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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



MLBC PRESIDENT, ROB GREINER

On a hot summer morning in the year 1890, a train sped across the West Virginia countryside between Clarksburg and Parkersburg. On that train sat a tall, thin young man of 20 years old bound for Parkersburg to find a job. When the train stopped at the Gregory's Run Station, an older man with a flowing mustache boarded. As the man mopped the dust from his face and looked for a seat on the crowded train he felt a tug at his sleeve. "Mister, won't you please take my seat?"

The forty-five minutes between Wilsonburg and West Union passed quickly while the two conversed. As the train approached West Union, the older man's destination, he remarked, "I don't believe you've told me your name?"

"Mike Benedum," replied the young man.
"Son," said the older acquaintance, "How would you like to learn something about my business?"
"What is it?" asked Benedum. "The oil business. My name is John Worthington. I am the General Superintendent of the South Penn Oil Company. Now if you have no particular reason for going to Parkersburg, maybe you would like to stop here with me. I think I can find a job for you."

"Well," said Benedum, "I'm looking for a job. What's the future in it?" A soft smile broke over Worthington's face. "Oh yes, there's a future," he replied, and Benedum said, "Thank you sir, I'll do it."

This story can be found on the MLBC Website and under the About Us – Michael Benedum link. This story was pulled from The Great Wildcatter, by Sam T. Mallison 1953. We all have unique stories describing how we first joined the industry as Landmen. As I reflect on my past year serving this great organization, I recognize that a large number of my industry relationships were formed through the MLBC over the years. If you haven't, I encourage you to read the Great Wildcatter as the author Mr. Mallison pays great respect to our namesake, describing his successes and failures. I firmly believe that Mr. Benedum left an amazing legacy, and one we can all garner valuable life lessons from.

I am grateful to all members of the MLBC, and for the great aid and support over this past year. It was my honor to serve as the 2021-22 MLBC President, and it is my hope that the past year has served our membership well as it has certainly served me well. I'll leave you with a quote by Henry Flagler, founder of Standard Oil.

"Helping others is like helping yourself"

I encourage you to ponder that statement and make the best of it! May we all continue to adhere to the MLBC Mission Statement by promoting the highest standards of performance for all Land Professionals, to advance their stature, and to encourage sound stewardship of energy and mineral resources.

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Member Spotlight: Executive Director, Abby Veigel



How long have you been with MLBC?

It will be 5 years in October. My first official event was a lunch meeting at The Pines in November 2017.

What did you do before working for the MLBC?

I was a medical social worker and also a nutrition/running coach.

What's your favorite part about working for the MLBC?

I love the variety and change of pace that comes with a new board every year. Every new President comes with their own unique ideas and it keeps life interesting. I also love getting to know the members. This job also allows me to travel and see different venues and places around our region.

What do you enjoy doing outside of work? Hobbies?

I love anything health and fitness related. My day always starts with some kind of workout. I also love to read and golf when time allows!

Tell us a little about yourself.

I was born and raised in Canton, Ohio and got my undergraduate degree from Capital University in Columbus, Ohio. I married my high school sweetheart and we moved to Pittsburgh right after college. I got my masters degree from the University of Pittsburgh and lived there for 11 years before moving to Bridgeport, West Virginia in 2017. As you can see, I know our membership region very well! I've been married for 16 years and have two daughters, Addison who is 14 and Anniston who is 11. They are both super active in sports so most of my time can be spent on a court or field somewhere. We also have a 3-year-old mini-golden doodle named Belle after Josh Bell the baseball player and the Disney princess! (That will tell you a lot about how different my kids are)!

How has your view of a landman changed since working with the MLBC?

5 years later and many educational events and I'm still not 100 % sure what you all do but I know that you all hold many roles and balance a lot of plates.

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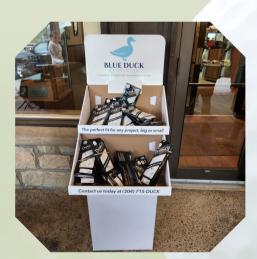
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PLEASE CONTACT FALL GOLF CHAIR STEVE CARR (<u>STEVECARR@DUDLEY-LAND.COM</u>)
WITH ANY QUESTIONS.







Ohio Supreme Court Further Clarifies 'Reasonable Diligence' Standard under the Ohio Dormant Mineral Act

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On March 24, 2022, the Supreme Court of Ohio issued its decision in Fonzi v. Brown and Fonzi v. Miller, Slip Opinion No. 2022-Ohio-901, discussing the level of due diligence required of a surface owner to provide notice to a severed mineral interest owner in order to abandon said mineral interest under the Ohio Dormant Mineral Act (DMA). The court held that surface owners did not exercise reasonable due diligence when they failed to conduct a public record search in the county where the last known mineral interest holder resided, despite having knowledge of the same.

These cases concern two adjoining parcels of land located in Monroe County, Ohio. For both parcels, prior deeds within the chain of title identified that the severed mineral interest holder, being Elizabeth Henthorn Fonzi (Fonzi), resided in Finleyville, Washington County, Pennsylvania. The surface owners, being appellants Gary D. Brown, Allen B. Miller, M. Craig Miller, and Brenda Thomas, subsequently began the process to have the Fonzi mineral interests declared abandoned. In doing so, their attorney searched the Monroe County public records and conducted "limited Internet searches," but failed to uncover any information about Fonzi or any potential heirs to send notice by certified mail. Therefore, the surface owners published notices of intent to declare the Fonzi mineral interests abandoned in a Monroe County newspaper, and subsequently filed affidavits of abandonment. The Fonzi heirs then filed complaints in the Monroe County trial court for declaratory judgment, seeking to quiet title, alleging that the surface owners had failed to exercise reasonable due diligence in attempting to locate the holders of the Fonzi mineral interest.

The trial court granted summary judgment in favor of the surface owners in both cases, holding that the surface owners had made reasonable efforts to locate the potential Fonzi heirs. The Seventh District Court of Appeals reversed the trial court's decision in both cases, instead finding that the surface owners failed to conduct any search outside Monroe County when the surface owners knew that Fonzi lived in Washington County, Pennsylvania, at the time the reservations were made. On September 1, 2020, the Supreme Court of Ohio accepted this appeal.

In its discussion, the court relied upon its prior decision in Gerrity v. Chervenak, 162 Ohio St.3d 694 (2020), wherein it refused to adopt a bright-line rule and instead stated that the analysis of reasonable diligence should be conducted on a case-by-case basis. Here, the court stated, "[s]urface owners are not required to do the impossible... the issue is not whether the surface owner could have located all mineral-rights holders by exercising reasonable diligence. Instead, the question is whether the surface owner did exercise reasonable diligence." The court placed the burden of proof on the surface owners to show that they were reasonably diligent in attempting to identify and locate the holders of the severed mineral interests. In placing the burden of proof on the surface owners, the court stated that O.R.C. 5301.56(E)(1) provides that the surface owner "shall" comply with the statutory notice requirements outlined therein, and therefore, "the reasonable-diligence standard is entirely within the hands of the surface owner."

The court found that the surface owners did not exercise reasonable due diligence because they failed to search the public records of Washington County, Pennsylvania, and as a result, the surface owners' attempts fell short compared to those attempts made in Gerrity. The Supreme Court of Ohio affirmed the appellate court's decision. If you have questions about this ruling or how it might affect your business, please contact the authors of this alert.



MEMBER NEWS

NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGE

The AAPL Board of Directors met on Sunday, March 13, at its quarterly meeting, and voted to approve amendments to the officer duties as contained in Article VIII, sections 5, 6 and 8 of the AAPL Bylaws.

The proposed changes are reflected below with new language displayed in blue:

ARTICLE VIII - OFFICERS AND DUTIES

Section 5. The Second Vice President. The Second Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in the absence or inability of the President and First Vice President to serve, and shall serve as Assistant Chairman of the Landman Scholarship Trust and shall perform such other duties as the President shall direct.

Section 6. The Third Vice President. The Third Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in the absence or inability of the President, First Vice President, and Second Vice President to serve, serve as Chairman and Vice President of AAPL Educational Foundation, Inc. and shall perform such other duties as the President shall direct.

Section 8. The Treasurer. The Treasurer shall monitor all AAPL financial matters. He shall submit an annual report to the members at the annual meeting and report to the Board of Directors when requested. The Treasurer shall cause a statement for dues to be mailed to all active and associate members of the AAPL by July 1 of each year.

The Treasurer, along with the President, the Executive Vice President, and other individuals authorized by the Board of Directors, shall sign checks in the name of the AAPL. The Treasurer shall be a member of the Finance Committee. The Treasurer shall serve as the Treasurer of the Landman Scholarship Trust and the AAPL Educational Foundation, Inc. He shall submit the financial records for annual audit.

Pursuant to Article XIX, Section 1 of the Bylaws, the proposed amendments must receive an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the voting members present either in person or by proxy and voting at the regular annual membership meeting or by mail ballot if the Board of Directors so determines.

AAPL will be using an electronic ballot for the election of the proposed bylaws changes. Active Members can expect to receive a ballot from **AAPLMembershipBallot@Intelliscaninc.net** on **July 20**.





Surface Use: Issues from Both Sides of the Fence

Date: June 22

Time: 11 a.m. - noon CDT

Credits: 1CEU

Speaker: Robert Kiefaber

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The session will focus on strategies for defending potential nuisance claims brought by surface owners by oil and gas operators. The webinar will also discuss the use of the surface estate by oil and gas operators. This webinar will analyze the elements of the accommodation doctrine and potential claims raised by surface owners regarding oil and gas development on their lands. Finally, the webinar will cover subsurface trespass and when an oil and gas operator may or may not need to obtain subsurface easements or agreements.



<u>Understanding Petroleum Economics</u>

Date: June 28

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. CDT **Credits:** 6 CEU plus 1 CEU Ethics

Speaker: Dwayne Purvis **Course Level:** Intermediate

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An engineer explains the creation and use of cash flows in the oil business. The course explains both the concepts and the methods for the inputs:

- Engineering the volume forecast
- Predicting future prices
- Calculating netback prices
- Estimating operating and capital costs

In addition, this course will address the use of the cash flows for various strategies and situations. At the end of the day, participants should have a functional understanding of each of the dynamics that affect cash flow and an appreciation for their quantification.



Earth, Wind, Solar

Date: June 29

Time: 11 a.m. - noon CDT

Credits: 1 CEU

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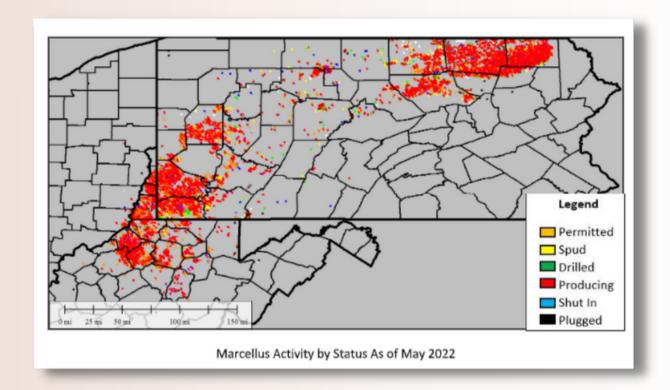
This live webinar will be an overview of the various types of express and implied easements, including pipeline easements, and some of the issues and provisions you will encounter when dealing with sophisticated surface owners.

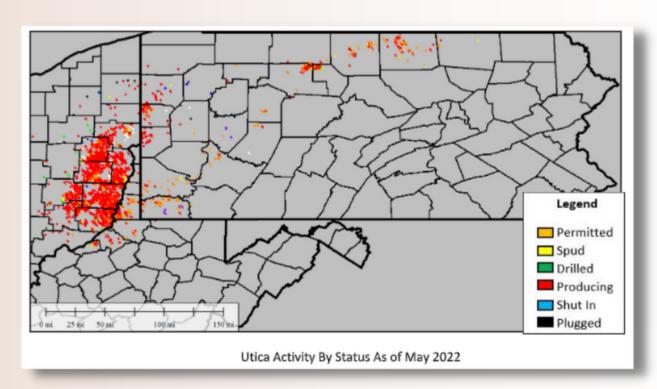


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Pennsylvania Ohio BASIN BRIEF Approved (Issued) Permits

BASIN ACTIVITY INFORMATION PROVIDED BY JKPC PETROLEUM CONSULTANTS AND IS CURRENT AS OF MAY 2022.







PERMITTING SUMMARY BY STATE

STATE	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY
ОН	23	36	29	29	14
PA	78	60	70	75	24
wv	59	7	19	8	9
TOTAL	160	103	118	112	47

PERMITTING SUMMARY BY OPERATOR

OPERATOR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	TOTAL
ASCENT	9	22	8	14	10	63
REPSOL	7	15	-	5	-	27
RANGE RESOURCES	18	4	3	7	-	32
SENECA	8	13	-	5	4	30
TUG HILL	20	1	-	1	5	27
EQT	15	4	19	17	-	55
COTERRA	3	14	17	4	5	43
HILLCORP	7	7	-	-	-	14
SWN	10	4	9	23	5	51
ANTERO	12	1	11	13	-	37
CHESAPEAKE	11	2	6	6	3	28
Other (21)	49	18	44	48	15	174
TOTAL	169	105	117	143	47	581

RIG ACTIVITY SUMMARY

STATE	JAN 2022	FEB 2022	MAR 2022	APR 2022	MAY 2022
ОН	11	12	12	12	12
PA	23	24	25	21	25
WV	11	11	11	13	14
TOTAL	45	47	48	49	51



PRODUCING WELL COUNT BY RESERVOIR

RESERVOIR	ОН	PA	wv	TOTAL
Marcellus	43	10,028	3,226	13,297
Utica	2,841	342	84	3,267
Burkett	-	226	30	256
TOTAL	2,884	10,596	3,340	16,820

PRODUCING MARCELLUS WELLS

OPERATOR	OH	PA	wv	TOTAL
EQT		1,430	646	2,076
RANGE RESOURCES		1,411		1,411
SWN	26	743	547	1,316
ANTERO			1,071	1,071
CHESAPEAKE		1,027		1,027
COTERRA ENERGY		902		902
SENECA		773		773
REPSOL		614		614
RICE		499		499
CNX	1	390	66	457
Others (64)	16	2,239	896	3,151
TOTAL	43	10,028	3,226	13,297

PRODUCING UTICA WELLS

OPERATOR	ОН	PA	wv	TOTAL
ENCINO	872			872
ASCENT	671			671
GULFPORT	411			411
ANTERO	228		1	229
SWN	182	2	3	187
RICE	142	1		143
SENECA		130		130
HILCORP	34	92		126
CNX	45	18	5	68
XTO ENERGY	57	3		60
Others (21)	199	96	75	370
TOTAL	2,841	342	84	3,267



LEGISLATIVE & REGULATORY UPDATE

By Nikolas Tysiak, Legislative and Regulatory Chairman

PENNSYLVANIA

Commonwealth v. International Development Corporation, 2022 WL 628284 (Commw. Ct. Pa. 2022). This is a deed interpretation case with some Title Wash sprinkles mixed. In 1894, two individuals (Proctor and Hill) conveyed approximately 2,000 acres in Bradford County to Union Tanning Company, excepting and reserving all the coal, oil and gas. This was unseated lands, and the minerals remained assessed with the surface. After several intervening conveyances, the surface estate became vested in Central Pennsylvania Lumber Company (CPLC). CPLC's surface assessment went delinquent and was sold to Calvin McCauley in 1908. The deed to McCauley effectively "washed" the title to the reserved minerals, which also effectively became vested in McCauley. McCauley subsequently transferred the newly-reunified estates under the 2000 acres back to CPLC in 1910. In 1920, CPLC conveyed the land to the Commonwealth, utilizing the following language:

[t]his conveyance is made subject to all the minerals, coal, oil, gas or petroleum found now or hereafter on, or under the surface on any or all of the lands described in each of the above mentioned parts or divisions [of the 1920 deed]; together with the right and privilege of ingress, egress and regress upon said lands for the purpose of prospecting for, or developing, working or removing the same, as fully as said minerals and mineral rights were excepted and reserved in deed dated October 27, 1894, from ... Proctor [and Hill] to ... Union ...

International Development Corporation became the current successor to CPLC as to the minerals following the above 1920 deed, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania continues to own the surface estate to this deed. The case hinges on the interpretation of the above language — is it a reservation benefiting CPLC, or just a limitation on the warranty? The Commonwealth Court determined that, reading the 1920 deed as a whole and in context, the intent of CPLC was clearly to retain for itself the same mineral rights that had originally been reserved by Proctor and Hill in 1894. The Court pointed out that, normally, making a conveyance "subject to" a prior reservation or right does not create a new right. However, in the 1920 deed, CPLC utilized additional language modifying the "subject to" clause that created new rights for itself. As such, the Court effectively vested title to the oil and gas at issue with International Development Corporation, and not the Commonwealth.

WEST VIRGINIA

Antero Resources Corporation v. Irby, 2022 WL 1055446 (S. Ct. W. Va. April 8, 2022). Antero contested the methodology employed by the West Virginia State Tax Commissioner's valuation of three wells located in Doddridge and Ritchie Counties, on appeal from the West Virginia Business Court. A larger valuation dispute had previously been adjudicated and remanded to that court, to which the parties were able to reach agreement, but the current dispute revolves around wells specifically producing both oil and gas. Essentially, West Virginia regulations allow certain deductions from the assessed value of wells.

Oil wells receive a deduction of \$5,750.00, while gas wells receive deductions of \$150,000.00 or more per year, with the deductible value increasing year over year. The Tax Commission applied the deductions to the Antero oil and gas wells based on the proportion of revenue generated by each individual resource on a per-well basis. For example, for a well that generated 75% of its revenue on gas and 25% of its revenue on oil, the Commission calculated the deduction as follows: 75% of \$150,000.00 plus 25% of \$5,750, for a total well deduction of \$113,937.50. Antero argued that the assessments were not "singular" as required under existing caselaw regarding these producer's well assessments because a monetary average effectively creates a sliding scale for valuation (an idea that had been previously rejected by the Supreme Court). The real value of the additional oil well deductions equates to millions of dollars in Doddridge and Ritchie Counties. The Supreme Court concluded that the valuation of the "mixed" oil and gas wells was reasonable and not in violation of fairness, upholding the Tax Commissioner's valuations.



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AWARDS & OFFICER INDUCTION

JUNE 2ND AT STONEWALL RESORT ROANOKE, WV



The Awards & Officer Induction was on June 2nd at the Stonewall Resort in Roanoke, WV.



MLBC President, Rob Greiner, gives opening remarks.



2021-2022 MLBC President, Rob Greiner hands the baton off to 2022-2023 MLBC President, Justin Nixon to kick off the new year.









J.W. Findley Lifetime Achievement Award recipient, Darryl Griwatz, addresses the attendees.



Patrick McQuiggan presents the Friend of the MLBC Award to Halo Resources.



Thank you to outgoing 2021-2022 MLBC President Rob Greiner for a great year!



Doug Richards, right, presents the J.W.Findley Lifetime Achievement Award to Darryl Griwatz.





Tyler Murray, right, was presented with the Landman of the Year Award.









2022 SPRING CLAY SHOOT

June 3rd at Stonewall Sporting Clays

























Finding a Home for a Hydrogen Hub: Ohio, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania Seek to Bring a Hydrogen Hub Under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

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The interest in hydrogen production skyrocketed following the passage of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act ("IIJA") in November 2021, which allocates billions of dollars in federal funding for hydrogen research and development. In particular, the IIJA provides \$8 billion in funding for the creation of at least four regional clean hydrogen hubs—networks of clean hydrogen producers, potential consumers, and connective infrastructure within a close proximity. 42 U.S.C. § 16161a. The Department of Energy ("DOE") will select locations for the hydrogen hubs based on multiple criteria including feedstock diversity, end-use diversity, geographic diversity, hubs in natural gas producing regions, and employment. Id. On February 15, 2022, the DOE issued a Request for Information ("RFI") to obtain public input regarding the solicitation process and structure of the DOE's upcoming Funding Opportunity Announcement ("FOA").

To the extent possible and in accordance with the criteria noted above, each hub must be located in a different region of the United States, at least one hub must produce hydrogen from fossil fuel, and at least two hubs must be located in regions that have the greatest natural gas resources. Id. Based on Appalachia's ability to meet these criteria through existing expertise in producing the region's abundant natural gas and its suitable geology to implement carbon capture and hydrogen storage projects, leaders from government and industry in Ohio, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania forecasted their intent to attract one of these hydrogen hubs primarily focused on hydrogen production from natural gas with carbon capture, and have submitted at least 39 responses to the RFI.

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One application from West Virginia is based, in part, on West Virginia's long history as a major energy producer. On February 15, 2022, U.S. Senators Joe Manchin and Shelley Moore Capito, Representative David McKinley, and Governor Jim Justice announced the formation of a working group, which supports West Virginia being chosen as a location for a regional clean hydrogen hub. Thereafter, on March 21, 2022, the West Virginia Hydrogen Hub Coalition submitted a response and Proposal to Participate in the DOE's search for hub locations. In this Proposal, the West Virginia Hydrogen Hub Coalition argued that West Virginia's history of energy production—including natural gas production, renewable resources, geographic location, workforce, and industry—make it an optimal location for a hydrogen hub.

In Ohio, more than seventy entities, including energy producers, research institutions, industrial users, political officials, and community leaders, formed the Ohio Clean Hydrogen Hub Alliance ("Alliance") to persuade the DOE to locate a hydrogen hub in Ohio. The Alliance requested that its members submit responses to the DOE's RFI by March 8, 2022. Advocates for locating a hub in Ohio highlighted Ohio's extensive natural gas resources, manufacturing industry, workforce, research institutions, and existing hydrogen end-users as reasons why a hub should be in Ohio.

Lawmakers in Pennsylvania are also advocating for a hydrogen hub. On March 16, 2022, House Resolution No. 183, which urges Congress to locate a hub in Pennsylvania, was introduced in the General Assembly and referred to the Committee on Environmental Resources and Energy. The Resolution focuses on Pennsylvania's natural gas resources and contends that its status as the second largest natural gas producer in the U.S. makes it an ideal location for a hub. On May 16, 2022, Governor Wolf also announced his intent to work with stakeholders in an effort to bring a hydrogen hub to Pennsylvania.

While not tied to any specific Appalachian state, companies including EQT Corporation, Equinor, GE Gas Power, Marathon Petroleum, Mitsubishi Power, Shell Polymers, and U.S. Steel have joined together to form a group whose goal is to bring a hydrogen hub to West Virginia, Ohio, or Pennsylvania. With operations in each of these states, the alliance's goal is to attract a hydrogen hub to one of these Appalachian states and is less concerned about which state is ultimately selected.

While Ohio, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania appear to be competing with one another for a hydrogen hub, other states have taken a different approach and formed regional coalitions. For example, New York, Connecticut, New Jersey, and Massachusetts are working together on a hydrogen hub proposal focused on using the hub to address climate change and environmental justice, among other goals. The HALO Hydrogen Hub, which includes Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Arkansas, claims to already have infrastructure and extensive resources for hydrogen production necessary for a hub. The Western Inter-States Hydrogen Hub, which is a partnership between Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming, touts its oil and gas industry as well as its wind, solar, and biomass energy resources, and it has responded to the DOE's RFI.

Following the release of the draft FOA, the DOE will then conduct a Pre-solicitation Meeting to gather further public input. Thereafter, the DOE plans to release the official FOA later in 2022 and will then select at least four regional clean hydrogen hubs no later than one year after the deadline for submission of proposals.

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST

Event: Summer Social at The Tropics

Date: August 11, 2022

Time: 6 - 10 PM

Location: 2500 Cranberry Square Morgantown, WV 26508

SEPTEMBER

Event: Dinner Meeting at the Galley in Marietta, OH

Date: September 8, 2022

Time: 5 - 9 PM

Location: 203 Second Street Marietta, OH

Event: Fall Clay Shoot at Hunting Hills

Date: September 23, 2022

Time: TBD

Location: 181 Hunting Hill Rd. Dilliner, PA 15327

OCTOBER

Event: Fall Charity Golf at Southpointe

Date: October 14, 2022

Time: TBD

Location: 360 Southpointe Blvd Canonsburg, PA 15317

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Anthony Hoehler, RPL

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% Active: 68.31%

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