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- 2026 PIOGA Spring Meeting
- PIOGA Upcoming Events
- Industry News & Updates
- and much more!

The Power Beneath Your Feet PIOGA's 2026 Spring Meeting

The Pennsylvania Independent Oil & Gas Association (PIOGA) Spring Meeting once again brought together industry professionals from across the Commonwealth for a productive and engaging event. With a strong turnout and a full day of programming, attendees gained valuable insights while connecting with peers across the oil and gas sector.

Key Sessions and Insights - The day began with opening remarks from PIOGA Chairman Mike Hillebrand of Huntley & Huntley, setting the stage for a series of informative sessions.

Paul Leanza of IGS Energy Producer Services opened with an Energy Market & Natural Gas Update, followed by Keith Coyle of the U.S. Department of Transportation, who discussed oil and gas transportation issues at the federal level.

After a networking break, Seth Pelepko of the Pennsylvania DEP provided important OOGM updates, keeping attendees informed on regulatory developments.

A highlight of the morning was the Insurance Liability Panel, featuring industry experts and moderated by Ben Wallace of Penneco Oil Company, who addressed risk management and insurance challenges facing operators.

Midday and Afternoon Highlights - The luncheon included remarks from sponsor Ben Carranza of Kinder Morgan and a keynote address by Gabriella Hoffman of the IWF Center for Energy Conservation, who spoke on key energy policy issues.

PIOGA President Dan Weaver then shared association updates, followed by a legal and regulatory session presented by Todd Pappasergi.

In the afternoon, Gordon Tomb of the CO2 Coalition presented on CO2 and CH4 in industry, and Pennsylvania State Treasurer Stacy Garrity offered closing insights on the state's energy and economic future.

Networking and Industry Engagement - Throughout the day, attendees connected during breaks and in the exhibitor area, which showcased industry services, technologies, and innovations. These interactions reinforced the importance of collaboration across Pennsylvania's energy sector.

Looking Ahead - The Spring Meeting highlighted the strength and resilience of the industry, and PIOGA thanks all attendees, speakers, sponsors, and exhibitors for their contributions.

PIOGA looks forward to continuing this momentum at future events—be sure to check out the online photo gallery on the PIOGA website for highlights from this year's meeting.

See pages 3-5 for
more from the
2026 Spring
Meeting!





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PIOGA Member Spotlight Long Ridge Energy & Power

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Len Paugh brings more than 35 years of oil and gas experience to his role at Long Ridge Energy & Power. Prior to his involvement with Long Ridge, Len was a founding member and Chief Operating Officer for Mountaineer Keystone and MK Midstream. Prior to MK, Len was the Operations Manager for PA and WV for Range Resources. While at Range, Len led the team developing the discovery wells in the Marcellus Shale. While at Range, Len's responsibilities included the day-to-day operations of drilling 250+ wells per year, operating 5,000 wells, 2,500 miles of pipeline, 30 compressor stations and a staff of over 150 people.

Len also serves on the PIOGA Board of Directors, where he contributes his insight and leadership to support the association's mission of advocating for Pennsylvania's energy community and fostering collaboration across the industry.

PIOGA is proud to spotlight Long Ridge Energy & Power and thanks Len Paugh for his ongoing commitment to advancing energy infrastructure and supporting Pennsylvania's role in the broader energy landscape.

PIOGA 2026 Spring Meeting Sponsors and Exhibitors



Thank You to Our Sponsors

PIOGA's Spring Meeting — *"The Power Beneath Your Feet"* — was a tremendous success! The event brought together industry professionals for two days of meaningful conversations, networking, and insights into the future of the oil and gas industry.

A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Sponsors: PIOGA extends its deepest gratitude to the sponsors whose generous support made this year's Spring Meeting possible. We are incredibly appreciative of your investment in PIOGA and our mission.

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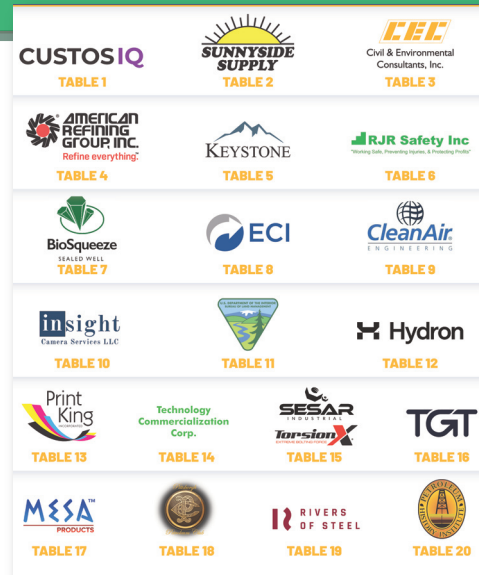
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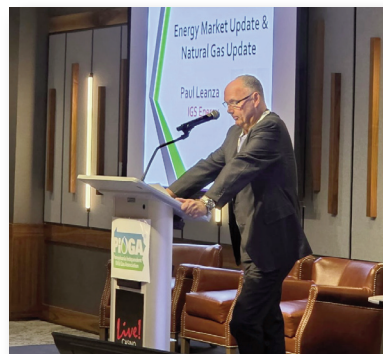
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What's Happening Next at PIOGA!

As we move further into the year, PIOGA continues to offer a dynamic lineup of events designed to bring together Pennsylvania's oil and gas community. From networking opportunities to educational sessions and member traditions, our upcoming calendar is full of chances to connect, learn, and engage with peers across the industry.

Take a look at what's coming up next — and be sure to mark your calendars!

Cinco de Mayo Clay Shoot

May 5th

Join us for one of our most anticipated annual outings! The Cinco de Mayo Clay Shoot offers a great opportunity to enjoy the outdoors, build relationships, and spend time with fellow industry professionals in a relaxed and fun environment.

STEPS – PIOGA Safety Meeting

May 14th

Safety remains a top priority in our industry. The STEPS Safety Meeting brings together experts and stakeholders to share best practices, regulatory updates, and practical insights to help ensure safe and responsible operations across the region.

PIOGA's Fore the Love of Golf

September 10th

Our annual golf outing is back this fall! This event is a favorite among members, offering a great day on the course while supporting PIOGA initiatives and strengthening professional connections in a relaxed setting.

PIOGA's Annual Membership Meeting

October 15th

Join us for one of PIOGA's signature events of the year. The Annual Membership Meeting provides important updates, industry insights, and opportunities to connect with leadership and fellow members from across Pennsylvania.

PIOGA's Jingle Ball

December 10th

Close out the year with PIOGA's festive Jingle Ball! This end-of-year celebration brings members together for an evening of networking, appreciation, and holiday cheer.

Stay Connected

PIOGA events are a cornerstone of our organization, helping to foster collaboration, share knowledge, and strengthen our industry community. We encourage you to stay involved and take advantage of these opportunities throughout the year.

For the most up-to-date information and registration details, visit the PIOGA events calendar.

(Check out photos from the past PIOGA events below and on page 7)





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If you are interested or would like to learn more, please contact **Deana McMahan** at deana@pioga.org.

What's on Your Mind? From the PIOGA Tax Committee

The PIOGA Tax Committee is dedicated to keeping our members informed about federal, state, and local tax developments affecting the Pennsylvania oil and gas industry. We organize the annual Tax Update Seminar and provide guidance on emerging issues—but we want to make sure we're addressing the topics that matter most to you.

Co-Chairs, Jeremy Matelan (CPA - Schneider Downs) and Don Nestor (CPA), are seeking input from members on what you'd like the committee to cover.

What tax topics are you most interested in?

What would make committee events and communications more engaging and valuable?

How can the committee better serve you and your business?

Send your suggestions, questions, or ideas to Jeremy (jmatelan@schneiderdowns.com) or Don (donnaestor67@gmail.com), and help the Tax Committee tailor its work to your needs.

Your input ensures that our updates, seminars, and discussions remain relevant, practical, and informative.

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Historical Figure in Oil & Gas

A Pennsylvania Pioneer: James M. Guffey and the Spindletop Breakthrough

James M. Guffey stands among the notable early figures whose work helped shape the American oil industry at a pivotal time in its development. Born in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, Guffey rose from regional beginnings to become a significant oilman whose ventures spanned both Pennsylvania and Texas, leaving a lasting mark on the evolution of the industry.

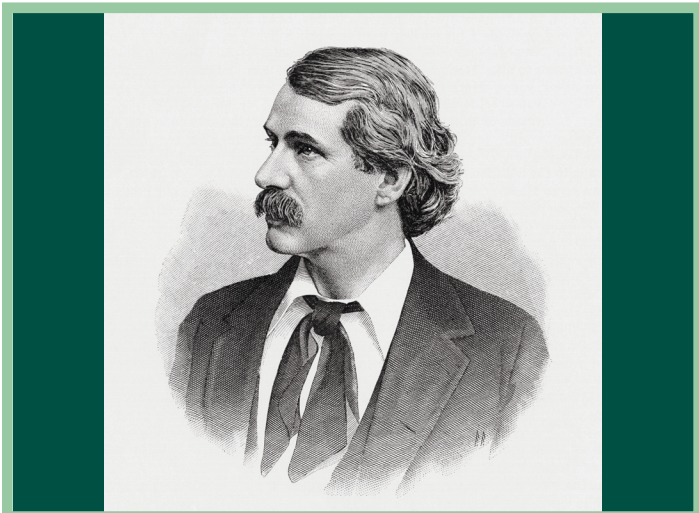
Early Roots in Pennsylvania Oil

Guffey's career began during the formative years of the oil industry in southwestern Pennsylvania, an area widely recognized as the birthplace of commercial oil production in the United States. He was actively involved in oil operations that contributed to the expansion of drilling and production in the region. His early experience in Pennsylvania not only established his reputation but also positioned him to pursue larger ventures as the industry grew.

Expansion to Texas and Spindletop

One of Guffey's most notable contributions came with his involvement in the legendary Spindletop discovery in Beaumont, Texas, in 1901. This event is widely regarded as a turning point in the oil industry, marking the beginning of the modern petroleum era in the United States.

Guffey played a key financial and organizational role in drilling operations at Spindletop. The success of the Lucas Gusher at Spindletop produced an unprecedented surge of oil, transforming the region and attracting major investment and development. Guffey's participation demonstrated his ability to recognize opportunity beyond Pennsylvania and engage in large-scale ventures that reshaped the industry.



Path Toward Gulf Oil

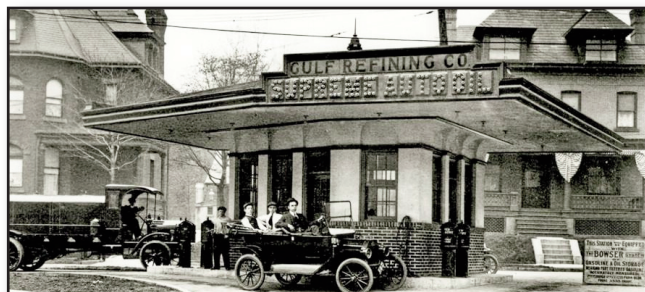
The wealth and resources generated through Guffey's oil ventures helped lay the groundwork for future industry consolidation and growth. His business activities and capital contributions were instrumental in the early development of what would eventually become Gulf Oil, one of the major integrated oil companies of the 20th century.

While Gulf Oil evolved through a combination of partnerships and corporate developments over time, Guffey's role as an early investor and operator was an important part of its foundation and expansion.

Legacy in the Oil Industry

James M. Guffey's career reflects the entrepreneurial spirit of the early oil industry—one defined by risk-taking, rapid expansion, and the ability to adapt to emerging opportunities. From his roots in Pennsylvania's oil fields to his involvement in one of the most famous oil discoveries in history, Guffey helped bridge regional production with national-scale industry growth.

His contributions to both southwestern Pennsylvania oil development and the Spindletop boom underscore his importance as a historical figure whose work influenced the trajectory of American petroleum production and the rise of major oil enterprises. ■



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Pennsylvania Pipeline Expansion Moves Forward (NESE Project Approved)

Source: <https://nypost.com/2026/04/13/us-news/trump-admin-to-break-ground-on-nyc-gas-pipeline-that-riled-green-activists/>

Summary: The Trump administration has approved and begun advancing construction on the long-delayed Northeast Supply Enhancement (NESE) pipeline, which will transport natural gas from Pennsylvania through New Jersey to New York City. The project is designed to improve regional energy reliability and deliver natural gas to more than 2 million homes while easing supply constraints in the Northeast.

Federal officials say the project will strengthen grid reliability during peak demand and extreme weather while generating billions in economic impact and consumer savings over time. Supporters argue it is a major step toward improving infrastructure to match rising energy demand, while opponents continue to raise environmental concerns.

U.S. Natural Gas Market Faces Supply Tightening from Shale Basin Constraints

Source: <https://www.reuters.com/business/energy/us-natural-gas-supply-outlook-hinges-three-key-shale-basins-2026-04-01/>

Summary: A recent Reuters analysis warns that U.S. natural gas supply is increasingly dependent on just three major shale basins: the Marcellus (including Pennsylvania), Haynesville, and the Permian. These basins now account for roughly three-quarters of U.S. shale gas production.

While output remains strong, growth is slowing, and infrastructure constraints—especially in pipeline takeaway capacity—are becoming a limiting factor. The Marcellus remains one of the lowest-cost and most productive basins, but producers face challenges in getting gas to market. Analysts caution that this concentration of supply could lead to increased price volatility and tighter markets in the coming years.

Pennsylvania Natural Gas Production Continues Strong Growth

Source: <https://naturalgasintel.com/news/pennsylvania-natural-gas-production-grows-at-strongest-rate-in-years/>

Summary: Pennsylvania natural gas production posted its strongest growth in years, increasing more than 5% in 2025, according to recent industry data. The report also highlights increased drilling activity and a significant

rebound in new well development across the state, particularly in key Appalachian counties.

The growth reflects continued investment in the Marcellus Shale and sustained demand for U.S. natural gas both domestically and in global LNG markets. Industry analysts note that Pennsylvania remains a critical driver of U.S. energy supply, though infrastructure and permitting challenges continue to affect development timelines.

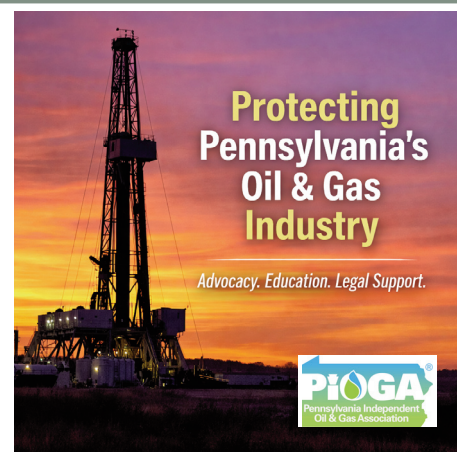
Pennsylvania Natural Gas Industry Faces Growing Focus on Methane Regulation

Source: <https://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2026/04/environmental-defense-fund-epa-moves-to.html>

Summary: Federal regulators recently finalized changes to methane emissions rules affecting the oil and gas industry, signaling a shift in how natural gas operations—including those in Pennsylvania’s Marcellus Shale—will be regulated moving forward. The EPA stated that the updated rule is intended to reduce compliance costs and “streamline” requirements for producers while maintaining environmental oversight.

In Pennsylvania, the announcement has drawn attention from both industry and environmental stakeholders, as the Commonwealth continues to play a central role in U.S. natural gas production. Industry groups argue that regulatory adjustments may improve operational flexibility and reduce costs, while others emphasize the importance of maintaining methane control standards given Pennsylvania’s large production footprint.

The discussion underscores the ongoing balance between energy development, regulatory policy, and environmental performance in one of the nation’s most important natural gas producing regions. ■



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Advocacy & Legal Support - PIOGA continues to fight

the burdensome EPA Subparts 0000b and 0000c regulations and encourages members to contact their state representatives and senators to explain the impact on their operations and communities.

The association also provides legal advocacy, including amicus curiae briefs or intervention in cases affecting energy, environmental, or regulatory issues. Members involved in—or anticipating—litigation should contact General Counsel Todd Pappasergi at todd@pioga.org to discuss potential PIOGA support.

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Oil & Gas Dashboard

Penn Grade Crude Oil Prices



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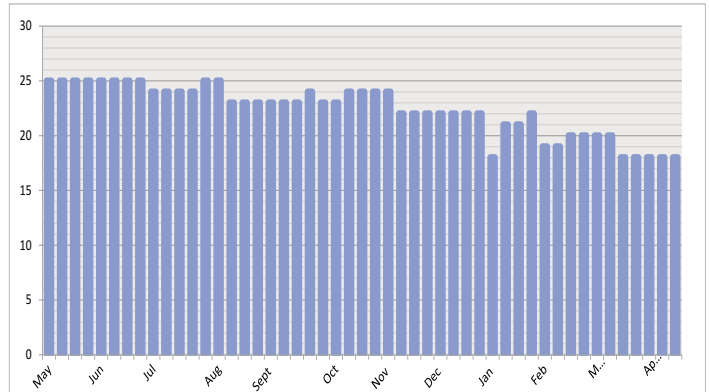
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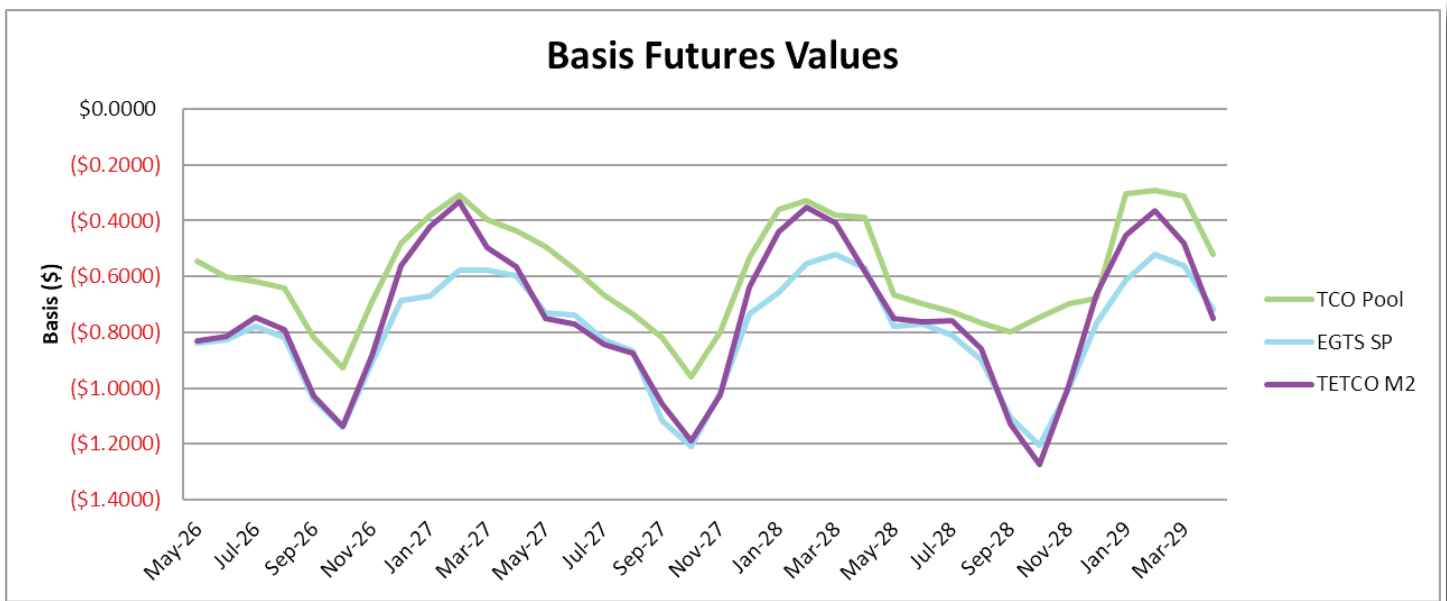
May 2026	\$2.627
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July	\$3.099
August	\$3.175
September	\$3.155
October	\$3.222
November	\$3.488
December	\$4.230
January 2027	\$4.706
February	\$4.184

Prices as of April 14, 2026

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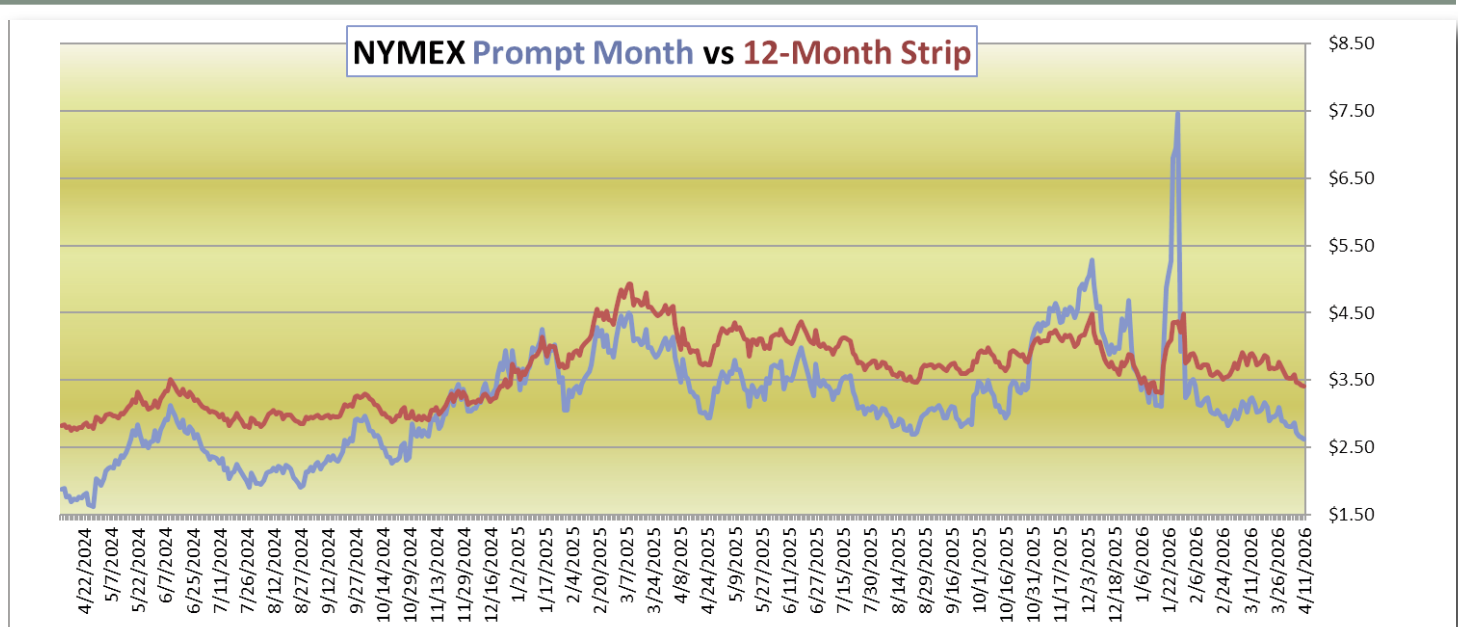
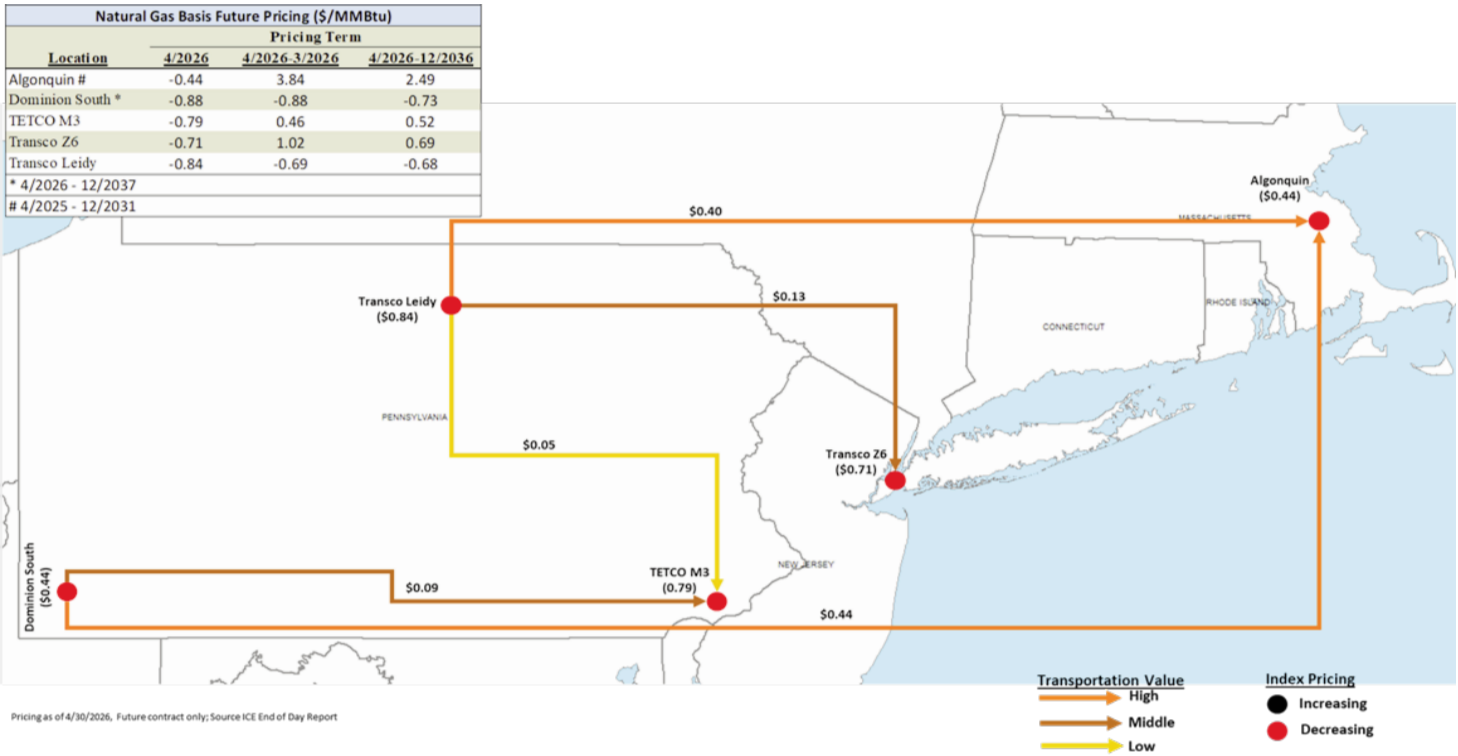
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By March 30, 2026, regional natural gas basis spreads reflected a market sharply divided between a localized supply glut in West Texas and stabilizing seasonal demand in the Northeast. While the Henry Hub prompt-month benchmark settled at \$3.095/MMBtu at expiration, regional prices varied wildly based on takeaway capacity and shifting spring weather patterns. In the Permian Basin, the Waha Hub experienced severe distress, with basis spreads plunging to approximately -\$5.25/MMBtu for April contracts. Cash prices in the region even dipped as low as -\$8.00/MMBtu during intraday trading, driven by record production levels averaging 110 Bcf/d across the Lower 48 and persistent pipeline bottlenecks. Significant relief for these negative prices is not expected until the Blackcomb pipeline enters service, which is currently slated for late 2026.

In the Northeast, markets like the Algonquin Citygate and Transco Zone 6 saw a brief late-month rebound, with prices rising over 50 cents to settle around \$2.515/MMBtu. This uptick was largely attributed to a temporary cold snap that spiked heating demand just before the official start of the spring shoulder season. Despite this daily gain, the broader Northeast basis remained relatively weak, averaging nearly 85 cents below the national benchmark. This trend was mirrored in Appalachia at the Texas Eastern M-2 hub, where prices remained depressed near \$2.100/MMBtu. Ongoing maintenance on major infrastructure, such as Texas Eastern Transmission's Line 73, continued to restrict northward flows, keeping upstream Appalachian prices under pressure while providing some support to downstream consumers.



Spud Report: March



The data show 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. ** after Operator indicates Storage Well

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		3/17/26	115-23204	Susquehanna	Great Bend			3/10/26	015-24021	Bradford	Troy Twp	
		3/18/26	063-37573	Indiana	Young Twp			3/10/26	015-24023	Bradford	Troy Twp	
		3/9/26	019-23025	Butler	Forward			3/10/26	015-24022	Bradford	Troy Twp	
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	Pennenergy Res	12	3/9/26	019-23024	Butler	Forward	Russ Holden Well*		3/4/26	123-49220	Warren	Sheffield
		3/9/26	019-23023	Butler	Forward							

	March	Feb	Jan	Dec
Total Wells	39	36	39	48
Unconventional Gas	36	33	32	42
Conventional Gas	0	0	0	0
Oil	3	2	4	4
Combination Oil/Gas	0	0	1	2
Coalbed Methane	0	0	2	0
Storage Well	0	1	0	0

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PIOGA 2026 Events

PIOGA - Cinco de Mayo Clay Shoot
May 5th

PIOGA - Fore the Love of Golf Outing
September 10th

PIOGA - Annual Membership Meeting
October 15th

Other events

NISTM - 28th Annual International Aboveground Storage Tank Conference

April 28-30

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STEPS 2nd Qtr Meeting

May 14th

(<https://pioga.org/event/steps-pioga-safety-meeting/>)

Methane Mitigation Technology & Innovation World Summit

June 2-4

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June 8-10

(<https://pioga.org/event/ldc-gas-forum-northeast/>)

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June 17-18

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