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## COMMUNITY FORUM ON MARCELLUS SHALE NATURAL GAS

**PHILADELPHIA**, **PA** – Clean Air Council, the Academy of Natural Sciences, and the Community Action Forum on Marcellus Shale Gas, will co-host an educational forum about drilling for natural gas in the Marcellus Shale Wednesday, June 8, at the Academy of Natural Sciences. The forum runs from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

The forum will provide a broad and diverse overview of the environmental, health, and economic issues related to the natural gas boom that is currently taking place throughout Pennsylvania. The event will feature presentations from a panel of experts representing the fields of environmental stewardship, public policy, energy production and government regulation.

The forum is presented through the Academy of Natural Sciences' Center for Environmental Policy, which promotes public activism and raises awareness of critical environmental and sustainability issues. The Academy is America's oldest natural history museum, and is located at 1900 Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia.

## Featuring:

- Joseph O. Minott, Esq., Executive Director Clean Air Council
- The Honorable Michael Krancer, Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
- Dr. David Velinsky, Vice President of the Patrick Center for Environmental Research at the Academy of Natural Sciences
- The Honorable P. Michael Sturla, Pennsylvania State Representative (D), 96<sup>th</sup> Legislative District
- Mr. Richard V. Pepino, Deputy Director for Communication Outreach at the University of Pennsylvania's Center for Excellence in Environmental Toxicology

Time will be set aside for questions from the audience.

To register for the event, visit: <a href="http://pennsylvanianaturalgas.eventbrite.com/">http://pennsylvanianaturalgas.eventbrite.com/</a>

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