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PA GOVERNOR CORBETT PROPOSES MARCELLUS SHALE IMPACT FEE TAX

Press Release

PA's Governor Corbett recently announced his plan for Marcellus Shale fees. Impacts of drilling on municipalities and, in particular, roadways are well known.

Key provisions are:

- \$40,000 annual fee per well, for the first year; decreases each year, up to 10 years.
- Counties get 75% of funds, splitting them with municipalities.
- Remainder to PENNDOT, PEMA, PUC, PADEP, State Fire Commissioner, and the Department of Health.

The proposal is projected to raise \$120 million in the first year and \$200 million by the 6th year.

Legislative action is now pending, but the proposal is similar to a measure proposed earlier this year by Senate President Pro Tem Joe Scarnati.

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