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- Environmental & Energy Policy Updates
- 2026 PIOGA Membership Notices
- Industry News & Insights
- and much more!

Reflecting on 2025 and Looking Ahead to 2026

As 2025 comes to a close, PIOGA is proud to reflect on a year of major accomplishments, strong advocacy, and meaningful engagement across Pennsylvania's oil and natural gas industry. From unifying producer voices to pushing back on challenging regulatory proposals, to hosting successful events and trainings, this year demonstrated the strength of a committed membership working together for a brighter future.

A Landmark Year for Industry Unity

A major milestone in 2025 was PIOGA's Board approval to become the sole, controlling member of the Pennsylvania Independent Petroleum Producers Association (PIPP). With PIPP's unanimous approval, this partnership unites two legacy organizations under one umbrella—strengthening advocacy, expanding reach, and ensuring independent producers across Pennsylvania speak with a unified voice.

PIOGA and PIPP will continue as separate 501(c)(6) organizations but will coordinate leadership and vision to better serve the industry.

Strong, Proactive Advocacy

PIOGA remained a strong voice on major regulatory issues in 2025, including DEP's draft methane plan and broader state methane requirements. Through testimony, comments, and direct engagement with DEP, EPA, and lawmakers, we pushed for practical, science-based approaches and proper rulemaking, while mobilizing members

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PIoga's Nonprofit Organization Spotlight

VetPets

VetPets, based in Washington County, helps veterans heal by pairing them with rescued dogs. Founded by combat veteran Omar Brooks and his wife, the nonprofit trains and places service, therapy, and emotional support dogs with veterans to reduce isolation and support mental health.

Brooks, who served one tour in Iraq, says his own struggles inspired the program: "If VetPets kept me alive in my darkest days, it must be a pathway to help other veterans too." Veterans participate in dog training, counseling, and wellness workshops, fostering purpose, connection, and recovery.

VetPets also offers six-week dog training classes for local owners, with proceeds supporting the veteran programs. Their certified therapy dogs visit schools, fire and police departments, and other community sites to provide comfort and support.

PIoga is proud to support VetPets through our "Baskets of Cheer" raffle at the Holiday Jingle Ball on December 17th. All proceeds collected will be donated to VetPets of SWPA.



To learn more, volunteer, or apply for a service dog, visit pavetpets.org or call 724-999-VETS

statewide through hearings, webinars, and outreach.

PIOGA also monitored proposed increases to unconventional well setbacks. Following coordinated member engagement, the Environmental Quality Board voted to table the petition, pausing changes that would have significantly restricted future development.

Constant, Often Unseen Work for Members

Beyond the headlines, PIOGA spent 2025:

- Meeting with agency officials
- Responding to draft policies and guidance
- Tracking legislative proposals
- Coordinating with national partners
- Producing updates in the PIOGA Press
- Supporting operators navigating compliance questions

Much of this work goes unseen but remains critical to protecting and advancing member interests across Pennsylvania.

A Year of Strong Events, Education & Engagement

2025 was a high-energy year for member engagement.

Highlights include:

- **Spring Meeting** with strong attendance and valuable legislative and regulatory updates
- Sold-out **Golf Outing and Clay Shoot**
- **Successful PIOGATech trainings**, covering well control, safety, emerging technologies, and compliance
- **Tri-State STEPS Quarterly Meeting**, in partnership with OOGA and GO-WV
- **Webinars** on methane regulations, safety, market trends, and environmental updates
- **Committee roundtables and forums**, connecting operators, service companies, and stakeholders statewide

These events strengthened our community, shared knowledge, and supported the workforce that drives our industry.

Looking Ahead to 2026

PIOGA enters 2026 with momentum and unity. Members can look forward to:

- **Spring Meeting** – “The Power Beneath Your Feet” on Wednesday, April 9, 2026, at Live! Casino Pittsburgh in Greensburg, PA
- **Golf Outing & Clay Shoot**
- **Expanded PIOGATech training opportunities**

- Increased collaborative programming with PIPP
- Continued leadership on methane regulation, setbacks, permitting, and legislative issues
- Enhanced communications and advocacy tools for members

PIOGA remains committed to education, collaboration, and strong advocacy for Pennsylvania’s independent oil and gas industry.

Thank You

To all our members—thank you for your support and engagement. Your participation is what makes PIOGA strong. We look forward to another year of progress, partnership, and industry leadership in 2026. ■



In the News: Pennsylvania Headlines

Penneco Oil Co. Cleared by Report in 2023 Plum House Explosion

A private consultant's recent review finds no evidence that Penneco Oil Co. was liable for the fatal 2023 house explosion in the Rustic Ridge neighborhood of Plum, Pa.¹

That explosion, which killed six people and destroyed multiple homes, prompted lawsuits alleging negligent maintenance and a gas-line leak². According to the new report, investigators found no definitive link between Penneco's infrastructure and the explosion³. Families of the victims have filed separate lawsuits claiming failures in pressure regulation, leak prevention, and water-heater safety.⁴

What to know: While immediate legal liability for Penneco may be reduced, the lawsuits continue — and questions remain about safety, oversight, and accountability in residential areas near energy-industry infrastructure.

1 <https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/consultants-report-finds-no-evidence-of-penneco-liability-in-plum-house-explosion/>

2 <https://www.govtech.com/artificial-intelligence/developer-plans-to-turn-coal-plant-into-data-center>

3 <https://pstrust.org/consultants-report-finds-no-evidence-of-penneco-liability-in-plum-house-explosion>

4 <https://community.triblive.com/news/3841758>

Coal-to-Data: New Life for Pennsylvania Power Sites

Two former coal-fired power plant sites in Pennsylvania are being eyed for massive data-center developments — signaling a shift in how old fossil-fuel infrastructure is repurposed.

In Springdale, the former Cheswick Generating Station (Allegheny County) was sold for \$14.3 million to a developer that plans a 565,000-square-foot data center campus pending a permit vote by borough officials.¹

Separately, the site of the now-retired Homer City Generating Station — once Pennsylvania's largest coal-fired plant — is being transformed into a new gas-fired energy campus and data-center complex. The project is estimated at more than \$10 billion, with up to 4.5 gigawatts

1 <https://www.govtech.com/artificial-intelligence/developer-plans-to-turn-coal-plant-into-data-center>

of power capacity — enough to supply roughly 3 million homes.²

The developments reflect rising demand for data-center capacity to power artificial intelligence, cloud computing, and other tech infrastructure.

What to know: These projects could bring significant investment, jobs, and new industry to the region — but also spark community concerns over noise, environmental impact, energy use, and local infrastructure stress.

2 <https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2025-04-02/homer-city-natural-gas-ai>

Josh Shapiro — A Rising Star in National Politics?

A recent profile in The Atlantic paints Pennsylvania Governor Josh Shapiro as a pragmatic, broadly appealing Democrat who could be positioning himself for a bigger national role. Known for his focus on competence, accessibility, and working-class values, Shapiro has gained praise from voters across party lines — though some within his own party view his centrism as opportunistic. As Shapiro heads toward the 2026 midterm elections, interest is growing in whether he might emerge as a serious contender for 2028 presidential ambitions.¹

What to know: Shapiro's blend of moderation and polish has made him a rising profile in a politically divided era — though navigating his critics will be key.

1 <https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/2025/12/josh-shapiro-pennsylvania-trump-president-election/684991/>

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STEPS Tri-State Meeting Brings Industry Together

Energy professionals from across the region came together on Thursday, November 13, 2025, for the 4th Quarter Appalachian STEPS Network Tri-State Meeting, held both in-person in Wheeling, WV, and virtually from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. PIOGA joined the Ohio Oil and Gas Association (OOGA) and the Gas & Oil Association of West Virginia (GO-WV) to continue the longstanding tradition of cross-state collaboration focused on safety and operational excellence.

This quarter's meeting featured a series of highly informative sessions covering well control, IT intelligence, legal considerations, and psychological safety — all critical components in today's rapidly evolving oil and gas landscape. The discussions reflected the three organizations' shared commitment to enhancing safety culture, strengthening field-level practices, and supporting continuous improvement throughout the Appalachian region.

The Appalachian STEPS Network continues to serve as a vital platform for industry professionals to exchange insights, address emerging challenges, and reinforce best practices that protect workers and ensure responsible development.

PIOGA extends a sincere thank-you to the event's sponsors — AdvantageTech, Chemstream, RJR Safety Inc., Wild Well Control, Steptoe & Johnson PLLC, Benchmark SH&E Services, Action Supply Products, Fluid, and Total Safety — whose support made this meeting possible. Their dedication to advancing safety and excellence in the energy sector plays a crucial role in keeping these collaborative efforts strong. ■



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Key Environmental and Energy Policy Updates: WOTUS, RGGI, Permitting, and PJM Oversight

EPA Proposes to Scale Back WOTUS Definition

Babst Calland - Lisa M. Bruderly and Ethan F. Johnson

On November 17, 2025, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Army Corps of Engineers (the Corps) proposed a revised definition of "waters of the United States" (WOTUS) under the Clean Water Act (Proposed Rule). The Trump administration announced that the Proposed Rule would "provide greater regulatory certainty and increase Clean Water Act program predictability and consistency."

The new definition is expected to reduce the number of streams and wetlands that are regulated under the Clean Water Act and will impact several federal regulatory programs, including Section 404 permitting of impacts to regulated waters. The agencies drafted the Proposed Rule to closely mirror the U.S. Supreme Court's 2023 decision in *Sackett v. EPA*, which held that the Clean Water Act extends to "relatively permanent" bodies of water connected to traditional navigable waters and wetlands with a "continuous surface connection" to those waters.

The Proposed Rule adds definitions for several terms, including "relatively permanent," "tributary," "continuous surface connection," "prior converted cropland," and "ditch."

The public comment period will begin when the Proposed Rule is published in the Federal Register. If finalized, it will replace the Biden administration's 2023 definition of WOTUS. The definition of WOTUS has changed several times in the last decade. Each new definition has been challenged in the courts.¹ ■

¹ <https://www.babstcalland.com/news-article/epa-proposes-to-scale-back-wotus-definition/>

Fiscal Code of 2025 Abrogates RGGI, Expedites Permitting Procedures, and Gives the PUC Oversight of PJM Load Forecasts

Babst Calland - Kevin J. Garber and Alexandra N. Graf

On November 12, 2025, Governor Josh Shapiro signed House Bill 416, a Fiscal Code Bill and a segment of the Pennsylvania budget package for Fiscal Year 2025-26. The Fiscal Code has several important implications for

industry regulation, including the abrogation of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative regulations, permitting relief through expedited review schedules for certain air and water general permits, and provisions to ensure grid reliability.

The Fiscal Code abrogates the RGGI provisions contained in 25 Pa. Code Chapter 145, Subchapter E, known as the CO2 budget trading program. The RGGI regulations were promulgated in 2022 but have not yet been implemented in Pennsylvania because of ongoing legal challenges. In November 2023, the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court ruled that RGGI is an unconstitutional, unenforceable tax. Governor Shapiro and many other parties appealed that ruling to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, where the case was fully briefed and argued last May. Although the Court's course of action remains uncertain now that RGGI has been abrogated, the Court could dismiss the appeal as moot and decline to issue an opinion.

The Fiscal Code also expedites permitting for certain air and water-related general permits. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection now must respond within 20 days of submission to an application under the Air Pollution Control Act for coverage under a general plan approval or general permit. If the applicant addresses the technical deficiencies within 25 days, DEP must issue a final determination on the application within 30 days thereafter. However, if DEP misses this deadline, the application is deemed to have been approved. DEP may seek a one-time, 5-day extension to respond if the applicant agrees.

The Fiscal Code contains similar provisions for NPDES general permits.^[1] DEP must respond to an application to renew an NPDES general permit issued under 25 Pa. Code § 92a.54 within 40 days of submission, and if the applicant addresses each identified technical deficiency within 50 days, DEP must issue a final determination on the renewal application within 60 days thereafter. If DEP misses this deadline, the application is deemed to have been approved.

To improve transparency in the permitting process among DEP and other state agencies, the new law requires all

state agencies to compile and maintain, by February 10, 2026, publicly available lists of all types of permits issued by that agency. State agencies must notify applicants within five days of receiving a permit application and direct them to the new tracking system to follow the status of their applications. This system must include the processing time for each permit application, the date of receipt of each application, the estimated time remaining to complete the application process, and the contact information for the relevant agency reviewer.

Finally, the new law requires the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission to investigate and validate load forecasts submitted by Pennsylvania utility companies to PJM Interconnection, coordinate with PJM and other states so that system planning reflects accurate information, and obtain access to confidential materials that are necessary to perform this oversight. PJM relies on load forecasts submitted by Pennsylvania utility companies to plan system needs and set capacity requirements that affect costs to consumers. The Fiscal Code states that PUC oversight of load forecasts is necessary to provide information on projections for significant growth in electricity demand driven by data centers, vehicle and building electrification, and other large load additions.¹ ■

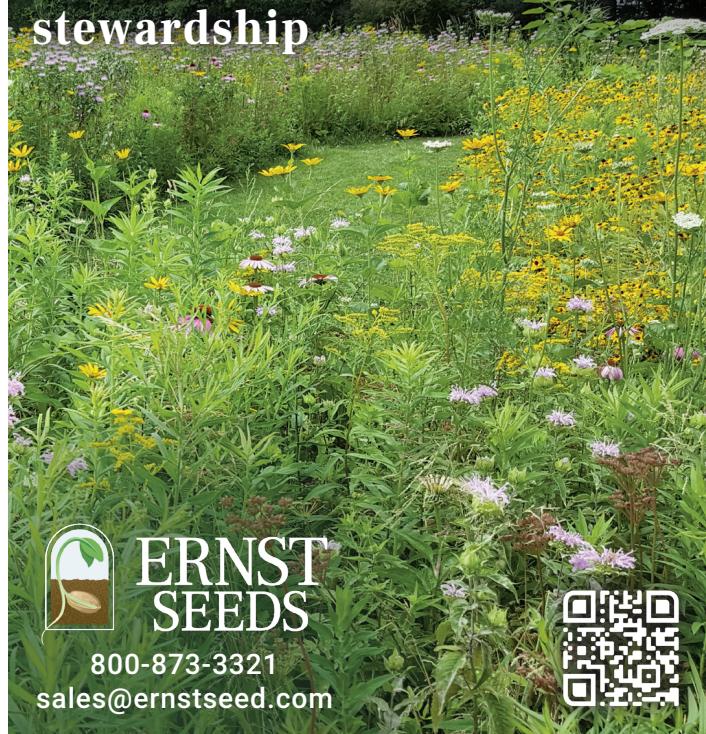
¹ <https://www.babstcalland.com/news-article/fiscal-code-of-2025-abrogates-rgi-expedites-permitting-procedures-and-gives-the-puc-oversight-of-pjm-load-forecasts/>

Babst Calland will stay up to date on **WOTUS developments and the Clean Water Act**, in general. If you have any questions or would like any additional information, please contact *Lisa Bruderly* at lbruderly@babstcalland.com or *Ethan Johnson* at ejohnson@babstcalland.com.

For more information on the **implications of the 2025 Fiscal Code**, please contact *Kevin Garber* at kgarber@babstcalland.com or *Alexandra Graf* at agraf@babstcalland.com.

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Member Spotlight: Dave Hill's Big "Catch"



It looks like Santa's reindeer might need to watch their backs... just kidding! PIOGA Member and Board Member Dave Hill traded in his sleigh spotting for a November elk hunt right here in Pennsylvania. Luckily for the North Pole, it was just an elk!

Hill is no stranger to the PIOGA Press camera, and we're happy to share this "newsworthy" moment in the December issue.

Congratulations, Dave — may your aim be as sharp in the boardroom as it is in the great outdoors!



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Historical Figure in Oil & Gas

Lulu M. Hefner

Pioneer in a Male-Dominated Industry

Cherokee Female Seminary-educated and originally a milliner, Lulu M. Hefner broke new ground in early 20th-century Oklahoma — becoming the first woman in the state to drill for oil on her own land. After selling her hat shop, she invested personally to drill wells on her property, and her bold move paid off.

By 1921, she had successfully drilled 28 producing oil wells — remarkable in any era, but especially so for a woman operating independently in that time. Hefner credited her success not to luck, but to a combination of geological science, intuition, and business judgment.

Her confidence and business acumen challenged norms. She once said she believed “a woman’s judgement beats a man’s every time when applied to business,” though she also respected advice from experienced industry professionals when warranted.

More Than Oil - A Savvy Entrepreneur

Lulu’s drive didn’t stop at drilling. She diversified her ventures: she owned a motion-picture theater, ran the largest garage in her hometown of Nowata, and amassed real estate holdings that earned her the moniker “largest lady property owner” in the city.

Her success in oil and business positioned her as a prominent and influential figure — not just in energy, but in her community and beyond.

Why She Matters to PIOGA Members

Breaking barriers: Her story is a powerful early example of a woman owning and operating oil assets — a reminder of how pioneering independent spirit has always been part of our industry.

Entrepreneurship & diversification: Hefner’s success spanned multiple businesses, illustrating the importance of bold investment, diversification, and resilience.



Legacy of independence: As members of an organization built around the independent oil and gas producer model, her legacy resonates deeply — she operated on her own property, on her own terms, in a time when that was almost unheard of for women.

Final Thought

Lulu M. Hefner’s legacy isn’t just historical footnote — it’s a testament to what determination, courage, and conviction can accomplish. As PIOGA continues to champion independent producers across Pennsylvania, remembering trailblazers like Hefner reminds us where the spirit of independence began — and why it remains vital today. ■

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2026 Pennsylvania Legislative Session Schedule

As 2026 begins, PIOGA members should note the official session schedule for the Pennsylvania House of Representatives and Senate. Staying informed on legislative dates can help members track key hearings, bills, and budget developments throughout the year.

House of Representatives 2026 Session Dates

January: 6 (NV), 26, 27, 28
February: 2, 3, 4
March: 23, 24, 25
April: 13, 14, 15, 27, 28, 29
May: 4, 5, 6
June: 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 22–30
September: 28, 29, 30
October: 5, 6, 7, 19, 20, 21
November: 9, 10

Notes on the Schedule

February–March recess: The Legislature pauses to hear Governor Shapiro's proposed Fiscal Year 2026–2027 budget and hold related budget hearings.

May break: May 19, 2026, is the Primary Election. This year, all 203 House districts, 25 Senate districts, the Governor, and all 17 U.S. House seats will appear on the ballot.

End of session: The current two-year legislative session concludes on November 30, 2026, so no legislative dates are scheduled for December.

Senate 2026 Session Dates

January: 6, 26, 27, 28
February: 2, 3, 4
March: 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25
April: 20, 21, 22
May: 4, 5, 6
June: 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 22–26, 29, 30

Let's Work Together: Advocacy and Legal

Advocacy: Subparts OOOOb/OOOc – Call your Legislators! PIOGA continues to be on the front lines both in Pennsylvania and the nation in the fight to save the industry from the harsh and crippling mandates of Subparts OOOOb and OOOc. But we need members to help! Contacting your Pennsylvania state representatives and senators will help keep these issues at the forefront of the discussion in Harrisburg. Let them know how the new rules will impact your businesses directly.

Legal: Do you have ongoing litigation? PIOGA wants to know about it and maybe lend a hand! PIOGA is always willing to consider filing amicus curiae briefs or intervening in cases involving PIOGA members or those that impact energy, environmental, or regulatory issues. If you are now (or in the future) involved in any litigation, please contact General Counsel Todd Pappasergi (todd@pioga.org) to discuss options for PIOGA involvement and assistance.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS



Don't Forget to Renew Your PIOGA Membership for 2026!

For most PIOGA members, now is the time to renew your membership for the coming year. The 2026 dues renewal invoices will be sent via email beginning the week of December 15th and will be directed to the main contact of your company membership.

Your PIOGA membership has always been a great value, worth far more than the amount you pay in dues. For more than a century, PIOGA and our predecessor associations have prided ourselves on our role of bringing together a widely diverse range of companies, individuals and interests to collaborate for the benefit of the entire industry. As stated on our website's homepage, 'Working together, we help members accomplish that which they cannot achieve alone'. What you can be sure of is that PIOGA is working harder than ever to advocate for Pennsylvania's oil and gas industry. Understanding the interconnectedness of all

facets of the industry is crucial to the success of our industry. Coming together to work on today's challenges is imperative and effectively communicating to our stakeholders is paramount.

If you would like to know more about how we are working together on behalf of the entire Pennsylvania oil and gas industry, please take a few minutes to review our website. You'll find suggestions about how to increase the value of your membership, such as participating in PIOGA committees and taking advantage of member discounts.

Thank you in advance for continuing to be a PIOGA member in 2026 and beyond.

Questions about your membership?

Contact Debbie Oyler, Director of Member Services, at debbie@pioga.org or 724-933 7306 ext.22

PIOGA's Online Buyers' Guide

Someone from Strategic Value Media may be contacting you soon via email or phone!

PIOGA is pleased to partner again with Strategic Value Media—a leading nationwide provider of print and digital media solutions for national, state, and local trade and membership associations—to produce the **2026 edition of the PIOGA Buyers' Guide**, the premier resource of relevant products and services for oil and gas professionals.

We encourage PIOGA members to utilize the products and services of our member companies. The **2026 Buyers' Guide** features updated and expanded company and product listings, along with valuable industry information, making it easier than ever for members and other professionals to browse for goods and services.

"For the past 10 years, the PIOGA Buyers' Guide has become a go-to online resource—a "one-stop-shop" for our members looking for products and services needed in oil and gas operations," said Dan Weaver, PIOGA President and Executive Director. "Look for the PIOGA logo on the listings and support the products and services of our member companies. They support us, and we should support them!"

All PIOGA Allies & Provider members receive a complimentary basic listing in the guide with the PIOGA logo to highlight membership. Strategic Value Media can help you explore additional options to increase your visibility in the Guide.

We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to showcase your products and services in the **2026 Buyers' Guide**. The guide is accessible through the PIOGA website at www.pioga.org and will be updated soon with new advertisements and information.

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As always, PIOGA will continue to offer traditional event-by-event sponsorships as well.

The Partner levels and their associated benefits are outlined in the chart (left). If you have questions or are ready to reserve your spot for 2026, please contact Debbie Oyler at debbie@pioga.org or 724-933-7306 ext. 22.

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PIOGA's 2026 Membership Incentive Program

Purpose: The 2026 Membership Incentive Program is designed to actively promote growth within the PIOGA community and encourage meaningful participation among our members. This program rewards members who consistently contribute to the organization's mission, whether by engaging in events, referring new members, or supporting initiatives that strengthen our industry network.

By participating, members not only help expand and energize PIOGA but also have the opportunity to be recognized and rewarded for their efforts.

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We are grateful for the dedication and innovation of all our 2025 advertisers. Your support ensures that PIOGA can continue serving our members and promoting excellence in the energy community.

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Warm Holiday Wishes from the PIOGA Staff

As we wrap up another productive year, the PIOGA team extends our warmest wishes to all our members for a joyful holiday season and a bright, successful New Year. Thank you for your continued support and dedication to Pennsylvania's oil and gas community — we're grateful for each of you.

Please note that the PIOGA office will be closed **December 24, 25, and 26**, as well as **December 31, January 1, and January 2** so our staff can enjoy time with family and friends.

Wishing you peace, happiness, and a wonderful start to 2026!

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Sources

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 Gas futures: quotes.ino.com/exchanges/?r=NYMEX_NG
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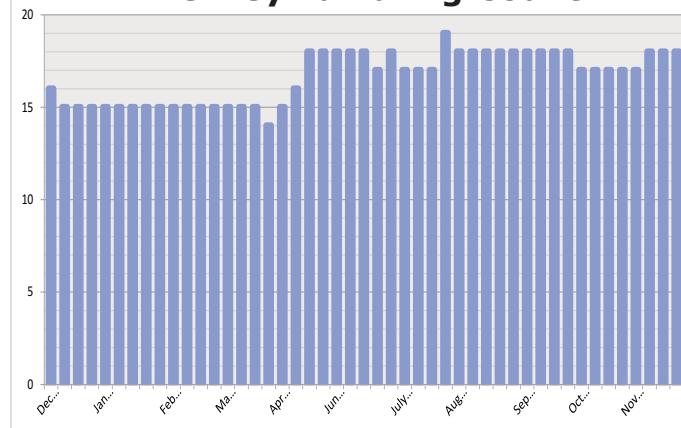


Natural Gas Futures Closing Prices

January 2026	\$4.574
February	\$4.214
March	\$3.685
April	\$3.617
May	\$3.649
June	\$3.810
July	\$3.998
August	\$4.048
September	\$4.012
October	\$4.058

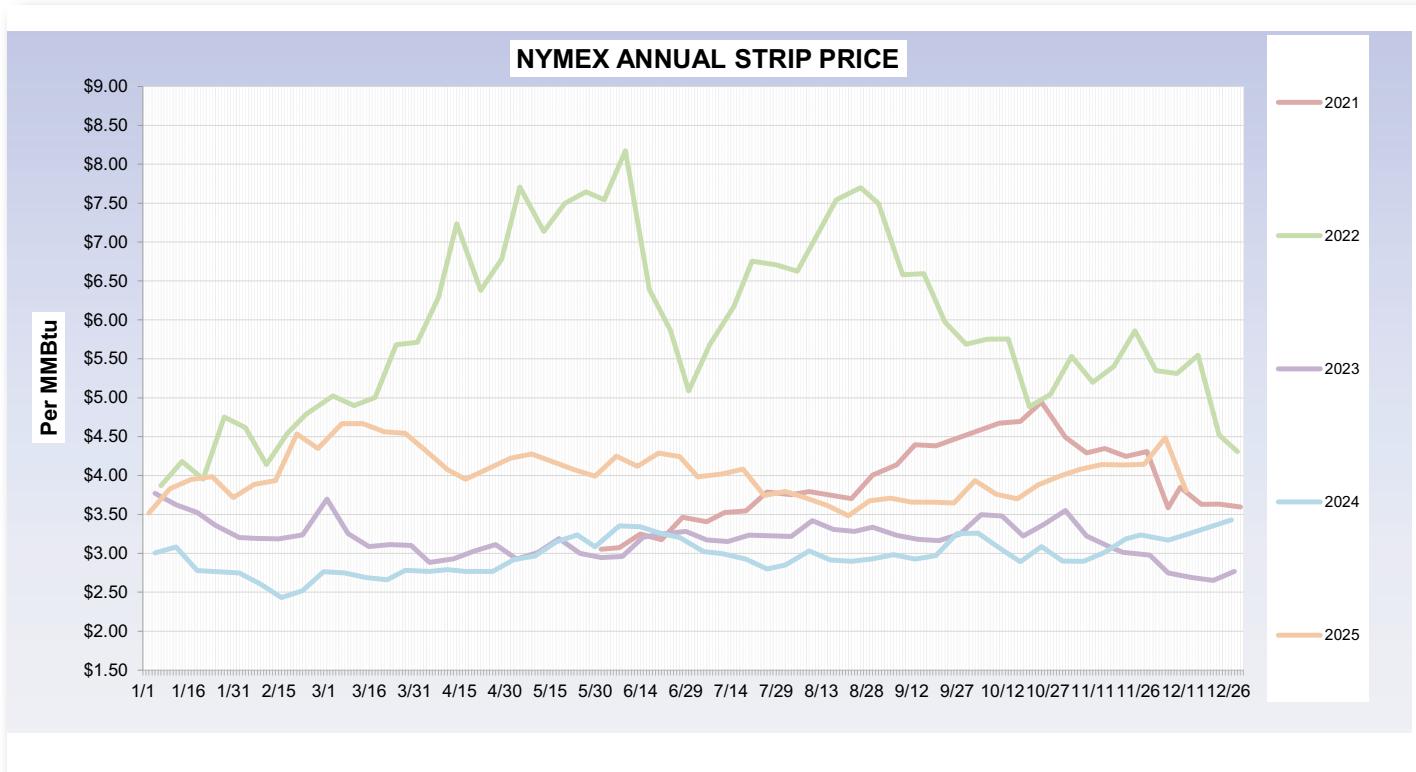
Prices as of Dec. 10, 2025

Pennsylvania Rig Count



Basis Futures Values





Spud Report: November



The data shown below comes from the Department of Environmental Protection. A variety of interactive reports are available by going to the Office of Oil and Gas Management page at www.dep.pa.gov and choosing Report from the menu. The table is sorted by operator and lists the total wells reported as drilled last month. Spud is the date drilling began at a well site. The API number is the drilling permit number issued to the well operator. An asterisk (*) after Operator indicates a conventional well.

Operator	Wells	Date	API#	County	Municipality	Operator	Wells	Date	API#	County	Municipality
John D Branch *	2	11/10/25	123-49120	Warren	Warren City	Pennhills Resources	2	11/3/25	083-57888	McKean	Wetmore Twp
		11/19/25	123-49119	Warren	Warren City			11/7/25	083-57889	McKean	Wetmore Twp
EQT ARO	3	11/3/25	081-22067	Lycoming	McNett Twp	Rice Drilling	7	11/10/25	059-28501	Greene	Wayne Twp
		11/4/25	081-22078	Lycoming	McNett Twp			11/10/25	059-28502	Greene	Wayne Twp
		11/4/25	081-22068	Lycoming	McNett Twp			11/10/25	059-28503	Greene	Wayne Twp
Exco Resources	2	11/6/25	113-20497	Sullivan	Shrewsbury			11/10/25	059-28498	Greene	Wayne Twp
		11/6/25	113-20499	Sullivan	Shrewsbury			11/10/25	059-28499	Greene	Wayne Twp
Expand Oper	8	11/12/25	015-23999	Bradford	Albany Twp			11/10/25	059-28500	Greene	Wayne Twp
		11/12/25	015-24000	Bradford	Albany Twp			11/10/25	059-28164	Greene	Wayne Twp
		11/11/25	015-23991	Bradford	Wilmot Twp	Seneca Resources	11/12/25	117-22312	Tioga	Middlebury	
		11/11/25	015-23988	Bradford	Wilmot Twp	Wilmoth Interests*	11/24/25	123-49176	Warren	Mead Twp	
		11/11/25	015-23989	Bradford	Wilmot Twp						
		11/11/25	015-23990	Bradford	Wilmot Twp						
		11/11/25	015-23992	Bradford	Wilmot Twp						
		11/11/25	015-23993	Bradford	Wilmot Twp						
Gas & Oil Mgmt *		11/18/25	123-49087	Warren	Pleasant Twp	Total Wells	33	80	58	59	
JKLM Energy LLC	6	11/15/25	117-22310	Tioga	Tioga Twp	Unconventional Gas	27	63	40	43	
		11/15/25	117-22311	Tioga	Tioga Twp	Conventional Gas	0	0	0	0	
		11/15/25	117-22307	Tioga	Tioga Twp	Oil	4	12	15	12	
		11/15/25	117-22308	Tioga	Tioga Twp	Combination Oil/Gas	2	5	3	4	
		11/15/25	117-22309	Tioga	Tioga Twp						
		11/15/25	117-22306	Tioga	Tioga Twp						

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PIOGATech - Air Quality

December 17th

PIOGA - Holiday Jingle Ball

December 17th

PIOGA - Spring Meeting

April 8-9th

Other events

GO-WV Winter Meeting

January 21-22

(<https://pioga.org/event/go-wv-winter-meeting/>)

NAPE Expo

February 18-20

(<https://pioga.org/event/nape-expo/>)

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