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AUGUST 5, 2010

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY,  
AUGUST 5, 2010

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 19, 1984 (P.L.1140, No.223),  
2 entitled "An act relating to the development of oil and gas  
3 and coal; imposing duties and powers on the Department of  
4 Environmental Resources; imposing notification requirements  
5 to protect landowners; and providing for definitions, for  
6 various requirements to regulate the drilling and operation  
7 of oil and gas wells, for gas storage reservoirs, for various  
8 reporting requirements, including certain requirements  
9 concerning the operation of coal mines, for well permits, for  
10 well registration, for distance requirements, for well casing  
11 requirements, for safety device requirements, for storage  
12 reservoir obligations, for well bonding requirements, for a  
13 Well Plugging Restricted Revenue Account to enforce oil and  
14 gas well plugging requirements, for the creation of an Oil  
15 and Gas Technical Advisory Board, for oil and gas well  
16 inspections, for enforcement and for penalties," further  
17 providing for well reporting requirements.

18 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
19 hereby enacts as follows:

20 Section 1. Section 212(a.1) of the act of December 19, 1984  
21 (P.L.1140, No.223), known as the Oil and Gas Act, amended March  
22 22, 2010 (P.L.169, No.15), is amended to read:

23 Section 212. Well reporting requirements.

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2       (a.1) Every operator of a well which produces gas from the  
3 Marcellus Shale formation shall file with the department, on a  
4 form provided by the department, a semiannual report specifying  
5 [the amount of production], on the most well-specific basis  
6 available[.], the following information:

7           (1) The amount of production.

8           (2) The amount of each type of waste generated by the  
9 well.

10          (3) Each facility that accepted waste generated by the  
11 well for disposal, treatment or reuse and the amount of each  
12 type of waste accepted by each such facility.

13 The initial report required under this subsection shall be filed  
14 with the department on or before August 15, 2010, and shall  
15 include production data from the preceding calendar year.

16 Initial reports shall also specify the status of each well;  
17 however, in subsequent reports, only changes in the status must  
18 be reported. Subsequent semiannual reports shall be filed with  
19 the department on or before February 15 and August 15 of each  
20 year and shall include production data from the preceding  
21 reporting period. The Commonwealth shall have the right to  
22 utilize such information in enforcement proceedings, in making  
23 designations or determinations under section 1927-A of the act  
24 of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative  
25 Code of 1929, or in aggregate form for statistical purposes.  
26 Beginning November 1, 2010, the department shall make the  
27 reports available on its publicly accessible Internet website.  
28 Any costs incurred by the department to comply with the  
29 requirements of this subsection shall be paid out of the fees  
30 collected under section 201(d).

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2       Section 2.   This act shall take effect in 60 days.