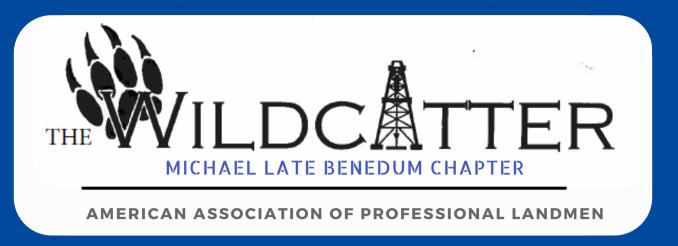
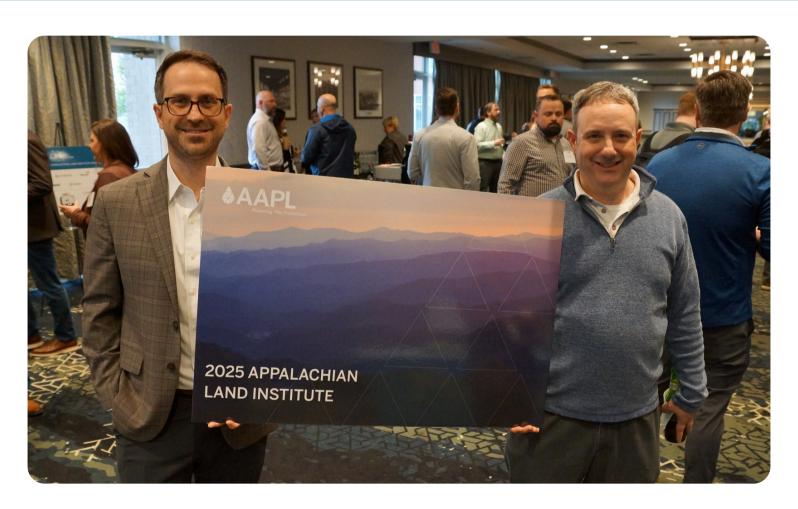
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The 2025 Appalachian Land Institute was a huge success! Thanks to our Education Committee Co-Chairs, Bill O'Brien and Chuck Saffer for putting on an outstanding event!

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# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

MLBC PRESIDENT, JOHN CATSONIS

#### A Look Back, A Look Ahead

As I conclude my term as President of the Michael Late Benedum Chapter, I find myself reflecting on a year filled with both meaningful milestones and steady progress. It has been a true honor to serve this organization and to witness firsthand the dedication, professionalism, and camaraderie that define the MLBC.

Looking back, I'm incredibly proud of what we've achieved together. This year, the MLBC was privileged to receive national recognition as the AAPL's Local Association of the Year, a testament to the hard work and passion of our members, committee chairs, and leadership team. The MLBC and the MLBC Foundation were also fortunate to have received the NAPE Expo Charities Grant, benefiting West Virginia University Medicine Children's Hospital—a cause that reflects our chapter's continued commitment to giving back to the communities we serve.

Over the past year, we introduced new initiatives and built on existing traditions. From our inaugural MLBC 5K Run, which combined community outreach with health and fellowship, to hosting a half-day Winter Seminar that provided accessible, high-quality education for members during the off-season—we aimed to provide the community outreach and educational opportunities our members deserve. We were also honored to host AAPL President Nancy McCaskell at this spring's sold-out Appalachian Land Institute, reinforcing the strong relationship between our local chapter and the national organization.

Perhaps, most encouraging is the tangible growth we've seen: a 5.9% increase in membership, proof that the MLBC continues to be a valuable resource for both new and seasoned land professionals. In addition, our corporate sponsorship program brought in new sponsors and fresh engagement from companies actively working in the Appalachian Basin, strengthening our financial position while expanding our professional network. These partnerships help ensure the chapter remains vibrant, relevant, and connected to the companies operating in our region.

Looking ahead, I have full confidence in the incoming leadership. They bring energy, vision, and a shared commitment to advancing our profession and our organization, while supporting the individuals who make it all possible. The future is bright for the MLBC; not because of any one person, but because of the strength of our collective purpose.

To all of you, thank you. Thank you for your trust, your time, and your belief in what we're building together. Serving as your President has been a privilege I will always carry with pride.

With appreciation and respect,

John T. Catsonis

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## APPALACHIAN LAND INSTITUTE RECAP

## Hilton Garden Inn | Cannonsburg, PA April 3-4, 2025

For a full recap of the event & more pictures see below posts.























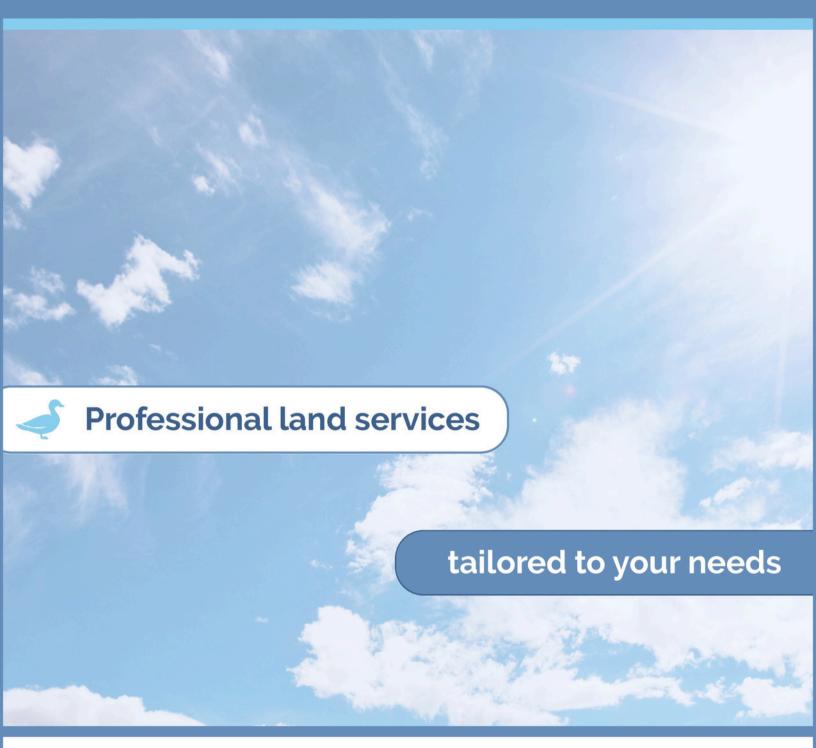








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# LEGISLATIVE & REGULATORY UPDATE

By Nikolas Tysiak, Legislative and Regulatory Chairman

Cavallo Mineral Partners LLC v. EQT Production Company, 2025 WL 800433 (Pa. Super., March 13, 2025). In this case, landowner Des Moine Field conveyed his 200 acre tract in Washington Twp., Greene County, PA to the McChesneys in 1990, using the following language: "ALSO EXCEPTING AND RESERVING, for the benefit of Grantees, his heirs and assigns, all oil and gas not previously excepted, reserved or conveyed, together with the right to mine and operate for the same . . ." (emphasis added). Field eventually purported to convey his oil and gas rights to Cavallo Mineral Partners. The McChesneys leased their oil and gas rights to EQT, which eventually included these interests in an oil and gas production unit. Cavallo eventually brought a quiet title declaratory action suit, alleging ownership of the oil and gas rights. EQT (and other co-defendants) eventually won on procedural grounds following competing motions for summary judgment, and the suit was dismissed without prejudice. In that decision, the court pointed out that Cavallo still had claims that could be made regarding the apparent Scrivener's Error regarding the use of the term "grantees" in the reservation, and Cavallo was instructed to amend its complaint accordingly, which it failed to timely do. Instead, it further appealed the underlying case on procedural grounds. The Superior Court found that Cavallo could only succeed on its procedural claims if it were likely to succeed on the merits of its case. The court determined, based on the existing claims and record, that Cavallo was unlikely to succeed on the merits because the deed from Fields to the McChesneys did not properly except or reserve the oil and gas rights for the benefit of Fields or his heirs, successors and assigns. The attempted appeal was therefore quashed, but it appears that Cavallo is still able to amend its complaint to argue for a scrivener's error reformation of the 1990 deed.

Antero Resources Corporation v. Pike, 914 S.E.2d 757 (W. Va. Inter. Ct., 2025). In this case, landowners excepted and reserved oil and gas from under 2 tracts, totaling 97 acres, in 1895. By 1942, the oil and gas became divided as follows: Rufus G. Fordyce, Edna L. Fordyce and Margaret Fordyce Pike (as joint tenants with the right of survivorship) – ½ interest; Daisy G. Broadwater – ½ interest. In 1949, Rufus, Edna and Daisy conveyed their interests in the 97 acres to Dora Jewell. The 1949 deed makes no reference to the interest of Margaret F. Pike, or to the deed where she acquired her interest. In 1976, successors to Jewell leased the oil and gas under the land, which eventually came into the possession of Antero Resources. Various wells were apparently timely drilled under the terms of the lease. Antero brought suit in 2019, seeking a declaratory judgment, asking the court to find that the successors to Jewell had effectively adversely possessed the 97 acres as against the potential interests of Margaret Fordyce Pike and her heirs at law. The Pike heirs counterclaimed, alleging intentional trespass, conversion, and demanding forfeiture of Antero's oil and gas infrastructure. The trial court found Antero had not established that the non-Pike heirs and successors had successfully adversely possessed the Pike heirs' oil and gas rights, as the requirements of ouster, specifically the right under ouster to receive actual notice of such ouster, had been fulfilled. The Intermediate court disagreed with this, citing caselaw indicating that actual notice of an ouster is not affirmatively required, but instead constructive notice can be relied upon IF the adverse possession is clearly in opposition and detriment to the rights of party to be deemed ousted (i.e., clear exclusive possession in an open, hostile and notorious manner). The intermediate court therefore overturned the trial court decision and remanded the case for additional proceedings in the trial court.

Miller v. Bunting, 2025 Pa. Super. 80 (April 8, 2025). This involves a suit where the plaintiff claimed ownership of coal rights under a tract of land containing 14.1219 acres pursuant to a deed that purportedly clearly excepted and reserved such coal rights. The Superior Court noted that the language of the deed clearly reserved such coal rights. In addition, the court produced a lengthy analysis of the intent of the parties regarding the coal rights and further concluded that the plaintiffs' claims to the coal were "without merit." Later, the court entertained the plaintiffs' claim regarding Doctrine of Merger argument, where it was claimed that the coal estate and the surface estate merged under the ownership of the plaintiffs' grantors, causing the plaintiffs' to receive such coal rights by their deed. The court rejected this argument, pointing out that the Doctrine of Merger in Pennsylvania "is now practically extinct," and can only occur under equitable grounds as necessary to prevent injustice. In other words, the parties involved must intend for a merger of titles to occur. The court further pointed out that traditionally, merger involves a greater estate subsuming a lesser estate. In this case, the two estates involved, covering the surface and the coal rights, were both for "fee simple" and neither estate could be construed as greater or lesser than the other. Finally, the court found that "expert reports" on interpretation of deeds is irrelevant as an issue of fact, because the meaning of deeds is strictly a matter of law for a court to decide. The orders granting summary judgment for the defendants below were affirmed.

Golden Eagle Resources II, LLC v. EQT Production Company, 2025 WL 874413 (Pa. Super. Ct. March 20, 2025). This suit involves the interpretation of competing clauses in an oil and gas lease regarding settling disputes. The lease from Golden Eagle to EQT's predecessor included a clause requiring arbitration of disputes. However, the associated addendum to the lease allowed the parties to bring suit in any appropriate court. In addition, the addendum indicated that any conflict between the lease document form and the addendum should be settled in favor of the addendum. Golden Eagle made several arguments regarding the interplay of these clauses, but ultimately the court determined that the language of the addendum controlled, and no arbitration could be compelled. The court was particularly influenced by the fact that Golden Eagle had instigated the suit, implying that the more appropriate time to seek arbitration would have been before the filing of their lawsuit, and not on appeal.







## **AAPL MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS NOW OPEN**

Renew with the essential community for land professionals today to enjoy your benefits through June 2026. As an added bonus, those who renew before June 13 will receive a free copy of the 2025-26 *Membership Directory*.

Learn more about AAPL's recent wins and what's to come in the 2025-26 membership year by reading this <u>letter</u> <u>from AAPL leadership</u>, which was sent to members via email this week.

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## **CELEBRATE OUR AWARD WINNERS**

Congratulations to our award winners who have been announced on our LinkedIn, Facebook, Instagram and X accounts. Click below to join the celebration on LinkedIn and stay tuned to all accounts for more announcements.

We look forward to celebrating all our award winners in person at our <u>71st Annual Meeting</u> this summer in Kansas City.







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AAPL has collaborated with <u>Energy Hire</u> — the leading AI-driven hiring platform designed specifically for the energy sector — to provide a new service for its members.

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AAPL members are invited to try Rowland for free for 7 days. After that, you can sign up for a monthly membership at \$99 per month and, as AAPL members, enjoy 10% off the monthly fee every month. Log in to access the AAPL member-exclusive discount code



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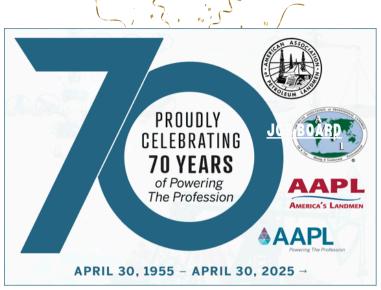




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## **TEXAS LANDMAN BILL SB 1172 PASSES**

#### AAPL-SPONSORED BILL ELIMINATES LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR LANDWORK IN RENEWABLES & OTHER ENERGY SOURCES

On May 24, 2025, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott signed the AAPL-sponsored landman bill, <u>SB 1172</u>, into law. The bill amends the existing state code to eliminate any licensing requirements by the Texas Real Estate Commission for landwork in renewables and other energy sources. For years, landmen have enjoyed these protections for work in oil and gas development and production, but in June 2024, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton issued a surprising legal opinion holding that "a person negotiating a lease for property of a wind power project on behalf of another, for compensation, is required to hold a license issued by the Commission." The opinion, which provided an unexpected interpretation of the long-standing licensing exemption for minerals in Texas, also called into question whether a TREC license would be required for landwork not just for wind leasing but also for other unspecified renewable energy sources not explicitly exempted in the state code.



The Attorney General's new interpretation of Texas law upended a long-held state policy that a TREC license was not required for landwork in any energy source, leaving AAPL members confused and uncertain about the landwork they perform and whether they might be operating in violation of TREC licensing requirements. It was critical that AAPL protect its members, so we immediately took action to resolve this issue by ensuring that landmen were exempt from any TREC licensing requirements. With our sponsored bill, AAPL found broad support from Texas House and Senate lawmakers who agreed with our position to update the law to protect landmen.

Specifically, the new definition that AAPL successfully added to the state Occupations Code includes a nonexhaustive list of energy sectors that would have otherwise required licensing had AAPL not acted. Those new codified areas include, but are not limited to, geothermal, nuclear, solar, and wind energy — and even yet unknown sources of energy in which AAPL members may engage in the near future.





With the success of SB 1172, AAPL members can now rest assured that landman services performed in not just oil and gas but also in renewables and all other energy sources will not require a TREC real estate license.

What's more, in the interim period before bill passage, AAPL capitalized on our strong working relationship with TREC leadership to receive assurances that no licensing actions would be imposed on AAPL members while the bill worked its way through the Texas legislature and ultimately to the governor's desk. This additional advocacy work on behalf of AAPL members provided certainty and peace of mind for landmen throughout the legislative process.

Finally, the passage of SB 1172 is even more impressive because ordinarily, only a small number of Texas bills introduced are ever signed into law. For perspective, in the last Texas legislative session (2023), fewer than 14% of all bills introduced were enacted — so this is a huge victory for AAPL and members like you!

SB 1172 takes immediate effect.

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# Member Spotlight Kevin Pierson







#### Tell us a little about yourself.

I'm happy to call my home Morgantown, West Virginia, where I live with my family, including our two-year old son, two golden retrievers (Baxter 9, Birdie 3), and cat (Benelli). While I'm originally from Highland Village, Texas, I've truly settled in Morgantown over the last sixteen years, which still makes me the new guy by local standards. Coming from a large family (one of seven kids), I really value those close relationships. In my free time, you can find me on the golf course or skiing the slopes.

#### Who are you currently employed or contracted with?

Blue Duck Resources

## 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've worked in the oil and gas industry for 18 years. The majority of my experience is concentrated in West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Texas. I've also worked in Alabama, Virginia, North Carolina, Michigan, Indiana, New Mexico, and Kentucky to name a few. I'm also a member of the AAPL, Ohio Oil & Gas Association, West Virginia Gas & Oil Association (GO-WV), Fort Worth Association of Professional Landmen (FWAPL), International Right of Way Association (IRWA), and others.

#### Tell us about your first position in the industry.

I started as a title abstractor the week after I graduated college in Texas. I distinctly remember the musky smell of the records room and the picturesque town square.

#### What areas of the industry do you have experience in?

I'm experienced in a wide range of land disciplines and continue to learn something new every day.

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

Absolutely. I've been fortunate to have several mentors in the industry, but my father, Fred Pierson, has been the most influential. He introduced me to the land profession early on so I could at least explain to my peers what a "Landman" does for a living. This is where my deep-rooted passion and intrigue for the industry began. In his career, he negotiated oil and gas deals globally with foreign countries like Algeria, Tunisia, and Egypt (to name a few). So many incredible stories about the places in the world the land profession took him and how these negotiations came together. Throughout my career, he's continuously been a valuable mentor, providing key input, guidance, and perspective.

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

I've been a member of the MLBC for roughly 16 years. As for certifications, I plan on sitting for the CPL exam later this year. Admittingly, I've put this off for a long time!

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

My favorite aspect is the camaraderie for philanthropy, supporting many amazing causes in our community, including WVU Children's Hospital, EELM Student Scholarships, and the WVU Veterans Law Advocacy Clinic, among others. The professional relationships and invaluable lifelong friendships forged through the MLBC are the most significant benefits to me.

## 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?

My current priority is the privilege of serving as President of the MLBC for the 2025-2026 term. I'm deeply committed to this role and excited about the positive impact we can achieve this year. Additionally, I actively support several meaningful charitable endeavors that are close to my family's heart.

# MLBC FOUNDATION 5K



Despite less than ideal weather conditions, a great time was had by all at the first annual MLBC Foundation 5k. A special thanks to our 5k chairman Tyler Murray for doing a fantastic job at organizing this great event. Over 40 runners braved the wet weather on the Morgantown Waterfront Trail last Friday night. Thank you to our student volunteers and our sponsors for making this event possible.

Over \$4,000 was raised for our MLBC Foundation Scholarship program!

You can find more pics from the event here.

#### **TOP 3 FEMALE**

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#### **TOP 3 MALE**

CHRIS BURTON 19:40 KYLE CLAYTON 21:46 JASON FEROLA 22:10





















## Engineering Insights for Landmen: Data-Driven Development & Valuations in the Appalachian Basin

Multiple MLBC members attended the May 8<sup>th</sup> virtual seminar presented by Kimberly Ayers of Ayers Petroleum Consulting LLC. To watch the full seminar, click here and use passcode: Q7?OgK9W



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of their tent. We thank them for their
sponsorship as well!



# WVU & MARIETTA COLLEGE ENERGY LAND MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS

Members from the WVU and Marietta College Energy Land Management programs were in attendance at the golf outing. A special thanks to OGM Partners for sponsoring both teams!





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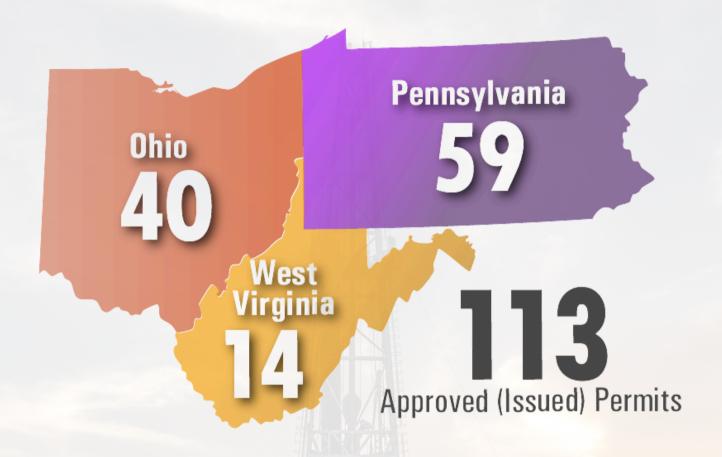
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# BASIN BRIEF



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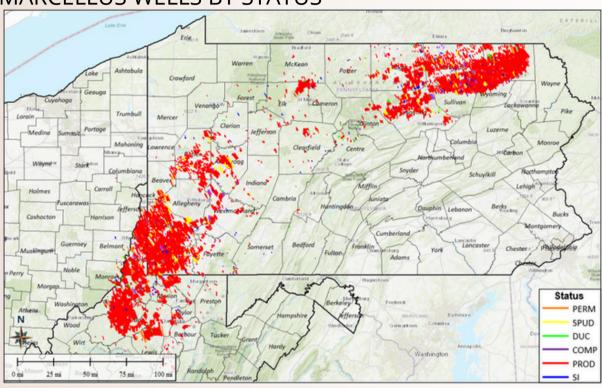
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28	34-019-22920-0000	Carroll	Encino	04/24/2025	Utica
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44	37-105-21974	Potter	Greylock	04/04/2025	Utica
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46	37-105-21976	Potter	Greylock	04/04/2025	Utica
47	37-115-23198	Susquehanna	Expand Energy	04/04/2025	Marcellus
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50	37-125-29210	Washington	Range Resources	04/04/2025	Marcellus
51	37-051-24701	Fayette	EQT	04/09/2025	Marcellus
52	37-129-29275	Westmoreland	CNX	04/09/2025	Utica
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55	37-129-29278	Westmoreland	CNX	04/09/2025	Utica
56	37-051-24633	Fayette	EQT	04/15/2025	Marcellus
57	37-051-24644	Fayette	EQT	04/15/2025	Marcellus
58	37-051-24645	Fayette	EQT	04/15/2025	Marcellus
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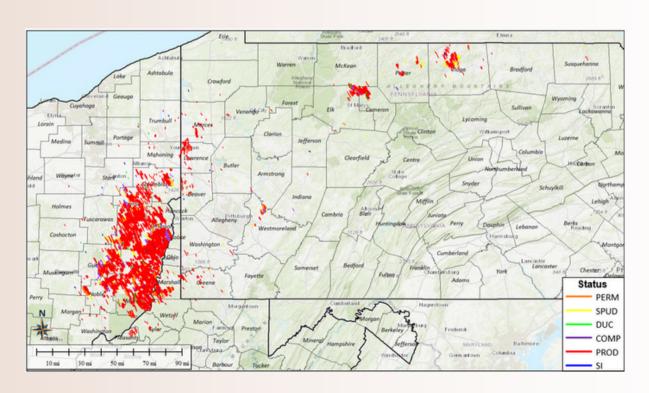
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91	37-115-23153	Susquehanna	Coterra	04/23/2025	Marcellus
92	37-007-20678	Beaver	Range Resources	04/24/2025	Marcellus
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# Pennsylvania 59 Nest 113 Approved (Issued) Permits

## **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
ОН	26	27	14	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PA	51	40	62	59	8	8	8	53	8	8	8	- 5
WV	11	15	9	14	2	2	2	2	2	. 2	. 2	2
TOTAL	88	82	85	113								

## PERMITTING SUMMARY BY OPERATOR

OPERATOR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
EQT	31	7	12	20	14	-	-			-	-	-	70
Range Resources	3	13	9	15	[-	34.3	-	-		1-	-	-	40
Encino	1	15	12	20	10 1	-	2	12		(2)		2	36
Expand Energy	8	15	5	7	(4 l)	-	-	10	16	14	- 14	-	35
Seneca	-	3	13	7	- 1		-				-	-	23
Ascent	4	3	10	5	-	-	-		-		-	-	22
Pennenergy		7	11		18			(8)	18	18	-		18
Coterra	4		5	6				-	-		-	-	15
Hilcorp	7		14	7		12		-	- 4			- 4	14
Gulfport	3	4	4	1			-	110				-	12
Others (14)	27	15	16	25		-	-				-	-	83
TOTAL	88	82	85	113	-	-	-				-	-	368

## **HORIZONTAL WELLS BY RESERVOIR BY STATUS**

RESERVOIR	PERM	SPUD	DUC	COMP	PROD	SI	TOTAL
Marcellus	343	482	92	187	15,090	362	16,556
Utica	173	142	38	106	4,010	43	4,512
Burket	1	29	3	3	324	7	364
TOTAL	517	653	130	296	19,424	412	21,432

### PRODUCING WELL COUNT BY RESERVOIR

RESERVOIR	ОН	PA	wv	TOTAL
Marcellus	41	11,189	3,860	15,090
Utica	3,466	420	124	4,010
Burket	-	291	33	324
TOTAL	3,507	11,900	4,017	19,424

## **PRODUCING MARCELLUS WELLS**

OPERATOR	ОН	PA	WV	TOTAL
Expand Energy	29	2,370	675	3,074
EQT	-	2,064	955	3,019
Range Resources	979	1,570	959	1,570
Antero	-	849	1,274	1,274
Coterra	979	1,086	85	1,086
Seneca	828	816	# RES	816
Repsol	979	770	979	770
CNX	1	470	91	562
Pennenergy	979	343	959	343
XTO Energy	-	266	54	320
Others (53)	11	1,434	811	2,256
TOTAL	41	11,189	3,860	15,090

## **PRODUCING UTICA WELLS**

OPERATOR	OH	PA	wv	TOTAL
Encino	1,059	-		1,059
Ascent	920	2	2	920
Gulfport	460	8	. 8	460
EQT	142	15	86	243
Antero	241	8	1	242
Expand Energy	216	1	5	222
Seneca	8	187	. 8	187
Hilcorp	88	97	2	185
INR Operating	117	8		117
CNX	45	25	5	75
Others (21)	178	95	27	300
TOTAL	3,466	420	124	4,010

# In Remembrance

# Steve Holmes

1945 - 2025



Stephen Allen Holmes, 80, of Buckhannon passed away Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at J.W. Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown. Stephen's life was one of relentless pursuit, ceaseless ambition, and endless passion. He was not just a man who lived his life, but a man who defined it. As Mark Twain once said, "The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why." For Steve, that second day came early, and he spent the rest of his life living his purpose.

He was born in Middletown, CT on April 8, 1945, a son of the Late Charles Burton Holmes and Mildred M. Peterson Holmes. Along with his parents he was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Cheyenne Cunningham.

Steve leaves behind a loving family of which he was very proud, two sons: Stephen A. Holmes, II and partner, Cameron Wilson, and Brian D. Holmes, both of Buckhannon; three grandchildren: Katrina Duckworth of Morgantown, Liam D. Day of Buckhannon, and Stephen "Phen" Dean Holmes of Buckhannon; three great grandchildren: Trenton Moran of Buckhannon, Sebastian and Myles Duckworth both of Morgantown; his partner, Suzanne Ochletree of Buckhannon and family Shannon Wamsley, Ryan Wamsley, and Whittaker Wamsley all of Morgantown; and cousins, Craig and Judy Peterson.

Stephen's career was as diverse as his talents. He was an accomplished realtor-broker, founding Upshur Agency, Inc in 1971, and Country Roads Realty the following year. He was recognized by the American Association of Professional Landmen (AAPL), where he served as a Past President of the Michael Late Benedum Chapter, and was a valued member of several professional real estate associations. Additionally, he held various professional designations including Certified General Appraiser, Licensed Real Estate Broker, Certified Review Appraiser, Professional Landman and Certified IR/WA Instructor. Stephen's expertise was evident in his work as an instructor for the Graduate Realtors Institute and at West Virginia Wesleyan College's Business Department, where he taught "Fundamentals of Real Estate." He authored several important works in his field, further testament to his commitment and passion to his craft.

But his life was not only about work. Stephen was a man of many hobbies, a testament to his zest for life. He was an accomplished musician and passionate pilot, flying single and multi-engine planes. He was also an avid sportsman, enjoying everything from fishing, swimming, weightlifting, baseball, softball, to golf. His love for sports didn't stop at participation, as he was actively involved in numerous sports and youth sports endeavors. Devotion to children also had him as a Boy Scout Troop Leader of Troop #125.

Steve's request for cremation has been honored by Clutter Funeral and Cremation located at 21 Elnora Circle in Buckhannon. A Celebration of Life service will be held at a time to be determined.

You can find his full obituary here.

# PHMSA ISSUES ADVANCE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING SEEKING STAKEHOLDER COMMENTS RELATED TO LNG REGULATION AMENDMENTS

By: Daniel A. Garcia and Kurt L. Krieger, Steptoe & Johnson PLLC





On April 29, U.S. Secretary of Transportation Sean P. Duffy announced that the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) has submitted an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM) to the Office of the Federal Register (publisher of the Federal Register) seeking comments relating to amendments aimed at enhancing safety regulations for liquefied natural gas (LNG) facilities across the United States. The PHMSA seeks to solicit stakeholder feedback on potential opportunities for amendment of its regulations at 49 CFR Part 193 governing the siting, design, installation, construction, inspection, testing, operation, and maintenance of LNG facilities. The last significant changes to Part 193 regulations occurred in 2004, and current regulations rely heavily on the 2001 edition of National Fire Protection Association 59A, which is the "Standard for the Production, Storage, and Handling of Liquefied Natural Gas" and has itself been updated multiple times since its 2004 adoption by the PHMSA.

Since then, the U.S. LNG and energy industry have experienced a renaissance thanks to the growth and development of shale plays around the country. The increased availability of American natural gas has transformed the U.S. LNG industry from a collection of small facilities focused on the domestic energy market into a reorientation of LNG facilities toward international markets, where the demand for U.S. energy is increasing. This economic behemoth has transformed the United States into the world's largest international exporter of LNG, supplying roughly 22% of the global LNG supply, and a critical supplier for both Europe and Asia.

As a result, U.S. LNG facilities are becoming increasingly sophisticated in their design, construction, and operations, yet PHMSA regulations have not kept pace. To address this gap, Congress included Section 27 of the Protecting Our Infrastructure of Pipelines and Enhancing Safety Act of 2016, directing the PHMSA to update its minimum safety standards for "permanent, small scale" LNG facilities, and Section 110 of the Protecting Our Infrastructure of Pipelines and Enhancing Safety Act of 2020, which directed the PHMSA to update the minimum safety standards by December 27, 2023, to impose a risk-based regulatory approach for large-scale LNG facilities other than peak-shaving facilities. Additionally, President Donald Trump issued Executive Order (EO) 13868, "Promoting Energy Infrastructure and Economic Growth," which directed the PHMSA to issue a final rule updating Part 193 regulations no later than May 2020. Additionally, he issued his most recent EO, 14192, "Unleashing Prosperity Through Deregulation," as well as EO 14154, "Unleashing American Energy" and EO 14156, "Declaring a National Energy Emergency," which seek to alleviate regulatory burdens and promote the expansion of energy infrastructure.



For those interested in filing comments, the PHMSA is soliciting stakeholder feedback on the following:

- 1. The topics listed in Section III of the ANPRM;
- 2. Potential amendments to its Part 193 LNG facility requirements, including any amendments identified by stakeholders;
- 3. The appropriateness of those amendments for different types of LNG facilities, including export terminals and peak-shaving facilities;
- 4. The incremental compliance costs and benefits, including benefits pertaining to avoided compliance costs, safety harms, and environmental harms, anticipated from those amendments; and
- 5. The technical feasibility, reasonableness, cost-effectiveness, and practicability of those potential amendments.

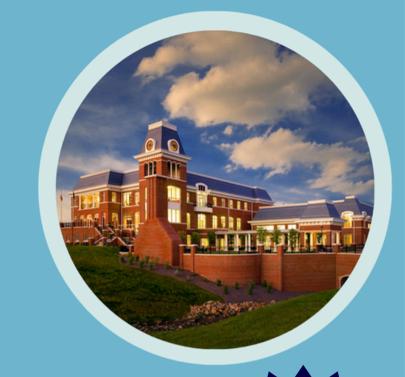
The PHMSA plans to hold a public meeting in the near future to supplement or clarify the materials received in response to the ANPRM.

In a portion of Section III of the ANPRM, the PHMSA is seeking data from U.S. LNG operators relating to the incremental cost and benefit of per-unit, aggregate, and programmatic — both one-time implementation and recurring — bases. The ANPRM is also requesting data sources, assumptions, calculations, and other pertinent information to aid in supporting estimates in the proposed rule. This opportunity allows the U.S. LNG industry to provide the PHMSA with a road map of meaningful regulation that complements the growing industry.

The ANPRM will be available in the *Federal Register* on publication and the unofficial version has been posted on the PHMSA website under Docket No. PHMSA-2019-0091. Stakeholders will have 60 days from the date of publication in the *Federal Register* to file their comments.

Steptoe & Johnson's <u>energy attorneys</u> can help you navigate the complex world of PHMSA regulations and are available to provide you and your team with counsel on topics such as pipeline safety, emergency response, the Occupational Safety and Health Act, and energy infrastructure. Please contact the authors of this alert as you prepare your comments for this ANPRM or with regard to any other energy infrastructure matters.

# MLBC ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER



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- Annual MLBC Award Presentations
- Induction of MLBC Executive Board

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COCKTAIL HOUR AND REGISTRATION: 5:00PM

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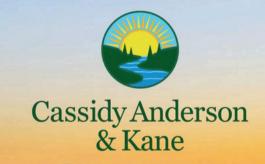
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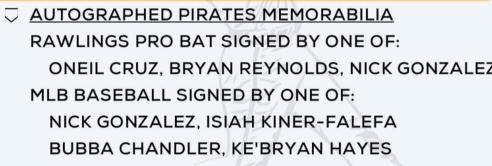
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# MLBC MEMBERSHIP REPORT JUNE 2025



#### MEMBERSHIP BY THE NUMBERS

Total Members: 575 Total Active: 369

Active: 338 % Active: 64.17%

Active PP: 31

Honorary: 10

Associate: 100 Student: 96

First Name	Last Name	Employer	Member Type	Sponsoring Member
Bobby	Simpson	Parse Al	Active	Lester Hebert
Richard	Thomas	Percheron	Active	Christa Dotson

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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 - <a href="mailto:abbyveigel@mlbc-aapl.org">abbyveigel@mlbc-aapl.org</a>

# MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION



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