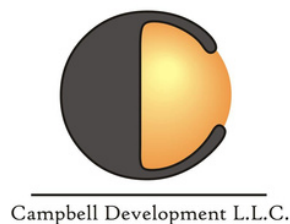
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GOLD: \$2,500 PER YEAR

- Logo on the corporate sponsor board at every meeting (virtually or in person).
- Logo in every edition of The Wildcatter and the bottom of every membership email.
- Receive one free Half Page advertising ad in The Wildcatter per year.
- Logo on Golf Outing sponsorship boards.

SILVER: \$1,500 PER YEAR

- Logo on the corporate sponsor board at six meetings (virtually or in person)
- Logo in every edition of The Wildcatter and the bottom of every membership email.
- Receive one free Half Page advertising ad in The Wildcatter per year.

BRONZE: \$750 PER YEAR

- Logo on the corporate sponsor board at three meetings (in person or virtually).
- Logo in every edition of The Wildcatter.

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**FULL PAGE AD:
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Companies will receive advertising at the dinner meeting as well as your logo displayed on our website for the month of the meeting you sponsor.

For more information or to purchase a Corporate Sponsor package or advertise in the The Wildcatter, please contact Abby Veigel @ abbyveigel@mibc-aapl.org. Please contact Harry Heinbaugh at harry.heinbaugh@percheronllc.com for dinner meeting sponsorships.

2023 WVU ENERGY LAND MANAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING



By: Shawn Grushecky, Program Coordinator and Assistant Professor of Energy Land Management

The 2023 WVU Energy Land Management Advisory Board Meeting convened over 50 attendees, comprising industry leaders and program stakeholders. The advisory board meeting featured representatives from the AAPL, Antero Resources, Arsenal Resources, Berkshire Hathaway Energy, Blue Duck Resources, BOP Abstract, Bowman Consulting, CONSOL Energy, Coterra Energy, Diversified Energy, EDF Renewables, Enervest, Equitrans, Flatrock Energy, Harbinger Land, Infinity Natural Resources, IRWA, Iron Synergy, Lime Rock Resources, Northeast Natural Energy, OWS Acquisitions, Peoples Natural Gas, Pikewood Energy, Purple Land Management, Range Resources, Steptoe & Johnson, Southwestern Energy Co, and Williams Energy. The meeting kicked off with a cordial welcome and introductions from WVU and the board, setting the stage for a focused and impactful session.

Highlighting key achievements, the program celebrated the acquisition of five AAPL scholarships and two MLBC scholarships, showing its commitment to academic excellence. We also showcased internships, with multiple students giving presentations. Program statistics were also highlighted, including the exceptional employment outcomes of ELM graduates, with over 65% thriving in land-related positions and 25% of graduates commanding salaries of six figures or more. The program's dedication to community engagement shone through initiatives led by the student association, including charity events and active participation in industry forums.

Emphasizing the program's commitment to nurturing future industry leaders, the success of the E3 Camp took center stage. Sponsored by key partners such as Equitrans Midstream, Southwestern Energy, AAPL, the Blankenship Foundation, Pandell Landworks, and Infinity Natural Resources, the E3 Camp and E3 Academy provided students with immersive experiences in the energy business and exposure to industry professionals.

A significant portion of the meeting focused on the program's active participation in conferences, golf outings, and panel discussions, showcasing student achievements and the program's dedication to fostering industry connections. The establishment of strategic committees, including alumni activation, fundraising, recruitment, and scholarships, underscored the program's proactive approach to enhancing the student experience. In essence, the meeting epitomized the WVU ELM program's ongoing success, solidifying its reputation as a leader in energy land management education.

Additionally, the 2023 WVU Energy Land Management Advisory Board Meeting served as a platform to discuss an exciting development in the program's future. Under the ongoing Academic Transformation Effort at WVU, the ELM program is set to merge with the Environmental Energy and Resource Management (EERM) degree. This strategic move aims to broaden the program's scope by introducing more natural resource and environmental course options without compromising the core ELM coursework. The envisioned major, still in the finalization stage, is poised to attract a wider audience and enhance recruiting efforts by offering a comprehensive curriculum that combines the strengths of both programs.

Recognizing the significance of this merger, the ELM program took proactive steps to address any concerns among students. A student get-together was recently hosted, fostering a collaborative atmosphere between ELM and EERM majors. This initiative not only served to ease apprehensions but also symbolized the program's commitment to creating a seamless transition and a united academic community. The upcoming merger represents a forward-thinking approach to education within the energy and environmental sectors, positioning the program to meet the evolving needs of the industry and further solidifying its standing as a trailblazer in energy land management education.

MLBC VETERAN'S CHARITY CLAY SHOOT

Benefitting the WVU Veterans Advocacy Law Clinic

OCTOBER 12, 2023

HUNTING HILLS SHOOTING PRESERVE



**Thank you to all who participated.
\$17,000 was raised and donated!**







RENEWABLE ENERGY EDUCATIONAL LUNCHEON

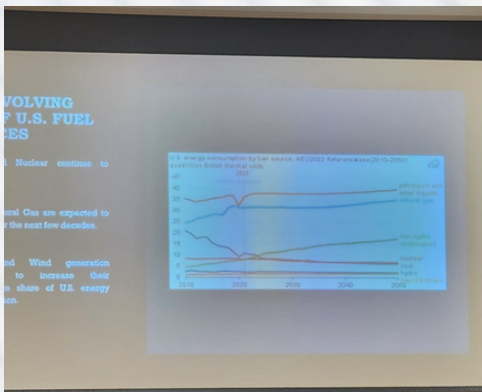
Erikson Alumni Center, Morgantown, WV

November 2, 2023



WVU Energy Land Management students pose at the Renewable Energy Educational Luncheon in Morgantown, WV

Thanks to our sponsors!



In Remembrance of **Aaron Smith**



It is with a very heavy heart that we pass along the news that MLBC member Aaron Smith has passed away following his courageous battle with cancer. Aaron was a loyal member to our organization and will be greatly missed. A gofundme has been set up to assist his wife and their young kids. It can be found [here](#).

Aaron graduated West Virginia University with a Masters in Civil Engineering and then continued his education at Duquesne University School of Law. He was extremely proud of his career as an Attorney with Peacock Keller LLP. Aaron had been an active member of the MLBC since 2013. Aaron will be missed by all those who knew and loved him – as any proud Mountaineer would say, “Take me home, country roads’.....You can find his full obituary [here](#).



CALL FOR 2023-2024 AAPL AWARD NOMINATIONS

You are cordially invited to submit your nominations and entries for AAPL's 2023-24 Awards, which recognize members and local associations achieving the highest standards of excellence in the land profession.

Nominations may be submitted online or by mail. Visit the Awards/Nominations section of our website www.landman.org for online award descriptions, the submission process, and downloadable entry forms.

Entries may be submitted online or mailed to:

Wade Pollard, CPL
AAPL Headquarters
800 Fournier St.
Fort Worth, TX 76102

Deadline for all entries is Jan. 10, 2024.

Every individual nominated or submitted for an award must be a member of AAPL, except for the Pioneer Award.

Self-nominations will not be accepted for individual awards. The categories are:

- Lifetime Achievement Award
- Landman of the Year Award
- Local Association of the Year Award
- Pioneer Award
- Face of the Industry Award
- Best Newsletter/Bulletins (Large/Medium/Small)
- Best Member Communication
- Best AAPL Director's Communication
- Best Published Article in an AAPL Publication
- Face of the Industry Award
- Largest Growth Percentage of AAPL Membership (Large/Medium/Small)
- Largest Percentage of AAPL Membership (Large/Medium/Small)

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Special Awards:

- Education
- AAPL Committee Member
- Community Service
- Other

The committee will disqualify an entry if it does not meet the established guidelines. Read the description of each category carefully to ensure your entry belongs to that category.

By reviewing the Awards Nomination Forms posted on the website, you will see what criteria will be utilized for judging.

Each local association award entry must include a completed “Awards Nomination Form” attached to the top of the entry. Entries submitted without this form will be disqualified. Upload is available online. Each nomination for individual awards should include the nomination form. Upload is available online. Each entry for individual awards should also include an attached photograph (suitable for publication) of the nominee. Upload is available online.

Each local association entering any category should submit a copy of its logo. Upload is available online.

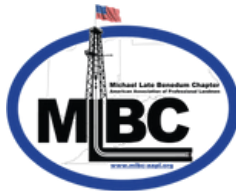
Please be as specific as possible in making your recommendations. While some Awards Committee members may be personally acquainted with the nominee or his/her achievements, other committee members will have to rely on the facts presented in the nomination to make their decisions.

All nominations are limited to one 8½-by-11 typewritten page with no smaller than 12-point font unless otherwise stated on the entry form.

The 2023-24 AAPL Awards will be presented at the 70th Annual Meeting in June 2024 in Boston, MA.

Please contact me at wade.pollard@ineos.com if you have any questions.

Wade Pollard, CPL
AAPL Awards Chair



Member Spotlight: Brooke Kamicker

Tell us a little about yourself.

I am from Weston, WV, and moved to Morgantown to attend WVU College of Law (Class of 2012). I am married to my wonderful husband, Kevin, and we have two sons, Sebastian and Bronson, who keep us active in the community with basketball, wrestling, and flag football. You can find us walking in the Botanical Gardens with our new puppy, Scout, or cheering on the Mountaineers at football games.

Who are you currently employed or contracted with?

I am a Member at Steptoe & Johnson PLLC and I serve as the Office Managing Member of our Morgantown office.

How long have you worked in the oil and gas industry? And what states do you have experience? And tell us about any other land organization you belong.

I have worked in the oil and gas industry for over 10 years. I have experience working with oil and gas title in the Appalachian Basin, specifically West Virginia, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Tell us about your first position in the industry.

In 2013 I started at Steptoe as an abstractor researching Doddridge County, WV, title.

What areas of the industry do you have experience in?

I am a seasoned title attorney and I spend most of my days managing a team of attorneys and abstractors to deliver high quality drilling title opinions to my clients. I also assist with managing large scale diligence projects when my clients are buying assets or acquiring other oil and gas companies.

Do you have a mentor in the industry? Can you provide details?

I have many that I would consider mentors, but the two that helped shape my career are B.J. Black and Andy Graham. Not only is B.J. a brilliant title attorney, but he is also one of the best project managers I've had the privilege to work for. He has opened up many opportunities for me and is the reason that I have been successful in my career. Andy answers every oil and gas reservation question I've ever had with patience and thorough explanation. These two gents are the cream of the crop and I wouldn't be successful in this industry without their wisdom and guidance.

How long have you been a member of the MLBC. Do you currently have any certifications through the AAPL?

I joined the MLBC in 2015.

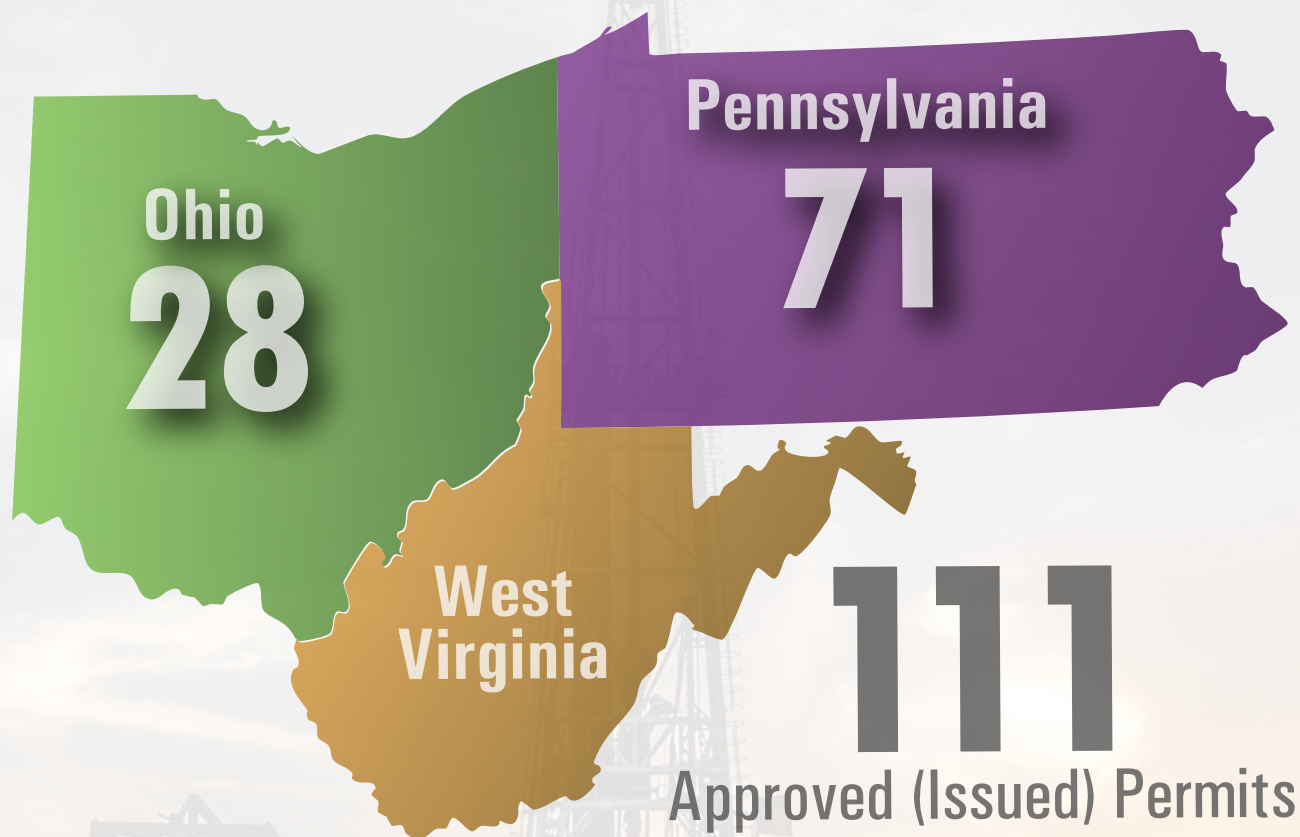
What benefits have you found as a member of the MLBC? What are your favorite aspects?

This organization has allowed me to forge connections in an industry that was a bit foreign to me for most of my life. Growing up in rural West Virginia we had a few oil and gas wells on our property, but I had no idea what anyone in the oil and gas industry actually did. MLBC has allowed me to learn about all of the different aspects of the industry and develop some great relationships. One of my favorite events is the Veteran's Clay Shoot; I'm not a good shot, but it's a good time with some great folks.

Do you serve the MLBC, AAPL, or any other organizations in an executive capacity and/or serve as a committee chair? Are you a member of any committees?

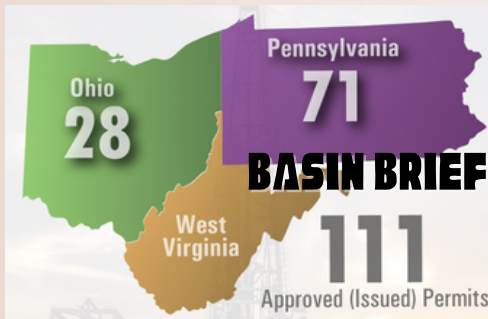
I serve as the committee chair of the Women of MLBC. Our goal is to encourage the women and diverse members in our industry to join the MLBC, which will help them build connections and advance their careers. We are excited to get this committee up and running and add members, so if you are interested in joining, please reach out.

BASIN BRIEF



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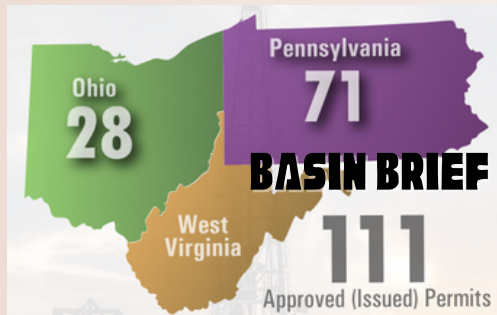
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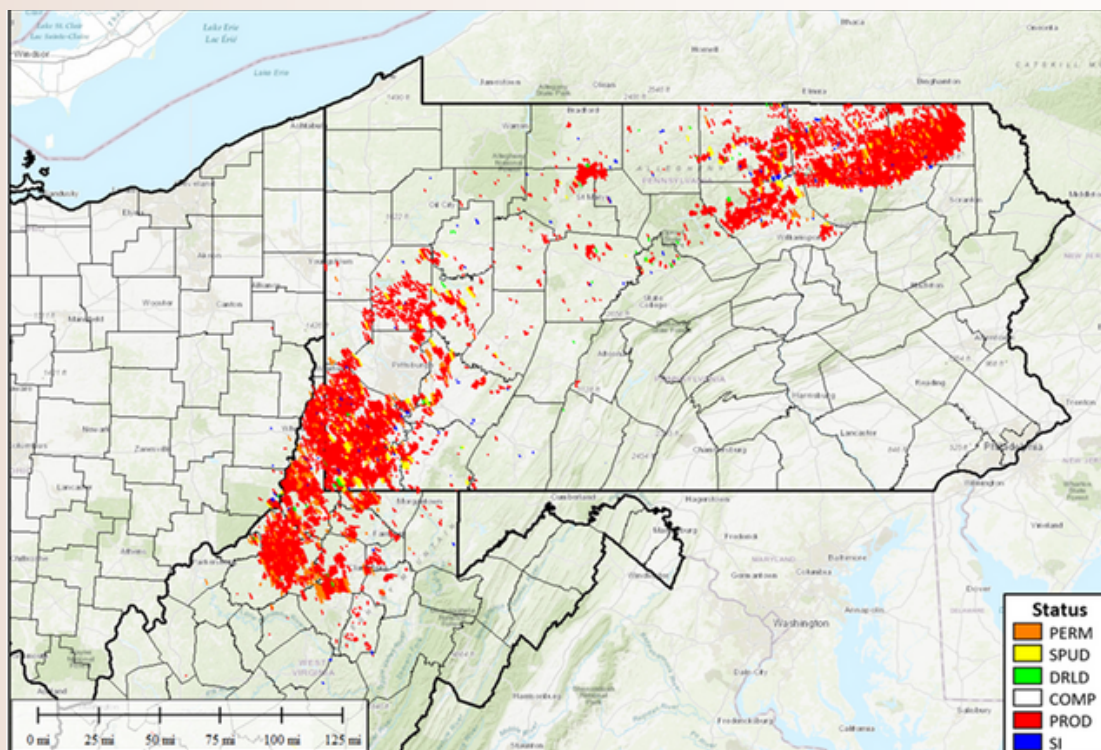
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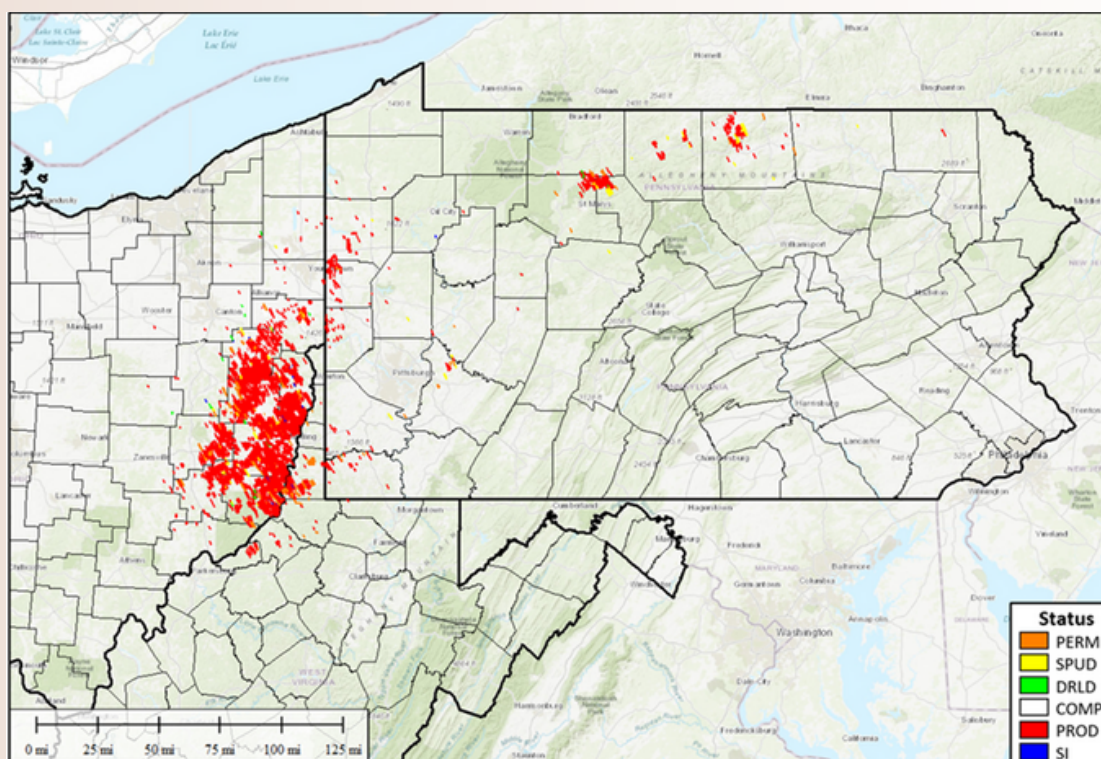
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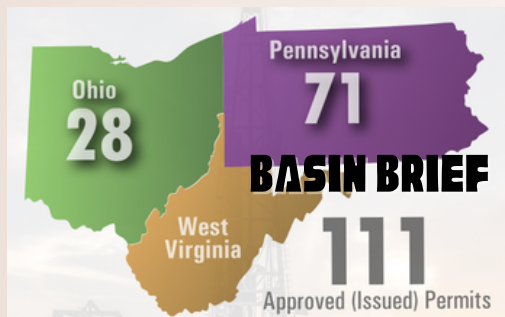


MARCELLUS WELLS BY STATUS



UTICA WELLS BY STATUS





PERMITTING SUMMARY BY STATE

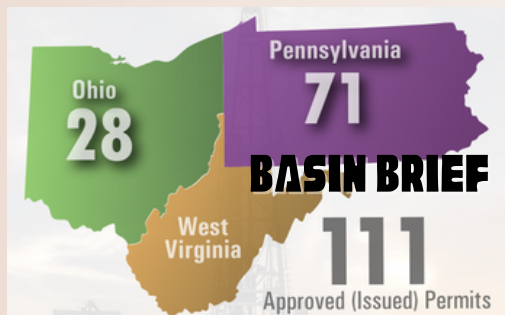
STATE	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
OH	36	22	22	12	12	17	18	11	18	28	-	-
PA	70	86	84	57	50	60	46	46	38	71	-	-
WV	11	11	11	19	11	9	23	-	59	12	-	-
TOTAL	117	119	117	88	73	86	87	57	115	111	-	-

PERMITTING SUMMARY BY OPERATOR

OPERATOR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
EQT	-	23	14	14	7	11	15	4	40	14	-	-	142
Chesapeake	13	1	18	1	10	9	-	19	4	12	-	-	87
Coterra	13	20	3	15	3	12	14	-	-	-	-	-	80
Antero	10	3	11	18	10	1	12	-	10	4	-	-	79
Range Resources	5	3	11	7	8	7	3	4	7	2	-	-	57
Ascent	9	3	9	1	-	8	6	2	10	7	-	-	55
SWN	5	3	4	1	2	3	9	-	8	6	-	-	41
CNX	2	2	10	1	7	6	2	-	5	6	-	-	41
Encino	8	4	4	-	5	-	8	8	-	3	-	-	40
Olympus Energy	2	6	1	3	4	4	-	2	5	4	-	-	31
Others (27)	50	51	32	28	17	25	18	18	26	53	-	-	318
TOTAL	117	119	117	89	73	86	87	57	115	111	-	-	971

RIG ACTIVITY SUMMARY

STATE	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
OH	14	14	12	11	10	12	13	11	10	10	-	-
PA	21	23	24	25	25	23	23	21	21	21	-	-
WV	17	15	15	16	15	13	12	11	8	8	-	-
TOTAL	52	51	51	52	50	48	48	43	39	39	-	-



PRODUCING WELL COUNT BY RESERVOIR

RESERVOIR	OH	PA	WV	TOTAL
Marcellus	35	10,829	3,617	14,481
Utica	3,141	388	109	3,638
Burkett	-	241	30	271
TOTAL	3,176	11,458	3,756	18,390

PRODUCING MARCELLUS WELLS

OPERATOR	OH	PA	WV	TOTAL
EQT	-	1,508	685	2,193
Chesapeake	-	1,555	-	1,555
Range Resources	-	1,506	-	1,506
SWN	30	764	625	1,419
Antero	-	-	1,190	1,190
Coterra	-	1,032	-	1,032
Seneca	-	802	-	802
Repsol	-	756	-	756
Rice	-	530	-	530
CNX	1	420	85	506
Others (66)	4	1,956	1,032	2,992
TOTAL	35	10,829	3,617	14,481

PRODUCING UTICA WELLS

OPERATOR	OH	PA	WV	TOTAL
Encino	965	-	-	965
Ascent	838	-	-	838
Gulfport	436	-	-	436
Antero	234	-	1	235
SWN	201	1	5	207
Seneca	-	166	-	166
Hilcorp	54	92	-	146
Rice	142	1	-	143
CNX	45	22	5	72
Tug Hill	-	-	66	66
Others (21)	226	106	32	364
TOTAL	3,141	388	109	3,638

WOMEN OF THE MLBC



I'm Brooke Kamicker and I am the new chair of the Women of the MLBC Committee (taking over for Britney Crookshanks). I would like to get this committee back up and running, but I need your help. If you are interested in joining the committee, please let me know. I am hopeful that we can plan a membership drive in the near future, along with the help of Matt White and the Membership committee, and I would love to have some committee members to help with the details. Please send me an email to brooke.kamicker@steptoe-johnson.com if you have questions or would like to join the Women of MLBC committee.

Thanks! - Brooke Kamicker

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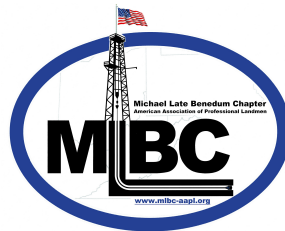
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UPCOMING

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**LUNCH EDUCATIONAL
EVENT**

08

BRIDGEPORT, WV

MAR

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DATE AND TIME TBD

MAY

SPRING SOCIAL

9

MORGANTOWN, WV

**JUN
13**

**SPRING CLAY SHOOT AND
ANNUAL AWARDS
CEREMONY**

STONEWALL RESORT, WV

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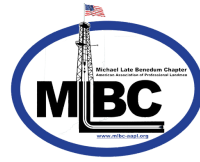
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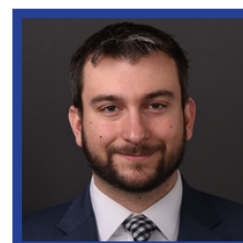
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MLBC MEMBERSHIP REPORT

OCTOBER 2023



NEW MEMBERS:

First Name	Last Name	Employer	Member Type	Sponsoring Member
Benjamin	Elchik	Brighton Land Management, Inc.	Active	Michael Moran
John	Schurman	Recon Resources	Associate	David Stockman

MEMBERSHIP BY THE NUMBERS

Total Members: 633

Total Active: 428

Active: 397

% Active: 67.46%

Active PP: 30

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Honorary: 10

Associate : 105

Student: 92

New members are approved on a monthly basis. If the need arises to move along membership approval (ex. Ohio Landman Registration), please email Abby Veigel - abbyveigel@mlbc-aapl.org

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION



The MLBC membership application is located on the website at www.mlbc-aapl.org. Please check your information on the website prior to submitting your renewal. The MLBC website has an updated version of the membership listing. Please use this resource if you cannot find yours or others information in the directory. Please report any errors or omissions to Abby Veigel at abbyveigel@mlbc-aapl.org.

Application for membership in the Association shall be subject to the approval by a majority vote of the Executive Committee at a regularly scheduled meeting and shall require the signed approval by the acting President of the Executive Committee, as evidence of the Committee's approval.

Notice of the approved application(s) of all potential Association member(s) shall be printed in the next regularly scheduled publication of the Association. Members shall have the opportunity for a period of thirty (30) days following the publication to object to the potential member's application.

Thank You

The 4th volume of The Wildcatter comes to a close with our December edition. It has been our distinct pleasure to provide you with a recap of MLBC events in 2023! We hope you have enjoyed the issues we have put together over the past year. We would like to extend our gratitude to all of our content providers who make our efforts easier in preparing each issue. We would also like to extend a note of acknowledgment to the entire Executive Committee and the Committee Chairs and to our invaluable Executive Director, Abby Veigel, for their invaluable service to this organization. They keep this organization on sound footing and provide support and tireless effort to put on the events we feature in the Wildcatter. Please consider joining one of our many committees to pitch in as we strive to provide our membership with quality educational events and support worthy causes through our charitable outings. We also want to extend a special thank you to our Corporate Sponsors. Their continued support in many facets of our organization is much appreciated and we look forward to working with them in 2024. If you would like to continue your support as a Corporate Sponsor or would like to explore our sponsorship options, please reach out to our Executive Director, Abby Veigel, at abbyveigel@mlbc-aapl.org. On a personal note, the Newsletter Committee would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to the editor of the Wildcatter, Emily Watson. She brings the Wildcatter to life every 2 months and her creations are always well done! In closing, on behalf of the MLBC, we wish our membership a wonderful and fulfilling holiday season and a prosperous 2024!

Sincerely,
Newsletter Committee – Danny and Anna