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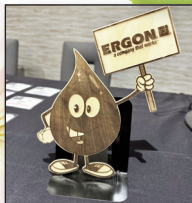
A glimpse of what's inside this month's PIOGA Press

PIOGA's 2025 Spring Meeting

- PIOGA in DC and Harrisburg
- PIOGA Event Updates
- Industry News

..... and much more!

'A New Direction...Maybe?' 2025 Spring Meeting



On April 17, PIOGA hosted its annual Spring Meeting at the Rivers Casino in Pittsburgh. The event served as a valuable forum for members of the oil and gas industry, along with representatives from regulatory agencies, the legislative sector, and the scientific community, to engage in meaningful discussions on current and emerging industry issues.

PIOGA President & Executive Director Dan Weaver underscored the significance of gathering as a unified industry:

"As the oil and gas industry continues to evolve, remaining at the forefront is more important than ever. Industry events like PIOGA's Spring Conference provide vital opportunities to learn from experts and collaborate with peers. While the challenges facing our industry are significant, by working together, we can build a strong and resilient path forward."

The conference featured expert-led presentations offering insights into the future of energy, as well as timely updates on regulatory developments, legislative activity, market dynamics, and the overall business climate affecting the oil and gas sector.

The event was a great success, marked by informative sessions, excellent networking opportunities, and a showcase of products and services from leading industry companies.

PIOGA extends a sincere thanks to all attendees, exhibitors, and sponsors who contributed to making this year's Spring Meeting a success. (See page 7 for a complete list of sponsors!)

Special appreciation goes to the Spring Meeting Planning Committee for curating a timely and relevant agenda. Committee members included: Jake Stilley - Patriot Exploration; Ben Wallace - Penneco Oil; Dan Billman - Billman Geologic; Jeff Walentosky - Moody and Associates; and the PIOGA Staff.

To see highlights from the event, **check out pages 5-7**. Visit the *Photo Galleries* section at pioga.org to view all the photos from the Spring Meeting and Reception.

Link to access presentations from the 2025 Spring Meeting:
<https://pioga.org/presentation-pages/2025-pioga-spring-meeting-presentations-2/>

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Historical Figures in Oil & Gas - Vicki Hollub

In 2016, Vicki Hollub became the first woman to head a major U.S. oil company, Occidental Petroleum. She has been instrumental in expanding the company's operations in the Permian Basin and has been recognized for her leadership in energy company management.

Vicki Hollub was born in 1960 in Birmingham, Alabama and graduated in 1977 from McAdory High School. She attended the University of Alabama, and in 1981 earned a bachelor's degree in mineral engineering with a concentration in fuels and mineral resources. Hollub was in the 2016 class of Distinguished Engineering Fellows from the University of Alabama College of Engineering.

Initially working on oil rigs in Mississippi, Hollub started her career in 1981 with Cities Service, when it was a fully integrated oil and gas company. Cities Service was acquired by Occidental Petroleum Corporation in 1982. From 1982-2005 Hollub held technical and management positions for Occidental in the US, Russia, Venezuela and Ecuador.

In 2005, Hollub became involved in leading Occidental's expansion in the Permian Basin in West Texas and south-eastern New Mexico. She was manager of operations for Occidental's Permian business from 2009 until 2011, before

being promoted to president and general manager from 2011 until 2012

From 2012 until 2013 Hollub was executive vice president of Occidental's operations in California. In October 2013 she was named both Occidental Petroleum's vice president and the executive vice president of U.S. Operations, Oxy Oil and Gas. From 2014 until May 2015, she was the executive vice president of Occidental Petroleum and president of Occidental Oil & Gas Corp in the Americas.

Hollub officially became president and CEO of Occidental Petroleum in April 2016, with responsibility for operations, strategy and financial management. The appointment made her the first woman to head a major American oil company, and that year Fortune named her #32 on its annual list of the Most Powerful Women in business.

In 2023, Hollub ranked 50th in Forbes list of "World's 100 most powerful women". Hollub was elected to the National Academy of Engineering in 2024 for leadership in energy company management and advocating for carbon management solutions.

Link: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vicki_Hollub



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PIOGA in Washington DC - IPAA Fly-In Event

Leaders from PIOGA traveled to the nation's capital earlier this month to represent Pennsylvania's oil and gas industry during the Independent Petroleum Association of America's (IPAA) annual Fly-In event.

Daniel Weaver, PIOGA President & Executive Director; Todd Pappasergi, General Counsel & VP of Government Affairs; Michael Hillebrand -PIOGA Chairman; and Ben Wallace, PIOGA Vice Chairman, met with members of Congress on April 7th and 8th to advocate for the industry's interests and discuss the critical role of independent producers in America's energy future.

Throughout the two-day event, the PIOGA representatives engaged in meaningful conversations with lawmakers, highlighting the importance of responsible energy development, regulatory certainty, and the industry's contributions to economic growth and energy security.



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May 20 | 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
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CLE Credits Available: Approved for PA, WV, and OH attorneys through the Washington County Bar Association (WCBA).

Key Topics Include: Transportation Law; Employment Law; Oil & Gas Law Update; Legislative Roundtable

Featured Speaker: *Frank C. Botta, Esq.* – Chair of the Transportation and Litigation Practice Groups at The Lynch Law Group, LLC. Mr. Botta will present on critical legal issues related to transportation and logistics within the oil and gas sector.

Additional Speakers: Mario Bordogna, Bowles Rice LLP; Steptoe & Johnson; Babst Calland; Legislative Roundtable.

Who Should Attend: Open to all

Pricing:

PIOGA/WCBA Members \$175 (with CLE credits \$275).

Non-members \$225 (with CLE credits \$425)

👉 **Click here to register:** <https://pioga.org/event/piogatech-legal-insights-in-the-o-g-industry/>



Environmental Committee Leadership Opportunity

PIOGA'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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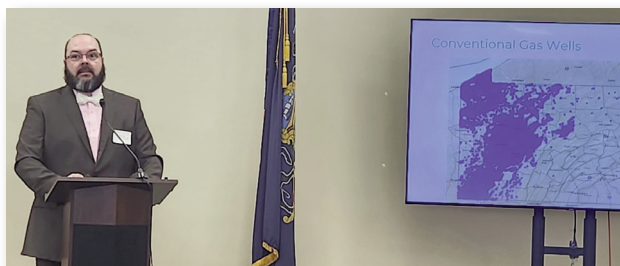
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PIOGA in Harrisburg - Legislative Breakfast with Freshmen Members

On May 7, PIOGA's President and Executive Director Dan Weaver, General Counsel and VP of Governmental Affairs Todd Pappasergi, Board Chairman Mike Hillebrand, Board Vice Chairman Ben Wallace, and Board Member Brad Little traveled to Harrisburg to participate in the Pennsylvania Oil and Gas Caucus's Freshmen Legislative breakfast. At the breakfast, PIOGA, along with its partners at the Marcellus Shale Coalition and the American Petroleum Institute had the opportunity to hear from the caucus's leadership and also speak to the caucus and its newest members on the importance of Pennsylvania's oil and natural gas industry. Weaver specifically spoke regarding PIOGA's unique leadership and advocacy in all areas of the industry, as well as the current landscape of both positives and challenges within the Commonwealth's oil and natural gas sectors.



Following the breakfast, the PIOGA delegation had the opportunity to meet one-on-one with leaders in both the Pennsylvania House and Senate, including caucus co-chair Senator Camera Bartolotta. The meetings focused on PIOGA's current advocacy for all members of the industry regarding the potential new methane emission permits that could soon be coming to Pennsylvania, and the crippling effect that implementation of such permits would have on Pennsylvania's status as an energy leader not just in the United States, but the world. PIOGA thanks the Senators and Representatives for their time and commitment to Pennsylvania's oil and gas businesses!



Appalachian STEPS 2025 - 2nd Quarter OSA Safety Training

On Thursday, May 8, the Onshore Safety Alliance (OSA), in partnership with the Appalachian STEPS Network and Range Resources, successfully hosted the 2nd Quarter Safety Share Forum at Range Resources' headquarters in Canonsburg, Pa. The event was held both in-person and virtually, drawing strong participation from operators, drilling contractors, service companies, and health and safety professionals across the Appalachian Basin.

Over the course of the four-hour forum, attendees engaged in meaningful discussions centered on industry safety practices, shared valuable insights and lessons learned from the field, and reinforced the importance of collaboration in preventing serious injuries and fatalities in onshore oil and gas operations.

This event highlighted the continued commitment of OSA, Appalachian STEPS, and Range Resources to advancing health, safety, and environmental performance in the industry. The open exchange of knowledge and best practices

exemplified the power of cross-company communication in building a safer, more informed workforce.

Thank you to all who participated and contributed to making this forum a success. For future event updates, please contact: appalachiansteps@outlook.com.

PIOGA's Safety Committee actively collaborates with the Appalachian STEPS Network, playing a key role in planning and executing the quarterly safety share forums.



In The Courts

Federal Lawsuits Against State Climate Actions

The U.S. Department of Justice, under the Trump administration, has filed lawsuits against Hawaii, Michigan, New York, and Vermont. These suits challenge state-level climate initiatives, such as lawsuits against fossil fuel companies and "climate superfund" laws, arguing they conflict with federal authority and disrupt energy policies. The DOJ claims these state actions interfere with the Environmental Protection Agency's jurisdiction and interstate commerce.

Key Court Wins Power American Energy Infrastructure

The ENRD announced that recent federal court rulings on the Dakota Access Pipeline, a Tennessee gas pipeline, a Texas oil-export facility, and an Alaska LNG terminal support President Trump's order to "unleash" American energy. (<https://www.foxbusiness.com/energy/key-court-wins-power-american-energy-infrastructure>)

Wyoming Supreme Court weighs \$3M dispute over fuel industry tax break

The Wyoming Supreme Court ruled in favor of a natural gas company in a \$3 million tax dispute with the state, deciding that pipeline reservation fees qualify as deductible transportation expenses. The case centered on whether fees paid to reserve pipeline capacity—even when the pipeline wasn't used—could be considered legitimate transportation costs under Wyoming tax law. The company argued these fees were necessary to ensure delivery of gas to market, while the state maintained that only actual usage costs should be deductible. The court ultimately sided with the company, stating the fees were an integral part of the transportation process. This decision could have broader implications for how fuel companies calculate and claim tax deductions on infrastructure-related costs.

Colorado must consider oil and gas in emissions plan, court rules

A recent ruling by the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals mandates that Colorado include emissions from oil and gas drilling, hydraulic fracturing, and well completion in its State Implementation Plan (SIP) for National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). The court found that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) erred by approving a plan that excluded these emissions, which are significant in a state where oil production ranks fourth nationally. The Center for Biological Diversity, which brought the lawsuit,

argued that the EPA's approval was arbitrary and capricious for not addressing emissions during drilling and fracking processes. The court has sent this portion of the plan back to the EPA for further review, though it did not impose a specific deadline for action.

Citigroup Faces \$1B Fraud Lawsuit

A U.S. appeals court has reinstated a long-running lawsuit accusing Citigroup of aiding and concealing a massive fraud at Oceanografía, a now-bankrupt Mexican oil services company. Plaintiffs—including vendors, creditors, and bondholders—allege Citigroup's Banamex unit advanced \$3.3 billion to the company despite signs of fraud and forged documents tied to Pemex contracts. The court found enough evidence suggesting Citigroup withheld critical information while profiting from the scheme. Originally dismissed in 2023, the case now returns to a Miami federal court for further proceedings.



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Following are key topic categories that will be the subject of insightful presentations by industry experts, including Toby Rice, President and CEO, EQT Corporation, Dena Wiggins, President & CEO, Natural Gas Supply Association.

Topics addressed include: AI Data Center Demand & Gas To Power (Energy Evolution) – addressing the trilemma challenge of security of supply, affordability, and offering lower carbon energy alternatives (RSG/Certified Gas, RNG, ESG, Carbon Capture, Carbon Offsets, Virtual Pipeline, LNG, H2, Infrastructure Requirements, Electrification Challenges, etc.), Supply & Demand, Financial Outlook, Pipeline/Storage/LNG Infrastructure Projects, LNG Export Markets, Mexico Export Markets, Gas/Electric Coordination, Regulatory Updates, Gas Buyer Insights, Risk Analysis/Hedging Strategies and Global Energy Geopolitics. Participants at the Forums include market leaders, decision makers and subject matter experts, representing all segments of the commercial value chain including utilities, industrial gas consumers, producers, pipelines, marketers, key service/product providers, as well as regulators and analysts. Several dedicated networking opportunities give you access to your clients, prospects, and peers to pursue opportunities in the market.

Uncertainty in market conditions stemming from these issues translates into potential for volatility and the need for informed decisions on structuring commercial arrangements in the future. The LDC Gas Forum Northeast participants will benefit from the shared insight for these topics and more, as well as unparalleled networking opportunities with Speakers, and potential and existing customers.

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House Advances Fossil Fuel-Focused Budget Bill

In the early hours of Wednesday morning, the U.S. House Natural Resources Committee passed a contentious portion of the GOP's budget reconciliation bill aimed at boosting fossil fuel production and mining on public lands. The measure, which passed 26-17 along party lines, includes provisions to reduce royalty rates for oil, gas, and coal, expedite and limit court challenges to environmental reviews, and sell off select public lands in Nevada and Utah. Aimed at increasing energy production, the bill would reinstate canceled drilling leases in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, require multiple lease sales in the Gulf of Mexico and Alaska's Cook Inlet, and ensure further opportunities for coal mining on federal lands. Additionally, the legislation includes measures to ease environmental reviews, allowing companies to pay for expedited assessments that would be exempt from court challenges. Republicans argue that the bill could generate

\$18.5 billion in savings and new revenue for the federal government, which would help finance tax cuts. However, the bill has faced criticism from Democrats and environmental groups, who warn that it undermines critical environmental protections, endangers vulnerable communities, and could lead to increased pollution. With the legislation now moving through the process, it is expected to face strong opposition in the Senate and could encounter a veto from the Biden administration, particularly due to its environmental provisions.

Articles of similar topic:

1) <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/politics/house-advances-budget-bill-boosting-fossil-fuels-undercutting-environmental-reviews/ar-AA1EkGXx?ocid=BingNewsVerp>

2) <https://thehill.com/newsletters/energy-environment/5288858-natural-resources-reconciliation-bill-advances/>

Derrick Docket: What is the Iberian Blackout Occurred in the PJM Region?

Todd Pappasergi, PIOGA General Counsel & Vice President of Government Affairs

In late April, 2025, millions across Spain, Portugal, and parts of France experienced an 18-hour blackout due to a voltage fluctuation in Spain's grid. At the time, Portugal was importing energy from Spain pursuant to interconnection agreements, similar to how states in the PJM region import energy from Pennsylvania. Spain's problems quickly became issues for the entire Iberian region.

As PJM and PIOGA continue to ring the alarm bells about the Eastern U.S.'s fragile and undercapitalized energy grid, new questions are arising about the potential legal and liability issues should blackout disruptions occur within the PJM region. When a blackout of this scale occurs, who bears responsibility—the utility companies, energy producers, grid operators, or regulators?

Winter Storm Elliott from December 2022 provides a robust example. During that historic storm and cold snap, almost 25% of PJM's generating capacity failed to deliver power, resulting in PJM actually becoming an energy importer for some hours. The various interconnection contracts and performance requirements set by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) led to 81 different parties, including PJM and dozens of energy producers and utilities, to settle complaints by various capacity market

sellers and market participants for a total of \$1.8 billion.

Specific to energy producers, the consequences for an Iberian-sized blackout could be severe. Again using Winter Storm Elliott as an example, at least one energy generator filed for bankruptcy following the storm as a result of more than \$30 million in penalties being levied against it for failing to meet its production obligations. Producers could face both private, contractual liability as well as regulatory actions for failing to supply power plants and ultimately, the grid, with the requisite fuel needed. While PJM acted after Winter Storm Elliott to reduce the penalties stipulated for in PJM agreements, severe contractual and regulatory consequences remain possible should an Iberian-level blackout occur in the Eastern U.S.

Winter Storm Elliott and the Iberian blackout serve as perfect illustrations as to why increased infrastructure building, movement of more energy, and grid reliability remain areas of high priority for PIOGA and the industry trade groups. Only a proactive approach will safeguard energy consumers, producers, and generators alike from potential liabilities and future disruptions. ■

Upcoming Industry Conferences

IPAA 96th Annual Meeting

Dates: June 17 - June 19, 2025

Location: 310 South England St. Williamsburg, VA 23185

Explore the Future of American Oil & Natural Gas: IPAA's 96th Annual Meeting is your chance to hear from leading voices on international trade, energy markets, and the challenges—and opportunities—ahead for our industry.

Session Spotlight: Tariffs Translated

Tariffs matter—especially in our globally connected industry. From imported materials to exported products, upstream oil and gas is deeply affected by trade policy. Hear the latest from:

- Dr. E.J. Antoni, public finance economist and fellow at The Heritage Foundation
- Brad Wood, Senior Director, National Foreign Trade Council

They'll break down how domestic and foreign tariffs are impacting the bottom line—and what's next for global markets.

Featured Sessions

Keynote: A Conversation with Senator **Joe Manchin** (I-WV)

Energy + Infrastructure:

- *Data Centers and Energy Demand* – From suppliers to end users, what's needed to support massive growth.
- *Geopolitics & Energy Security* – The Israel-HAMAS conflict's impact on U.S. and global energy markets, presented by the Council for a Secure America.
- *What Directors Think* – Presented by FTI Consulting. Learn how to prepare your board for activist challenges.

Industry Perspectives:

Telling Our Story – Drew Martin and Kelly Miller (Miller Energy) reflect on the past and look to the future for family-owned operators.

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Appalachian AI Energy Conference

Date: Wednesday, May 21

Location: Hilton Garden Inn - Pittsburgh/Southpointe

AI Data Centers: Fueling Huge New Demand for Natural Gas: AI data centers are booming—and they're driving serious new demand for natural gas, especially in the Appalachian Basin. EQT's Toby Rice told CNBC we could see 10 to 18 Bcf of new demand in the region. That's the equivalent of up to 1,800 new wells—plus the pipelines, compressors, power infrastructure, and more to support them.

What's Already Happening: TECfusions is building a major AI data center at the former Alcoa R&D campus in Upper Burrell, PA. These projects need massive infrastructure—cooling systems, HVAC, fiber, security, power generation, and more.

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- **Mark Hamilton**, COO, TECfusions – Building their new data center in PA
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Event Details

Date: Thursday, June 12, 2025 **Location:** Promise Land Hunting Preserve, Freeport, PA **Time:** 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM

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PIOGA's 2025-2026 Directory Update

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If you are your company's primary contact for PIOGA, please remember that updates for the 2025–2026 Membership Directory are due by June 2.

In the next two weeks, you'll receive a letter with instructions to review and update your company's information, including contact details for colleagues listed in our database.

If you have any questions, please contact **Deana McMahan** at 724-933-7306 ext. 23 or deana@pioga.org.

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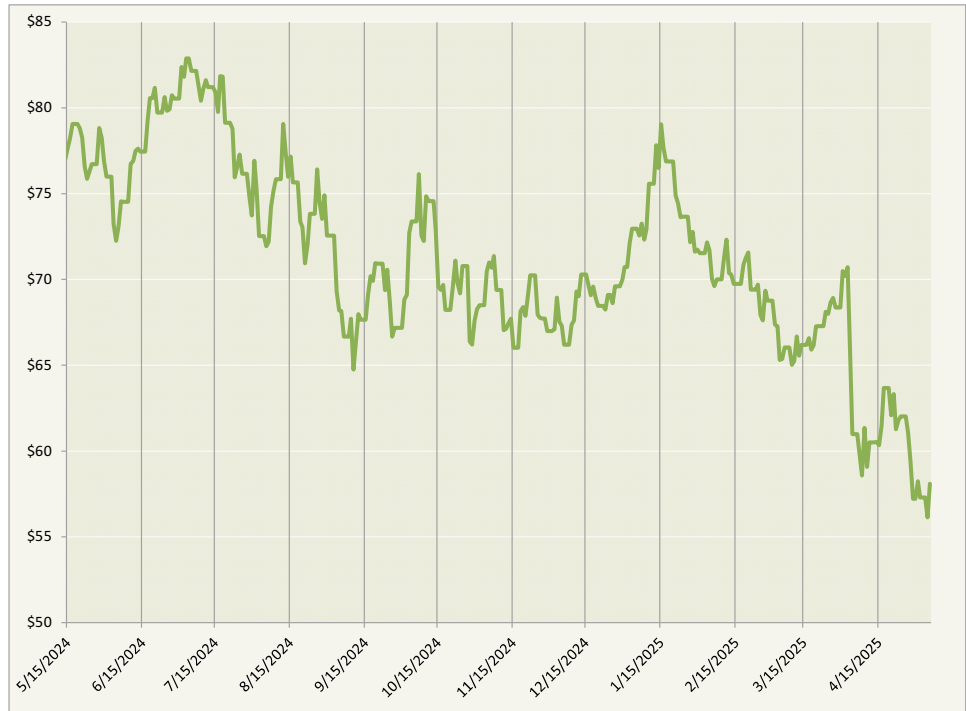
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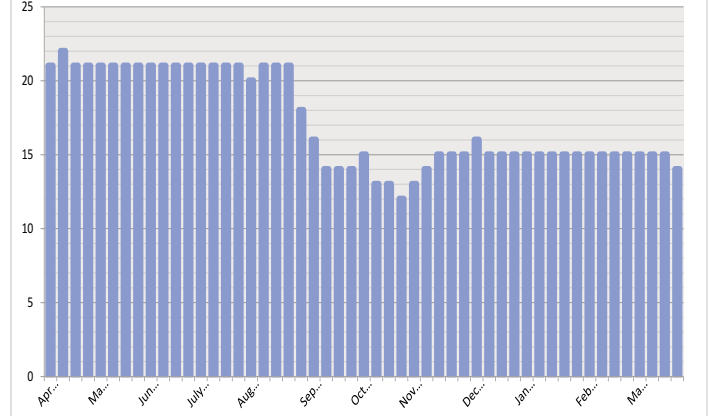


Natural Gas Futures Closing Prices

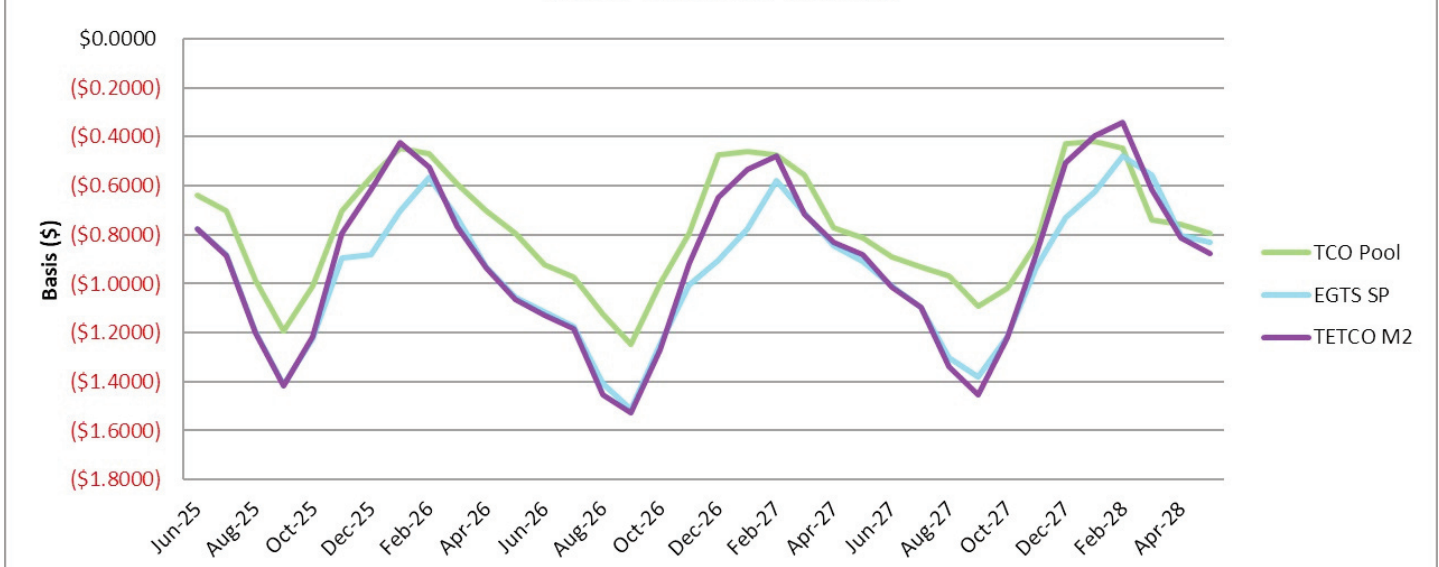
June 2025	3.463
July	3.817
August	3.913
September	3.898
October	3.969
November	4.318
December	4.826
January 2026	5.115
February	4.809
March	4.294

Prices as of May 7, 2025

Pennsylvania Rig Count



Basis Futures Values



Northeast Pricing Report — May 2025

The natural gas price outlook for May 2025 suggests a downward revision due to a rapid stockpile build and a looser fundamental outlook. The Henry Hub spot price settled at \$3.12/MMBtu on April 30, down from \$3.96/MMBtu at the start of the month. Despite these headwinds, some forecasts anticipate a price rebound in the third quarter, with Henry Hub potentially averaging nearly \$4.30/MMBtu.

NG prices in the Northeast U.S. are facing mixed pressures. While regional inventories remain tight, a 107 Bcf storage injection has helped stabilize supply. However, mild spring weather is keeping demand subdued. Export demand remains strong, with LNG feedgas flows climbing to 15.8 Bcf/d. U.S.-Canada trade tensions could introduce volatility, as a proposed 10% tariff on Canadian gas imports threatens to disrupt cross-border flows, particularly into the Northeast. Despite these factors, NG futures have traded modestly higher, supported by firm export demand and tightening inventories. The outlook remains uncertain, with weather patterns and trade policy playing a crucial role in determining price direction.

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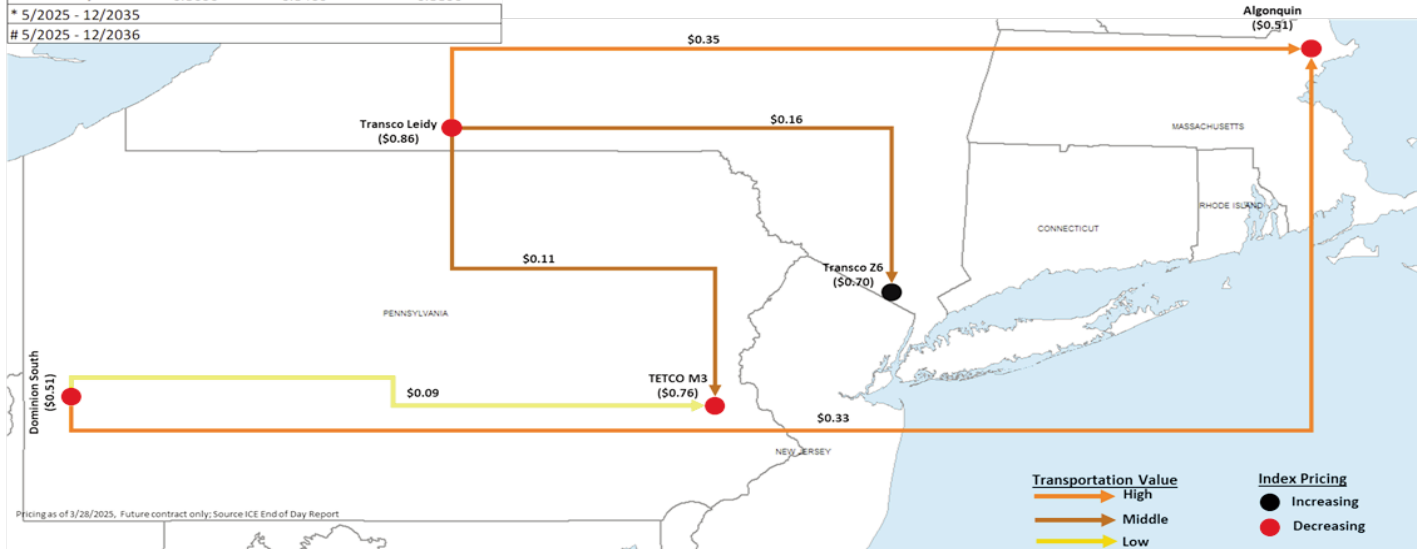


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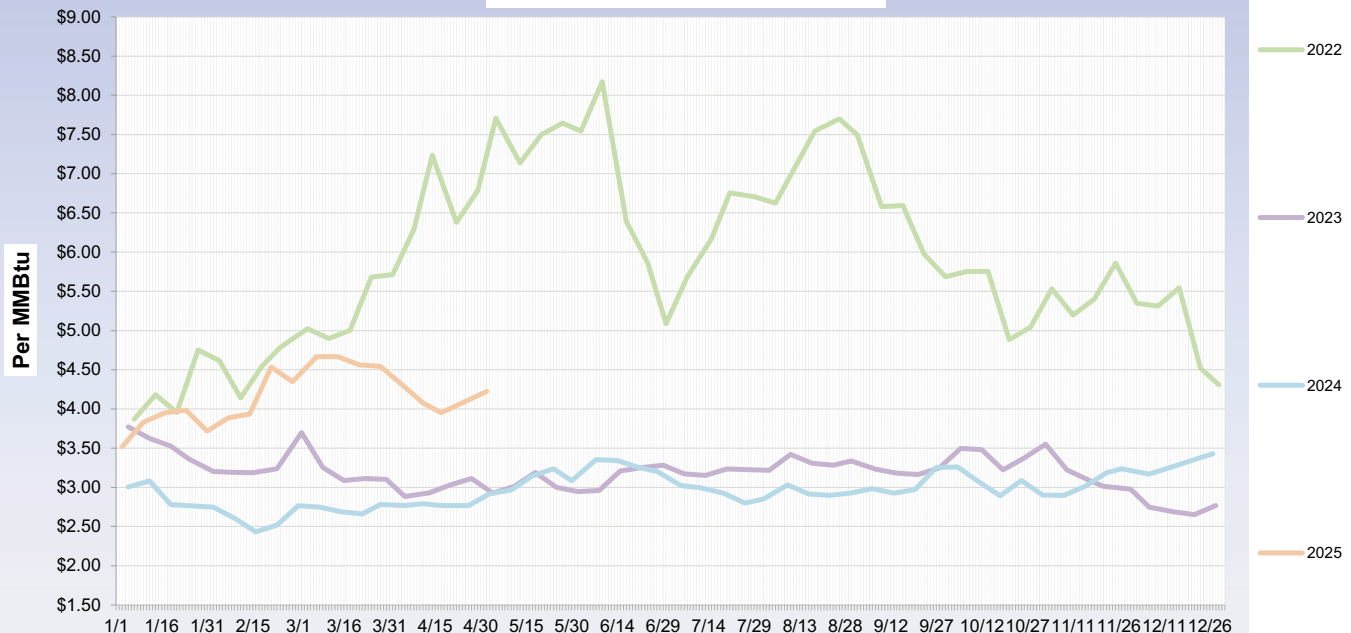
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Natural Gas Basis Future Pricing (\$/MMBtu)			
Location	Pricing Term		
	5/2025	5/2025-4/2026	5/2025-12/2030
Algonquin	-0.5100	1.8300	1.5800
Dominion South #	-0.8400	-0.9000	-0.9000
TETCO M3 *	-0.7550	-0.1100	-0.0400
Transco Z6 *	-0.7000	0.3300	0.1800
Transco Leidy *	-0.8600	-0.8400	-0.8800

* 5/2025 - 12/2035
5/2025 - 12/2036



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Spud Report: April



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.

Operator	Wells	Date	API#	County	Municipality	Operator	Wells	Date	API#	County	Municipality	
Blackhill Energy	7	4/21/25	015-23962	Bradford	Springfield	Penn Energy Res.	13	4/16/25	005-31533	Armstrong	North Buffalo	
		4/21/25	015-23963	Bradford	Springfield			4/16/25	005-31532	Armstrong	North Buffalo	
		4/21/25	015-23964	Bradford	Springfield			4/16/25	005-31531	Armstrong	North Buffalo	
		4/21/25	015-23953	Bradford	Springfield			4/16/25	005-31536	Armstrong	North Buffalo	
		4/21/25	015-23965	Bradford	Springfield			4/16/25	005-31535	Armstrong	North Buffalo	
		4/21/25	015-23966	Bradford	Springfield			4/16/25	005-31537	Armstrong	North Buffalo	
		4/21/25	015-23967	Bradford	Springfield			4/16/25	005-31534	Armstrong	North Buffalo	
Cameron Energy *	3	4/7/25	123-48937	Warren	Sheffield Twp			4/1/25	019-22962	Butler	Jackson Twp	
		4/14/25	123-48936	Warren	Sheffield Twp			4/1/25	019-22971	Butler	Jackson Twp	
		4/21/25	123-48933	Warren	Sheffield Twp			4/1/25	019-22970	Butler	Jackson Twp	
Chesapeake Appalachia	4	4/22/25	015-23974	Bradford	Athens Twp			4/1/25	019-22980	Butler	Jackson Twp	
		4/22/25	015-23973	Bradford	Athens Twp			4/1/25	019-22973	Butler	Jackson Twp	
		4/16/25	015-23958	Bradford	Tuscarora			4/1/25	019-22972	Butler	Jackson Twp	
		4/17/25	015-23959	Bradford	Tuscarora	Seneca Resources	13	4/14/25	117-22273	Tioga	Delmar Twp	
Coterra Energy	5	4/8/25	115-23193	Susquehanna	Springville			4/14/25	117-22276	Tioga	Delmar Twp	
		4/8/25	115-23194	Susquehanna	Springville			4/15/25	117-22274	Tioga	Delmar Twp	
		4/8/25	115-23195	Susquehanna	Springville			4/15/25	117-22277	Tioga	Delmar Twp	
		4/8/25	115-23196	Susquehanna	Springville	4/16/25	117-22275	Tioga	Delmar Twp			
		4/8/25	115-23197	Susquehanna	Springville	4/1/25	117-22267	Tioga	Middlebury			
EQT Prod	9	4/22/25	125-29179	Washington	Union Twp			4/1/25	117-22260	Tioga	Middlebury	
		4/22/25	125-29178	Washington	Union Twp			4/1/25	117-22262	Tioga	Middlebury	
		4/22/25	125-29186	Washington	Union Twp			4/1/25	117-22263	Tioga	Middlebury	
		4/22/25	125-29180	Washington	Union Twp			4/2/25	117-22264	Tioga	Middlebury	
		4/22/25	125-29181	Washington	Union Twp			4/2/25	117-22265	Tioga	Middlebury	
		4/24/25	125-29182	Washington	Union Twp			4/2/25	117-22266	Tioga	Middlebury	
		4/24/25	125-29183	Washington	Union Twp			4/2/25	117-22261	Tioga	Middlebury	
		4/24/25	125-29184	Washington	Union Twp	SWN Prd	3	4/29/25	115-23200	Susquehanna	Liberty Twp	
		4/24/25	125-29185	Washington	Union Twp			4/29/25	115-23198	Susquehanna	Liberty Twp	
		4/22/25	123-48948	Warren	Mead Twp			4/30/25	115-23199	Susquehanna	Liberty Twp	
Gas & Oil Mgmt *	3	4/29/25	105-21975	Potter	Hector Twp	Wilmoth Interests *		4/21/25	123-49049	Warren	Sheffield Twp	
		4/29/25	105-21974	Potter	Hector Twp							
		4/30/25	105-21976	Potter	Hector Twp							
PA Gen Energy	5	4/22/25	081-22032	Lycoming	Plunketts Cr			April	March	Feb	Jan	Dec
		4/24/25	081-22033	Lycoming	Plunketts Cr	Total Wells	67	41	41	36	43	
		4/25/25	081-22034	Lycoming	Plunketts Cr	Unconventional Gas	62	32	31	30	33	
		4/27/25	081-22035	Lycoming	Plunketts Cr	Conventional Gas	0	0	0	0	0	
		4/28/25	081-22029	Lycoming	Plunketts Cr	Oil	5	8	6	5	9	
						Combination Oil/Gas	0	1	4	1	1	

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June 12

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