

Once Again, Please, Urge Lawmakers to Pass Marcellus Shale Drilling Bill Out of Subcommittee

Last month, at the Joint Legislative Interim Judiciary “Subcommittee A” meeting, *because of the lack of a quorum*, there was no action taken on a draft bill establishing a new regulatory program for gas wells utilizing horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing .

Hopefully, the subcommittee will begin discussing this important bill this coming Monday January 10th at the Interim committee meetings just prior to the beginning of the regular Legislative Session starting on Wednesday January 12th. Our preliminary reading of this draft legislation shows that it contains some good things and some not-so-good things, and omits some things we want.

But it is important that the subcommittee pass a bill out before Interim sessions end, so that the full legislature will have a comprehensive draft bill to consider when they convene on January 12th.

Please contact the members of Interim Judiciary Subcommittee A before they meet this Monday and urge them to pass this comprehensive draft legislation out of subcommittee and on to the full legislature for its further consideration. State something to the effect that we need to pass better regulation of gas drilling *due to the greater impacts of Marcellus shale fracturing that have caused a multitude of problems* around the state, and that this bill is a necessary crucial start. Urge them to attend. Ask them if they need more information on fracking and if they do, please let me know.

Below is a list of Judiciary A Subcommittee members and their contact information. They will be home and much more accessible this week before the Interim session starts this coming Sunday, January 9th. You can also try to contact (and leave messages for) members at the Capitol using the Toll Free phone number: 1-877-565-3447.

Thanks for you help.

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