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## PIOGA Participates in Oil & Gas Day at the Capitol

PIOGA joined industry partners, legislators, and energy advocates in Harrisburg for Oil & Gas Day at the Capitol, an annual event highlighting the importance of

Pennsylvania's oil and natural gas industry and its contributions to the Commonwealth's economy and energy future.

Representing PIOGA was President & Executive Director Dan Weaver, who met with lawmakers and industry stakeholders to discuss the vital role domestic energy production plays in providing reliable, affordable energy while supporting thousands of family-sustaining jobs across Pennsylvania.

Throughout the day, participants had the opportunity to engage with legislators on key issues affecting the industry, emphasizing the need for policies that encourage responsible energy development, strengthen the state's economy, and ensure Pennsylvania remains a leader in energy production.

PIOGA appreciates everyone who helped make this year's event a success and thanks the legislators, industry partners, and attendees who took the time to participate in these important conversations about the future of Pennsylvania energy.



## PIOGA Represents Pennsylvania at IPAA's 97th Annual Meeting

The Independent Petroleum Association of America (IPAA) 97th Annual Meeting took place June 17–18 in Colorado Springs, Colorado, bringing together independent oil and natural gas leaders from across the country to discuss the future of American energy.



Representing PIOGA were Daniel Weaver, President & Executive Director, and Todd Pappasergi, General Counsel & Vice President of Government Affairs, who joined discussions on public policy, workforce development, regulatory challenges, market opportunities, and other key issues affecting the oil and natural gas industry. Participating in these conversations helps ensure Pennsylvania's industry has a strong voice as national priorities and policies continue to evolve.

The meeting also marked a proud moment for Pennsylvania as PIOGA Chairman Michael Hillebrand, who currently serves as Chairman of IPAA, delivered the opening remarks to kick off the conference. Mike's leadership at both the state and national levels reflects the important role Pennsylvania continues to play in the nation's energy industry.

PIOGA congratulates Mike on his continued leadership and was honored to be part of another successful IPAA Annual Meeting. We appreciate the opportunity to represent our members, strengthen relationships with industry partners across the country, and help advance America's independent oil and natural gas industry.





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## July in Pennsylvania Energy History

### Pennsylvania's Pipeline Legacy

During the late 1800s, Pennsylvania became home to some of the nation's earliest crude oil pipeline systems. As production expanded across the Oil Region, pipelines gradually replaced horse-drawn wagons and rail transport, making it possible to move crude oil more efficiently and safely to refineries and markets. These early innovations helped shape the modern pipeline infrastructure that continues to support America's energy industry today.

## July Energy Trivia

### What Pennsylvania Innovation Revolutionized Oil Transportation?

One of the petroleum industry's greatest advancements was the development of crude oil pipelines in Pennsylvania during the 1860s and 1870s. Before pipelines, producers relied on teams of horses hauling barrels over muddy roads or expensive rail transportation. Early pipelines dramatically reduced transportation costs, increased reliability, and helped fuel the rapid growth of the U.S. petroleum industry.

**Did You Know?** Many of the concepts pioneered by Pennsylvania's early pipeline builders—including pumping stations, gathering systems, and long-distance transportation—remain fundamental components of today's oil and natural gas infrastructure, more than 150 years later.



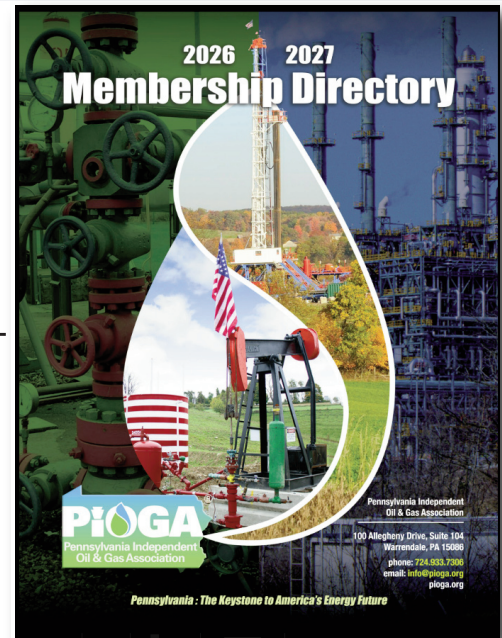
## 2026-2027 Membership Directory

### 2026–2027 PIOGA Membership Directory Coming Soon

The updated 2026–2027 PIOGA Membership Directory will be arriving later this summer! Each member company will receive one complimentary directory mailed to the company's primary contact. Additional company locations on file will also receive a directory.

The directory remains one of PIOGA's most valuable member resources, providing up-to-date contact information for member companies, products and services, and industry connections throughout Pennsylvania.

*Need additional copies?* Extra directories will be available for purchase. More information on ordering and mailing dates will be shared soon.



## SAVE THE DATE

### Save the Date: Fore the Love of Golf

Mark your calendars! PIOGA's annual Fore the Love of Golf outing returns on Thursday, September 10, at Lake Arthur Golf Club.

Join fellow PIOGA members and industry partners for a day of golf, networking, and camaraderie at one of western Pennsylvania's premier courses. Whether you're looking to connect with colleagues, strengthen business relationships, or simply enjoy a great day on the links, this is an event you won't want to miss.

Additional information, including registration details, sponsorship opportunities, and mailing dates, will be announced soon. We look forward to seeing you on the course this September!



## Legislative & Regulatory Updates

### DEP Continues Review on Oil & Gas Rulemaking Petitions

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) recently updated the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) on several pending oil and natural gas rulemaking petitions that remain under review. The proposals address a number of issues important to the industry, including unconventional well setbacks, shale well financial assurance, on-site processing of oil and gas fluids, well plugging procedures, and allowing operators to maintain Preparedness, Prevention and Contingency (PPC) plans electronically.

According to DEP, several petitions remain under technical and legal review, while others are undergoing additional evaluation before recommendations are presented to the EQB. Although no formal regulatory changes have been proposed at this time, the updates provide insight into the Department's current regulatory priorities and the issues that could shape future rulemaking. PIOGA will continue monitoring these developments and actively participating in the regulatory process on behalf of its members. ■

### House Passes License to Drill Act

The U.S. House of Representatives recently passed the License to Drill Act (H.R. 7831), legislation designed to improve the efficiency of the federal permitting process for oil and natural gas development on public lands. The bill would extend the Bureau of Land Management's authority to collect permit processing fees through 2037, ensuring continued funding for the Permit Processing Improvement Fund (PPIF)—an industry-funded program that supports permitting activities, environmental reviews, rights-of-way, and other approvals related to energy development.

The Independent Petroleum Association of America (IPAA) praised House passage of the legislation, noting that the PPIF has long enjoyed bipartisan support because it allows industry to fund the permitting process while providing federal agencies with the resources needed to review applications more efficiently. Supporters say reauthorizing the program will help reduce permitting delays, improve regulatory certainty, and support responsible domestic energy production. The bill now moves to the U.S. Senate for consideration. ■

## IPAA News: IPAA and DEPA Consolidate

### IPAA and DEPA Consolidate Under Unified IPAA Brand, Creating a Stronger Voice for America's Independent Oil and Natural Gas Producers

The Independent Petroleum Association of America (IPAA) and the Domestic Energy Producers Alliance (DEPA) announced that their memberships have voted to consolidate under the IPAA brand, effective July 1, uniting two influential organizations into one stronger, national voice for America's independent oil and natural gas producers.

For nearly a century, IPAA has served as the leading trade association for independent producers, while DEPA has grown into a highly effective advocacy organization under the leadership of Harold Hamm. Together, the unified organization will expand its reach and strengthen its ability to advocate for the men and women who represent the backbone of the American energy industry.

America's independent producers have played a central role in transforming the United States into the world's leading energy producer.

By combining IPAA's longstanding industry leadership in Washington with DEPA's nationwide grassroots network, the unified organization will strengthen its ability to advance policies that support domestic energy production, bolster national security, defend access to capital, and ensure the United States continues to lead the world in energy abundance. ■



## Permitting Reform Update

Federal permitting reform continues to be one of the most closely watched energy policy issues in Washington, with Congress actively considering several proposals aimed at modernizing the project approval process.

Pennsylvania Senator Dave McCormick recently introduced the Unlock American Energy and Jobs Act, which would establish more predictable timelines for federal agency decisions, streamline National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) reviews, reform portions of the Clean Water Act Section 401 certification process, and reduce duplicative reviews that often delay energy infrastructure projects.

McCormick's proposal is one of several permitting reform measures currently under discussion. While the various bills differ in approach, most share common objectives, including improving coordination among federal agencies, providing greater regulatory certainty, and accelerating the review process for critical infrastructure.

Permitting reform continues to receive bipartisan attention as lawmakers work to address growing electricity demand, strengthen grid reliability, and encourage investment in domestic energy infrastructure. Discussions remain ongoing, and while no single proposal has emerged as the consensus path forward, permitting reform is expected to remain a priority throughout the remainder of the congressional session.

PIOGA will continue monitoring legislative developments and advocating for reforms that provide a more efficient, predictable permitting process while supporting responsible energy development.

**Additional information is available at [mccormick.senate.gov](https://mccormick.senate.gov), [congress.gov](https://congress.gov), [c2es.org](https://c2es.org), and [nam.org](https://nam.org).**



## Conventional Industry Event

PIOGA representatives recently attended a conventional oil and natural gas industry event featuring Republican gubernatorial candidate Treasurer Stacy Garrity and Lieutenant Governor candidate Jason Richey. The event provided an opportunity for industry leaders and stakeholders to hear directly from the candidates on issues affecting Pennsylvania's energy sector, economic development, and the future of the Commonwealth's conventional oil and natural gas industry.

PIOGA appreciates the opportunity to engage with elected officials and candidates to ensure the voice of Pennsylvania's independent oil and natural gas producers continues to be part of important policy discussions.



*PIOGA representatives joined Republican gubernatorial candidate Treasurer Stacy Garrity and Lieutenant Governor candidate Jason Richey during a recent conventional oil and natural gas industry event.*



# Methane Legislative and Regulatory Update

## Hurry Up & Wait

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### Methane Legislation

Earlier this year, the ***Protect Domestic Oil and Gas Small Business Act of 2026*** was introduced in both chambers of Congress. Representative August Pfluger (R-TX) introduced ***H.R. 8990*** in the U.S. House, while Senator Cynthia Lummis (R-WY) introduced the companion bill, ***S. 4619***, in the U.S. Senate.

The legislation would exempt marginal wells from current and future federal methane emissions regulations, commonly referred to as Subpart OOOOb/c. Consistent with the current federal tax code, a marginal well is defined as an oil or natural gas well that produces 15 barrels of oil per day or less per well, or 90,000 cubic feet of natural gas per day or less per well.

Current House co-sponsors include Representatives Jodey Arrington (TX), Randy Weber (TX), Bob Latta (OH), Jake Ellzey (TX), Craig Goldman (TX), Julie Fedorchak (ND), Troy Balderson (OH), Roger Williams (TX), Gabe Evans (CO), Tracey Mann (KS), and Ron Estes (KS). Senate co-sponsors include Senators John Barrasso (WY), Kevin Cramer (ND), Steve Daines (MT), Jerry Moran (KS), Pete Ricketts (NE), and Mike Lee (UT).

Representative Pfluger serves on both the House Energy and Commerce Committee and its Environment Subcommittee, where the legislation has been referred for future hearings and markup.

The Independent Petroleum Association of America (IPAA), the National Stripper Well Association, and the Texas Alliance of Energy Producers are supporting both bills while working with other organizations to secure additional co-sponsors. Legislative efforts are currently focused on obtaining committee hearings, advancing the bills through markup, and identifying an appropriate legislative vehicle to move the language forward.

More broadly, industry groups continue educating members of Congress on the importance of marginal wells to America's energy security and economy. The goal is to position the legislation for inclusion in future "must-pass" legislation. With the 2026 midterm elections approaching, supporters believe there is added urgency to advance the legislation while Republicans maintain control of both chambers of Congress.

### Subpart OOOOb/c Reconsideration ("Recon 2.0")

According to the latest information from EPA's Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (OAQPS), a broader reconsideration of the Subpart OOOOb/c methane rule—beyond the limited "Recon 1.0" rulemaking addressing net heating values and deadline extensions—has been forwarded to EPA's Office of Air and Radiation (OAR) for review before being submitted to the Office of Management and Budget.

As of late June, OAQPS was still making revisions related to associated gas. EPA had been targeting the release of a proposed rule, or at least a pre-publication version, by the end of July.

The Unified Agenda released on July 3, 2026, lists the anticipated final rule for July 2027.

On July 7, 2026, OAR Assistant Administrator Aaron Szabo announced his intention to leave the agency by the end of July. No successor has been announced. While the leadership transition could delay the proposal until the fall, it is not currently expected to postpone final action beyond the projected July 2027 timeframe.

PIOGA, through its membership in IPAA and the Producers Associations, will continue monitoring legislative and regulatory developments and participate, as appropriate, in developing comments on the proposed rule and supporting ongoing legislative efforts. ■



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## IRS Announces 2026 Marginal Well Production Credit for Qualifying Natural Gas Production

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has announced the **2026 Marginal Well Production Credit (MWC)** for qualifying natural gas production under **Internal Revenue Code Section 45I**.

According to **IRS Notice 2026-42**, issued on July 13, 2026, the credit for qualifying natural gas production from marginal wells during calendar year 2026 is **\$0.81 per thousand cubic feet (MCF) for the first 18 MCF of average daily production from each qualifying well**.

The Marginal Well Production Credit is intended to provide tax relief for operators of qualifying low-producing wells and is calculated annually based on the provisions outlined in Section 45I of the Internal Revenue Code.

PIOGA and its Taxation Committee remain committed to keeping members informed about tax developments and regulatory changes that affect Pennsylvania's independent oil and natural gas industry. A more detailed explanation of the 2026 Marginal Well Production Credit, including eligibility requirements and how the credit is calculated, will be published in an upcoming edition of The PIOGA Press.

Members with questions regarding the credit are encouraged to contact Tax Committee member Don Nestor, CPA, at 304-439-0568 or [donnestor67@gmail.com](mailto:donnestor67@gmail.com), or Tax Committee Chairman Jeremy W. Matelan at 412-592-4417 or [jmatelan@schneiderdowns.com](mailto:jmatelan@schneiderdowns.com).



**P**IOGA's Environmental Committee is currently seeking a dedicated member to serve as the Sub-Committee Leader for Water & Waste. This is a great opportunity to get more involved and help guide important environmental initiatives within the organization.

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## Historical Figure in Oil & Gas

### John Washington Steele: Pennsylvania's "Coal Oil Johnny"

Pennsylvania's oil boom produced many remarkable success stories, but few are as legendary—or as cautionary—as that of John Washington Steele, better known as "Coal Oil Johnny." Steele became one of the Commonwealth's first oil millionaires during the early days of the petroleum industry, only to lose nearly his entire fortune through extravagant spending. His story remains one of the most famous examples of how quickly fortunes could be made—and lost—during Pennsylvania's oil boom.

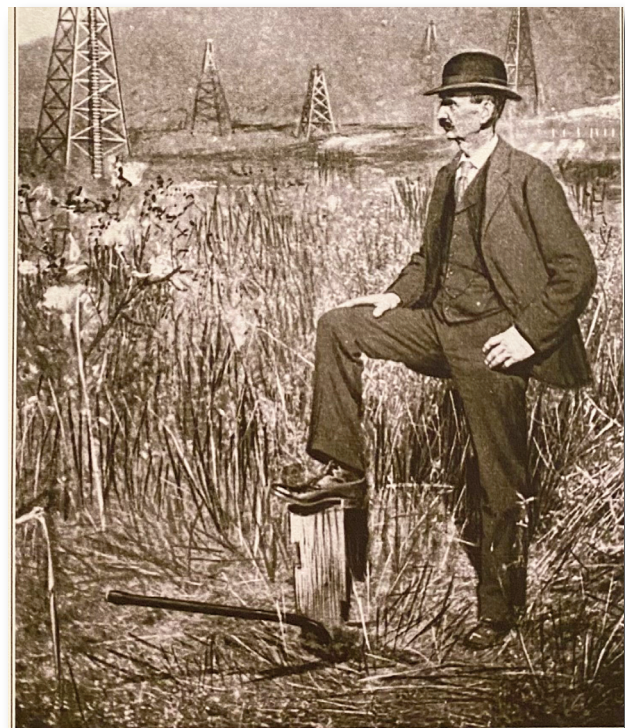
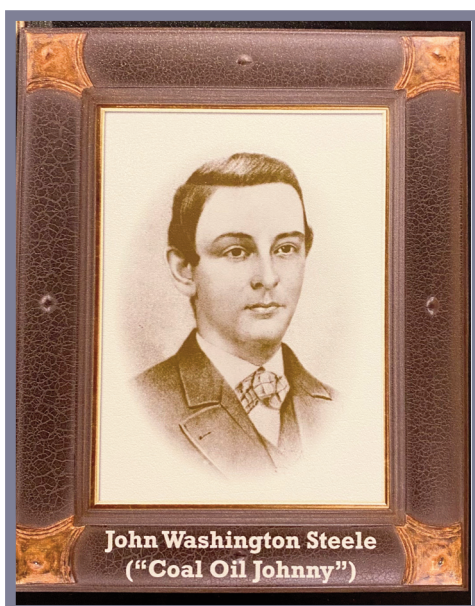
Born in 1843, Steele inherited land in Venango County that would prove to be incredibly valuable after oil was discovered beneath it. Rather than drilling the wells himself, he leased the property to operators, receiving substantial royalty payments as production increased. Almost overnight, the young landowner found himself among the wealthiest individuals in Pennsylvania. At a time when the oil industry was transforming the region, Steele's newfound wealth captured the public's imagination.

Steele quickly earned the nickname "Coal Oil Johnny" for his lavish lifestyle. He became known for expensive clothing, luxury carriages, generous gifts, extravagant parties, and frequent travel. Stories of his spending habits spread throughout the Oil Region and beyond, making him one of the most recognizable figures of Pennsylvania's oil boom. Newspapers often chronicled his extravagant purchases, and his name became synonymous with the sudden wealth and excitement that surrounded the early petroleum indus-

try. His rise to fame reflected the unprecedented opportunities oil created for landowners, investors, and entrepreneurs alike.

Unfortunately, Steele's fortune proved to be short-lived. Without careful financial planning, much of his wealth disappeared within a relatively short time. Although he attempted several business ventures later in life, he never regained the immense fortune he had once enjoyed. He died in 1901 with little of his oil wealth remaining, a dramatic contrast to the celebrity and prosperity he had once experienced.

Today, the story of Coal Oil Johnny remains one of the most well-known tales from Pennsylvania's petroleum history. While his name is often associated with the excesses of the early oil boom, his life also serves as a reminder of the extraordinary opportunities—and challenges—that accompanied the rapid growth of the Commonwealth's oil industry. More than a century later, his remarkable rise and fall continues to fascinate historians and visitors to Pennsylvania's Oil Region, ensuring that his legacy remains an enduring chapter in the history of the state's energy heritage. ■



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## Governor Signs Act 27: New Law Raises Questions About Historical Oil and Gas Titles

Governor Josh Shapiro has signed House Bill 96 into law as Act 27 of 2026, making changes to Pennsylvania's Real Estate Tax Sale Law that could affect historical oil, gas, and mineral ownership across the Commonwealth.

Although the bill's primary purpose was to allow property owners to designate another individual to receive delinquent property tax notices, amendments added during the legislative process address ownership issues involving unseated lands sold at tax sales and severed oil, gas, and mineral rights.

The legislation follows the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's 2025 Proctor decision, which addressed similar issues involving historical tax sales of unseated land.

**What Does Act 27 Do?** For certain historical tax sales of unseated land, Act 27 provides that a purchaser may be deemed to have acquired both the surface and severed oil, gas, and mineral rights if:

- the mineral estate was not separately assessed for property taxes;
- the tax sale deed was not limited to the surface estate; and
- the property was not redeemed or the sale successfully challenged.

The law also reaffirms Pennsylvania's longstanding five-year statute of limitations for challenging unseated tax sales.

One of the most significant aspects of Act 27 is that it applies retroactively, meaning it has the potential to affect qualifying tax sales throughout Pennsylvania's history as well as future tax sales.

**Why It Matters** - Pennsylvania has a long history of severed mineral ownership, and many older mineral estates were never separately assessed for tax purposes. As a result, operators, landowners, title attorneys, and mineral owners are now reviewing historical chains of title involving older unseated tax sales.

Importantly, the law applies only to unseated land. Because producing properties with wells or other improvements are generally considered seated, many conventional producing properties may not be affected.

The greatest concern for the conventional industry involves older leases covering multiple parcels. If one parcel qualifies under Act 27, ownership of the mineral estate—and any lease covering that parcel—could become the subject of

future title litigation.

The legislation may also create additional questions during title examinations, leasing transactions, royalty ownership determinations, and future development planning.

**What Comes Next?** While supporters say Act 27 clarifies existing law and provides greater certainty for historical tax sale purchasers, others believe it could significantly alter long-standing title interpretations.

Legal experts also expect future constitutional challenges in cases where counties may have had reason to know a separate mineral estate existed but failed to notify the mineral owner before a tax sale. The ultimate impact of Act 27 will likely be determined through future court decisions.

PIOGA will continue monitoring implementation of Act 27 and any legal developments affecting Pennsylvania's oil and gas industry. ■

**Editor's Note:** This article is intended as a general overview of Act 27 and should not be considered legal advice. Property owners, operators, and mineral owners with questions regarding specific title issues should consult qualified legal counsel.



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## PIOGA Inspires Students Through *Law Works for You*

**P**IOGA's Todd Pappasergi, Esq., General Counsel & Vice President of Government Affairs, recently volunteered as a guest speaker for the Law Works for You educational series, hosted by the Washington County Bar Association in partnership with the Lemoyne Community Center in Washington, Pennsylvania.

The presentations are part of the center's Camp Challenge, a summer program designed to provide middle and high school students with educational enrichment, hands-on learning experiences, and opportunities to develop leadership and teamwork skills. Throughout the summer, attorneys and other legal professionals volunteer their time to introduce students to the legal profession and the many career paths available within it.

During his presentation, Pappasergi discussed his role at PIOGA, offering students a unique perspective on how attorneys work beyond the courtroom. He shared how legal professionals play an important role in government affairs, public policy, regulatory advocacy, and representing industries such as Pennsylvania's oil and natural gas sector.

Students learned about the intersection of law, energy, and public policy, while gaining insight into the diverse opportunities available within the legal profession.

PIOGA is proud of Todd's participation in this worthwhile program, which helps educate and inspire the next generation while highlighting the many ways legal professionals contribute to their communities and industries. ■

*Photos from Todd's presentation are featured below.*



## Register for the Producers Golf Outing & Informational Dinner

**T**he Pennsylvania Independent Petroleum Producers (PIPP), PIOGA, and the Pennsylvania Grade Crude Oil Coalition (PGCC) invite members of the oil and gas industry to the annual Producers Golf Outing & Informational Dinner on Thursday, July 30, at Cable Hollow Golf Course in Russell, Pennsylvania.

The event offers a great opportunity to connect with fellow producers, industry professionals, and colleagues while enjoying an afternoon of golf followed by an evening of networking and industry discussion. The golf outing is open to producers and invited guests, while the informational dinner is open to anyone in the oil and gas industry.

### Event Schedule

12:00–12:30 p.m. – Golf Registration

12:30–1:00 p.m. – Tee Off

Snacks on the Turn

5:00 p.m. – Dinner Registration & Reception

6:00 p.m. – Dinner

6:30 p.m. – Industry Conversation

The registration deadline is Wednesday, July 23.

To register or for more information, contact Debbie Oyler at 724-933-7306, Ext. 22 or [debbie@pioga.org](mailto:debbie@pioga.org).

We encourage members and industry professionals to join us for an enjoyable day of golf, networking, and conversations about the issues impacting Pennsylvania's oil and gas industry.





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## Supporting Pennsylvania's Oil & Gas Industry

Pennsylvania's oil and natural gas industry is vital for local jobs, family businesses, and affordable energy. Protecting this legacy requires informed voices, strong partnerships, and active engagement at both state and federal levels.

PIOGA members lead these efforts by working with legislators, educating the public, and sharing fact-based information on the industry's economic and community impact. Member involvement ensures policymakers understand how regulations affect real businesses, workers, and communities. Members interested in participating can connect with PIOGA staff or join a committee.

As policy discussions continue to evolve, staying engaged is more important than ever. Legislative and regulatory decisions made today will shape the future of the industry, making it critical for members to remain informed and involved. Through continued communication and collaboration, PIOGA helps ensure that the perspectives of Pennsylvania's oil and gas producers are represented in these important conversations.

### Advocacy & Legal Support

PIOGA continues to advocate on behalf of its members on a wide range of regulatory, legislative, and policy issues at both the state and federal levels. From engaging with lawmakers to providing input on proposed regulations, the association works to ensure the industry's voice is represented in decisions that impact operations and communities across Pennsylvania. Members are encouraged to stay engaged and communicate with their elected officials about how policies affect their businesses.

The association also provides legal advocacy, including amicus curiae briefs and intervention in cases involving energy, environmental, and regulatory matters. Members involved in—or anticipating—litigation should contact General Counsel **Todd Pappasergi** at [todd@pioga.org](mailto:todd@pioga.org) to discuss potential PIOGA support.

Through advocacy, legal engagement, and collaboration, PIOGA and its members continue working to strengthen and protect Pennsylvania's oil and gas industry.

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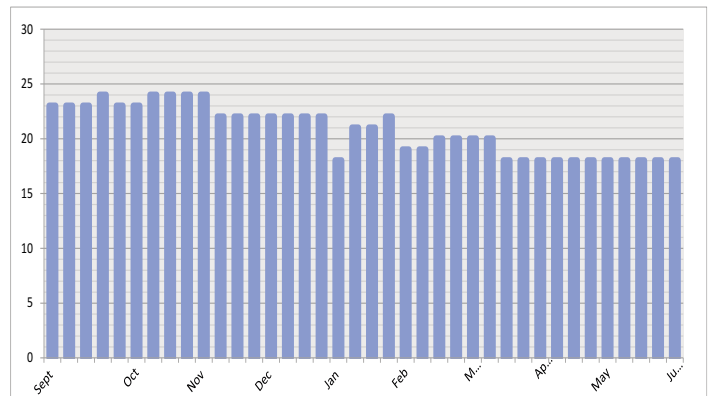


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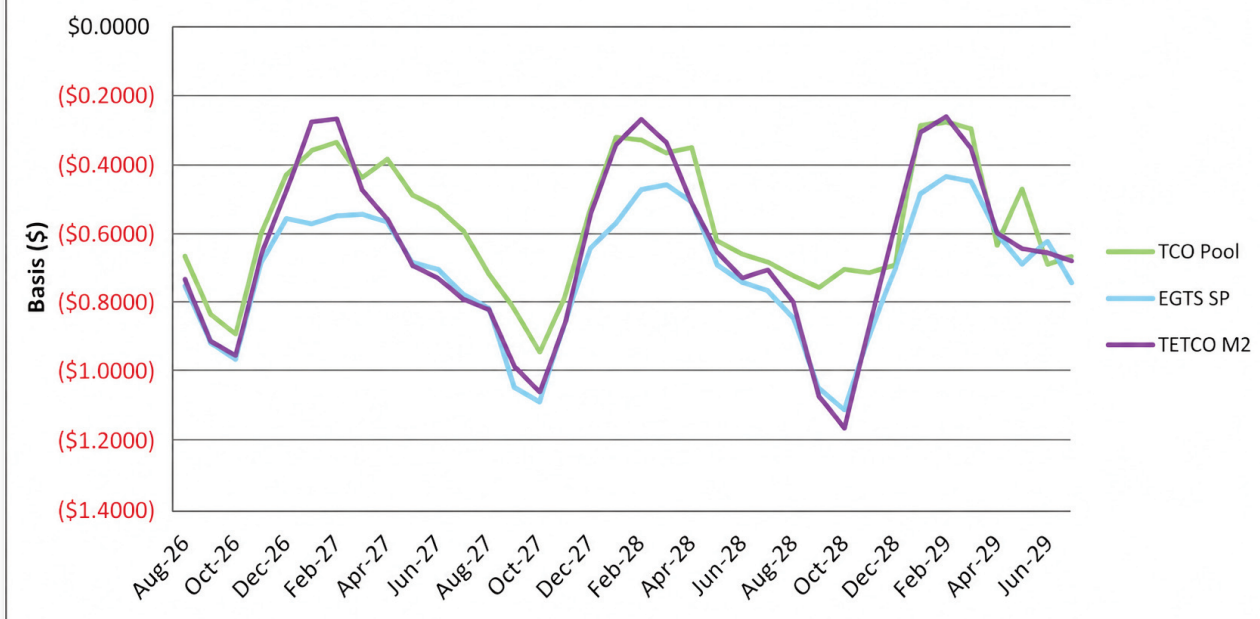
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| August 2026  | \$2.897 |
| September    | \$2.861 |
| October      | \$2.893 |
| November     | \$3.116 |
| December     | \$3.802 |
| January 2027 | \$4.260 |
| February     | \$3.840 |
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| April        | \$2.827 |
| May          | \$2.814 |

Prices as of July 14, 2026

### Pennsylvania Rig Count



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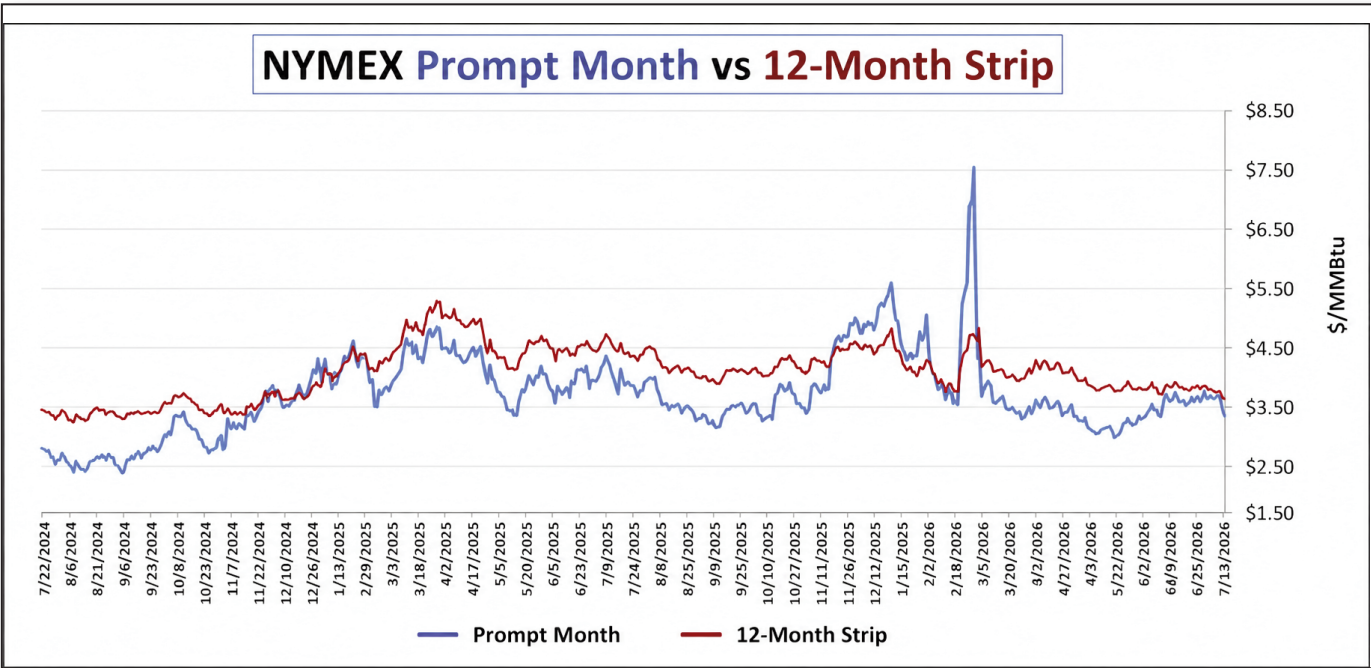
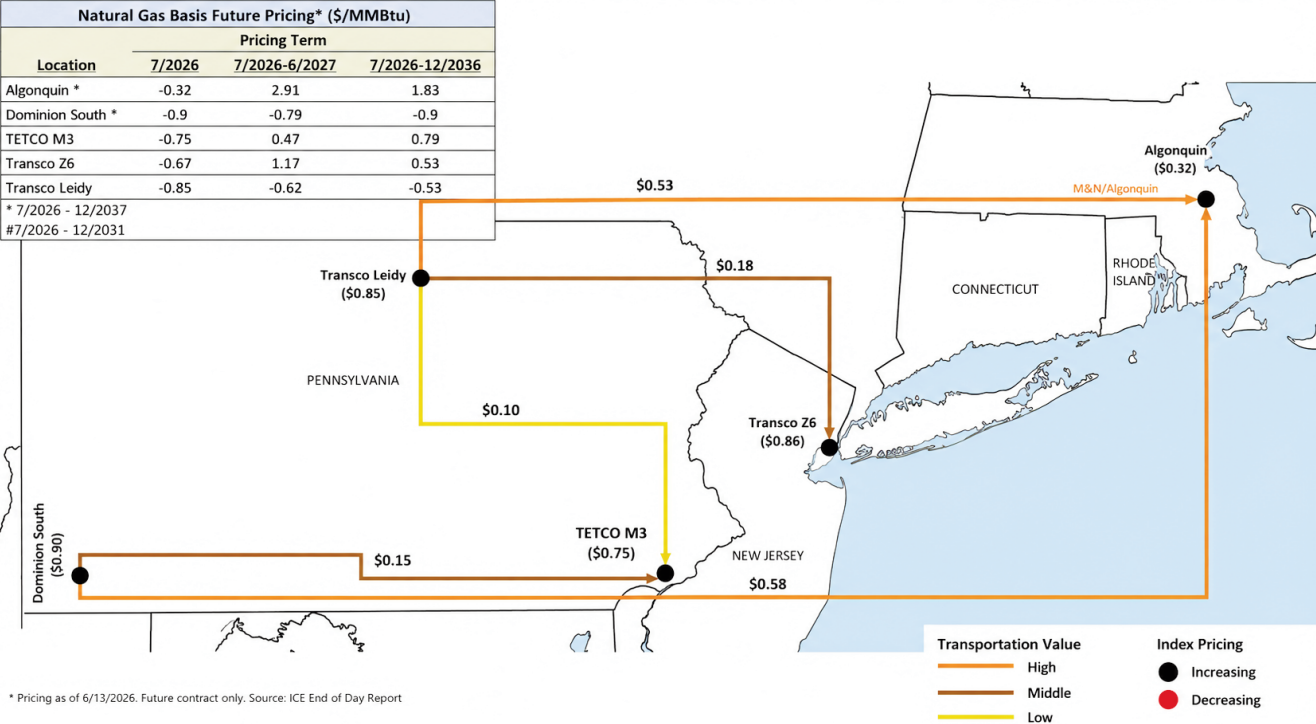


# Northeast Pricing Report — July 2026

Northeast basis markets remain structurally soft across the summer strip, with July settle levels in TZS, TMT, YQB, ALQ, and DOM all anchored firmly in negative territory. The forward curve continues to price a familiar shoulder season pattern: modest tightening into late Q3, deeper discounts through October, and sharp winter blowouts in the premium citygate markets. Liquidity is concentrated in the near term strips, while open interest remains elevated across winter contracts, signaling that commercial hedgers are already positioning for volatility later in the year. Upside risk is tied primarily to weather—any early cold shot, tropical disruption, or storage miss could quickly lift winter basis, especially in constrained markets like Algonquin and Transco Zone 6. Downside risk remains linked to production strength, incremental pipeline flexibility, and muted cooling demand; if Appalachian output continues to outperform and LNG feedgas stays stable, summer and fall basis could grind even lower. Overall, the market is balanced but fragile, with asymmetric upside in winter and persistent downside pressure in the near term months. basis could grind even lower. Overall, the market is balanced but fragile, with asymmetric upside in winter and persistent downside pressure in the near term months.

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## Spud Report: June



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](http://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

| Operator             | Wells | Date    | API#      | County   | Municipality | Operator         | Wells | Date    | API#      | County     | Municipality |
|----------------------|-------|---------|-----------|----------|--------------|------------------|-------|---------|-----------|------------|--------------|
| Clean Energy         | 2     | 6/1/26  | 117-22332 | Tioga    | Delmar Twp   | Pennhills Res.   | 5     | 6/2/26  | 083-57891 | McKean     | Wetmore Twp  |
|                      |       | 6/1/26  | 117-22331 | Tioga    | Delmar Twp   |                  |       | 6/10/26 | 123-49240 | Warren     | Mead Twp     |
| Cameron Energy*      | 3     | 6/4/26  | 053-31169 | Forest   | Howe Twp     |                  |       | 6/16/26 | 083-57921 | McKean     | Foster Twp   |
|                      |       | 6/17/26 | 053-31167 | Forest   | Howe Twp     |                  |       | 6/19/26 | 083-57923 | McKean     | Foster Twp   |
|                      |       | 6/26/26 | 053-31168 | Forest   | Howe Twp     |                  |       | 6/29/26 | 083-57922 | McKean     | Foster Twp   |
| Expand Oper.         | 8     | 6/4/26  | 015-24043 | Bradford | Monroe Twp   | Range Resources  | 5     | 6/6/26  | 125-29294 | Washington | Cecil Twp    |
|                      |       | 6/4/26  | 015-24044 | Bradford | Monroe Twp   |                  |       | 6/6/26  | 125-29293 | Washington | Cecil Twp    |
|                      |       | 6/4/26  | 015-24045 | Bradford | Monroe Twp   |                  |       | 6/7/26  | 125-29292 | Washington | Cecil Twp    |
|                      |       | 6/4/26  | 015-24046 | Bradford | Monroe Twp   |                  |       | 6/8/26  | 125-29291 | Washington | Cecil Twp    |
|                      |       | 6/4/26  | 015-24042 | Bradford | Monroe Twp   |                  |       | 6/9/26  | 125-29290 | Washington | Cecil Twp    |
|                      |       | 6/16/26 | 015-24052 | Bradford | Overtown Twp | Snyder Bros      | 2     | 6/15/26 | 005-31563 | Armstrong  | Manor Twp    |
|                      |       | 6/22/26 | 015-24050 | Bradford | Asylum Twp   |                  |       | 6/15/26 | 005-31564 | Armstrong  | Manor Twp    |
|                      |       | 6/22/26 | 015-24051 | Bradford | Asylum Twp   | Weldbank Energy* | 2     | 6/2/26  | 123-49166 | Warren     | Mead Twp     |
| Jett Oil*            | 1     | 6/9/26  | 123-49209 | Warren   | Pleasant Twp |                  |       | 6/8/26  | 123-49165 | Warren     | Mead Twp     |
| PennEnergy Resources | 6     | 6/18/26 | 019-23041 | Butler   | Buffalo Twp  | Eastern Gas *    | 1     | 6/15/26 | 051-24738 | Fayette    | Wharton Twp  |
|                      |       | 6/18/26 | 019-23042 | Butler   | Buffalo Twp  | Equitrans LP**   | 1     | 6/10/26 | 059-28512 | Greene     | Washington   |
|                      |       | 6/18/26 | 019-23043 | Butler   | Buffalo Twp  |                  |       |         |           |            |              |
|                      |       | 6/18/26 | 019-23044 | Butler   | Buffalo Twp  |                  |       |         |           |            |              |
|                      |       | 6/18/26 | 019-23040 | Butler   | Buffalo Twp  |                  |       |         |           |            |              |
|                      |       | 6/18/26 | 019-23027 | Butler   | Buffalo Twp  |                  |       |         |           |            |              |

|                     | June | May | April | March |
|---------------------|------|-----|-------|-------|
| Total Wells         | 36   | 51  | 34    | 39    |
| Unconventional Gas  | 23   | 39  | 27    | 36    |
| Conventional Gas    | 0    | 0   | 0     | 0     |
| Oil                 | 6    | 7   | 6     | 3     |
| Combination Oil/Gas | 5    | 3   | 1     | 0     |
| Storage Well        | 2    | 0   | 0     | 0     |
| Waste Disposal      | 0    | 1   | 0     | 0     |
| Undetermined        | 0    | 1   | 0     | 0     |

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