Democrats were successful in their “get out the vote” efforts on election night. The result was providing Ohio’s 18 electoral votes and the Presidency to Barack Obama. U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown was able to hold off a challenge from State Treasurer Josh Mandel. Generally speaking, the U.S. House of Representatives, Ohio House of Representatives, and the Ohio Senate largely stayed the same.

Presidential Race: Obama Wins Battleground States, Re-Election

President Obama won the state of Ohio by a 50% - 48% margin (107,241 votes), or roughly around the 2% average margin shown in the final polling data.

In Ohio, the race began as a potential landslide. As late as October 3, President Obama had an average lead of 5.5% in the seven major polls monitoring Ohio. One week later, that average had dropped to 0.8%. Prior to Election Day, Obama held an average 2.9% lead, with most polls calling the race in Ohio either within their 2%-3% margin of polling error or “too close to call”.

However, as we saw in the 2008 election, the Obama campaign’s strength was their “get out the vote” efforts. The President enjoyed large margins of victory in the major metropolitan areas (Hamilton County, Franklin County, and the Lake Erie/Cleveland region) which ended up being a huge factor in his re-election.

Nationally, Obama was able to carry several key “battleground states” besides Ohio, including Pennsylvania, Michigan, New Hampshire, Wisconsin, and Iowa. These losses put the road to the White House for Governor Romney on life support, as the path to the 270 electoral votes needed to win the Presidency became difficult. Later in the evening, the battleground states of Virginia, Nevada, and Colorado went to Obama as well. The only state remaining undecided after Election Day was Florida, which also went for Obama by less than 1% of the popular vote.

“Tonight in this election, you, the American people, reminded us that while our road has been hard, while our journey has been long, we have picked ourselves up, we have fought our way back and we know in our hearts that for the United States of America the best is yet to come,” announced Obama during his victory speech.

Congress: Brown Returns to U.S. Senate, Republicans Dominate U.S. House

Incumbent U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown was able to defeat State Treasurer Josh Mandel and head back to Washington by a 50% - 45% margin (278,722 votes). Just like the Presidential race, the victory fell within the 5% average lead for Senator Brown in the seven major polls monitoring Ohio. Another interesting tidbit is that Independent candidate Scott Rupert received 5% of the popular vote in this race, surprising most experts.

The race was hotly contested and expensive. According to financial data available, Brown raised $20.7 million in campaign contributions, spending $16.2 million on the race. Mandel received $14.5 million in contributions, spending around $10 million. Additional money from outside Ohio (specifically from “Super PAC’s”) poured into the race as well.

“Today the middle class won,” said Brown in his victory speech. “This race was never about me or my opponent. It was about the veteran in Columbus. It was about the waitress... It was about the steel worker.”

U.S. House: All 16 seats up, Republicans Maintain Strong Majority

Due to the recent redistricting of U.S. House seats in Ohio, all 16 of Ohio’s Congressional delegation were up for grabs.

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My two-year term as president of your association has come to an end. It has been an honor to serve as your president, and this is my last article. As such, I want to leave you with one last thought that I hope you will take with you each day when you go to work: Supplying oil and gas to your family, friends, and countrymen is the most important task that you can do to create a healthy economy and to create jobs in the United States. So, when you are out on the job, remember that you are doing something critical for this country. Whether you are a roughneck, pumper, geologist, engineer or supplier of goods and services, keep in mind that you are a crucial part of what makes this country function efficiently day to day. There is an old parable that I like to think about periodically as I go about my job, that may help put all of this into perspective, and it goes something like this:

A man happened upon three bricklayers busy at work. He asked the first bricklayer, “What are you doing?”

“I’m laying bricks,” the first bricklayer said.

The man asked the second bricklayer the same question,

“I’m putting up a wall,” was the reply.

The passerby then posed the question to the third bricklayer,

“I’m building a great cathedral,” the third bricklayer replied.

You see, it’s all about perception. Without the tasks you complete on your job each day, people wouldn’t have the fuel to drive to the grocery store or the heat to warm their homes in the winter. You are an important part of this industry and to people’s everyday lives. And, when you are being derided by the news media and harassed by the politicians, please keep in mind that you are also doing more to create a healthy economy and to create jobs than all of them put together. Look at the big picture; you are building a “cathedral,” so to speak, and you have helped to make this country great, for many years.

A look at the history of the United States provides an important fact: the growth of the country, and the move to the world power that we have become, coincides with the development and expansion of oil and gas. Life expectancy has nearly doubled since the discovery of oil and gas and people travel more because they have the greatest freedom ever in transportation. I could go on and on about the benefits of a healthy oil and gas industry in our country but it comes down to one simple premise: Oil and Gas are the lifeblood of the U.S. economy. Oil and natural gas supply over 60% of America’s energy needs or three times what coal supplies, mainly for electricity.

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Governor Kasich Says He is Investigating “Foreigners” Taking Ohio Jobs

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At a recent press conference honoring The Ohio State University football teams’ undefeated season, Ohio Governor John Kasich mentioned that his office was investigating claims that out-of-state oil and gas employees were taking jobs away from Ohioans. After these comments were made, Democrats in the Ohio House of Representatives and a liberal policy group joined the Governor and echoed his concerns.

At the press conference, Kasich began by stating he had “deep concerns” that oil and gas companies were not hiring Ohio employees and simply exploiting the state’s shale resources. He stated that his Administration is gathering evidence pertaining to this issue, but did not have any specific evidence at this time.

“So you could have the situation where we are not getting the jobs, they are taking the resources and all of their profits and they are heading home. That is not acceptable to me,” commented Kasich. “Now we don’t have the conclusive evidence that this is happening yet, but I want you to know and I want all of the companies to know that this is an extremely serious matter and we expect them to be responsive to the people of this state.”

Kasich again used the term he has used in previous speeches - “foreigners” - to describe these out-of-state workers. “We don’t want foreigners working in our field, and foreigners are people from Georgia and Alabama and Mississippi and Texas. We want Ohioans working here.”

Tom Stewart, Executive Vice President of the Ohio Oil & Gas Association, responded to the Governor’s comments by noting that extracting mineral resources safely should be the overarching goal.

“You’re talking about an industry that is reaching the pinnacle of technological advances in oil and gas. It’s equivalent to drilling oil and gas wells in the Gulf of Mexico. You just don’t hire people who’ve had two weeks of training and put them on this rig. You hire people who are equipped and ready to do this kind of job and you get them from where they can be supplied to,” stated Stewart.

Later that week, the liberal policy group Innovation Ohio issued a position paper agreeing with the Governor on this issue.

“While job estimates vary widely, fracking still has the potential to create thousands of jobs in Ohio. The Governor is therefore justified in his concern if companies are indeed passing over Ohioans to bring in out of state workers. Oil and gas companies are expected to make tremendous profit from leveraging Ohio’s resources, and working Ohioans should share in the expansion,” stated the position paper.

The paper went on to tout a “Hire Ohio” proposal, which would require oil and gas companies operating in Ohio to hire a certain percentage of their employees within the state.

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To this end, House Democrats held a press conference in an effort to gain support of this “Hire Ohio” proposal. The proposal, introduced by Rep. Bob Hagan (D-Youngstown), would require that a company be required to hire 60% of their workforce from Ohio. Hagan also noted that he would like companies to verify that they are abiding by this requirement.

“We understand it’s a training process, we understand that there’s a learning process in the drilling,” Hagan said. “We want the gas and oil industry to justify through affidavits that they’re going to hire people from Ohio. I don’t think that’s asking too much.”

Rep. Matt Foley, a vocal critic of the industry, noted that Democrats will continue to draw attention to this issue going forward.

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Furthermore, oil and gas are extremely versatile and can be used in everything from large power plants to small engines. It is easy to transport and has a small environmental footprint when developed. In addition, oil and natural gas are used in over 5000 products.

We in the oil and gas business need to remember that we are building something great for this country and what we do is critical. Be proud of what you do, and do it well. Your country needs you.

Jerry James
President
The federal government is increasing requirements for oil and gas operators. Pursuant to the recently published New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) for the Oil and Natural Gas Sector, 40 C.F.R., Part 60, subpart OOOO, effective October 15, 2012, owners or operators of hydraulically fractured natural gas wells must notify USEPA not later than two days prior to commencing well completion operations. The notice must provide: the anticipated date of the well completion operation; contact information for the owner or operator; the API well number; the latitude and longitude coordinates for the well; and the planned date for the beginning of flowback. This information can be submitted by email to the appropriate USEPA region (contact information below).

If an owner or operator is subject to state regulations that require advance notification of well completion operations, compliance with the state notification requirements will be sufficient to meet the NSPS notification requirements. According to USEPA, compliance with the state requirements will be sufficient even if the state notice requirement is less than two days’ advance notice and even if the state notice does not require well coordinates.

For those owners or operators in Ohio, we have been informed by the USEPA’s senior technical advisor, who is responsible for rule administration, that compliance with the notice requirements of Ohio RC §1509.19 (as amended by Senate Bill 165 in 2010) for well stimulation will serve as effective notice for the NSPS requirements. Section 1509.19 requires at least 24 hours’ notice to an Oil and Gas Resources Inspector before an owner or operator commences well stimulation, which includes hydraulic fracturing. Thus, USEPA would deem notice under ORC §1509.19 as compliance with the notice requirements of the NSPS. Because the Ohio EPA is the delegated authority for enforcing the NSPS provisions in Ohio, producers and operators may want to consider providing the Ohio EPA with a copy of the ORC §1509.19 notice prior to commencing completion operations in order to keep the agency apprised of ongoing activities at the well. While providing the notice to the Ohio EPA is not required by the NSPS, it may help maintain a working relationship with the agency. Ohio EPA has suggested that it is the delegated authority for NSPS enforcement in Ohio and therefore is entitled to notice and may assert that notice to Ohio EPA is required.

The NSPS requirements and more information from the USEPA can be found at:

http://www.epa.gov/airquality/oilandgas/implement.html

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**OOGA Joins IPAA Petition on NSPS**

The OOGA has joined a petition started by the IPAA to require the U.S. EPA to review these NSPS rules. All parties interested in providing comments on the rule review should email them to Anthony Guiliani (ajguiliani@vorys.com) and Brian Hickman (bhickman@ooga.org).
Democrats Sweep Top of the Ticket Races, Ohio House and Senate Remain Relatively Unchanged (cont. from cover)

Republicans were able to hold their majority, coming out of Election Night with a 12-4 majority over their Democratic counterparts. Prior to Election Night, Republicans held a 13 – 8 advantage.

The top race of the night pitted two incumbents in the newly reapportioned 16th District (covering the Wayne, Stark, Summit, Portage, Medina, and Cuyahoga County areas), pitting Republican Rep. Jim Renacci against Democrat Rep. Betty Sutton. Renacci was able to open a 4% lead over Sutton, and win a 52% - 48% victory.

Also of note was the victory by Rep. Bill Johnson in the 6th District over former U.S. Representative Charlie Wilson by a 6% margin (53% - 47%). The district itself is huge – covering areas of Athens, Belmont, Carrol, Columbiana, Gallia, Guernsey, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Lawrence, Mahoning, Meigs, Monroe, Muskingum, Noble, Scioto, Tuscarawas, and Washington Counties.

No big surprises elsewhere, as incumbent Republican Congressmen Steve Chabot, Jim Jordan, Bob Latta, Bob Gibbs, Steve Stivers, Mike Turner and Pat Tiberi all were victorious. Rep. John Boehner also won re-election, and will continue to serve as Speaker of the U.S. House.

Ohio House: Republicans Gain Three Seats with Recounts Pending

The recent redrawing of legislative districts in Ohio created a new map with several “open seats”. With that as a background, Republicans were able to pick up 3 seats to increase their majority over Democrats by a 60 – 39 tally. However, a handful of races are still close after election night and may still be altered by provisional ballots or recounts.

Republicans were able to take control of the 2nd District (Richland County), as Mark Romanchuk was able to gain 58% of the vote in an area previously held by State Representative Jay Goyal. Goyal initially sought re-election to the seat, but ended up dropping out of the race. Democrats replaced him with Mansfield City Councilwoman Ellen Haring.

Democrats were able to pick up two previously Republican districts on election night. Retired educator John Patterson was able to defeat incumbent Rep. Casey Kozlowski in the 99th District (covering Geauga and Ashtabula counties) by a 53% - 47% margin. Columbiana County Treasurer Nick Barborak defeated incumbent Rep. Craig Newbold in the 5th District (Columbiana County), but did so by a slim margin of only by 383 votes. The closest race of the night was in the 98th District (Tuscarawas and Holmes counties), where incumbent Republican Rep. Al Landis has held off an attorney focusing on oil and gas interests, Josh O’Farrell, by a final margin of 14 votes. The race saw a pre-election endorsement of O’Farrell by a local paper which stated their concerns about Landis accepting campaign contributions from oil and gas interests. The race, which now is certified by the Board of Elections, will now undergo a mandatory recount.
The 7th District (Cuyahoga County) race was similarly close, but Republican incumbent Rep. Mike Dovilla was able to hold off the challenge of former State Rep. Matt Patten by a final count of 119 votes.

It is expected that the House Democratic Caucus may take legal action regarding provisional votes that were not accepted and rejected. “We will be weighing our options about moving forward with potential litigation with regard to the counting of provisional ballots in these two races,” stated House Assistant Minority Whip Rep. Debbie Phillips. “Some of the errors ... are ones that I think are particularly troubling and things that should not disenfranchise voters.”

Phillips went on to state that a legal challenge may be necessary due to elections officials confusing provisional voters. “When the voter shows up and is told for whatever reason is going to be required to vote provisionally, to be given a plain manila envelope - and this occurring in two different polling locations with a number of these provisional ballots - puts an undue burden on those voters to know what’s supposed to even be on the envelope to ensure that their vote is going to count,” she stated.

In other races of note, several other battleground races tended to go Republican. The heavily contested 95th District was held by incumbent Republican Rep. Andy Thompson with 53% of the vote. Incumbent Republican Rep. Anthony DeVitis, who was recently appointed to the House and a top Democratic target, won with 53% of the vote in the 36th District (Summit County/suburban Akron area). Republicans also held Franklin County seats with incumbent Rep. Mike Duffey (21st District) and Stephanie Kunze (24th District) winning in the face of several negative ads and mailers during the final days of the campaign.

Democrats will point to three races of note where their candidates prevailed. First, in the 28th District (Hamilton County), incumbent Rep. Connie Pillich was able to defeat the founder of the Cincinnati Tea Party, Mike Wilson. Pillich, who narrowly defeated Wilson during the last election, was able to garner 52% of the vote to Wilson's 44%. Democrats also were able to send Rep. Roland Windburn (43rd District/Dayton area) back to the Statehouse, who fended off a challenge from local Mayor Joyce Deitering.

Finally, Democrats were able to hold the 60th District seat (Lake County) previously held by Lorraine Fende. There John Rogers, Mayor of Mentor-on-the-Lake, defeated Painesville City Councilwoman Lori DiNallo with 55% of the vote. Republicans had tried to pick up the seat, as former State Rep. Dan Troy dropped out of the race, with Rogers being named as his replacement.

**Ohio Senate: Republicans Maintain Majority**

With all of the other “drama” heading into election night, the race in the Ohio Senate was the relatively quiet one. That is for two reasons. First, Republicans held a commanding 23 seat to 10 seat majority heading into election night. Secondly, because of this majority, only one seat was expected to be “in play” on election night. That seat was the 30th Senate District, which encompasses the counties of Belmont, Columbiana, Harrison, Jefferson, and parts of Tuscarawas. This race saw the appointed Democratic incumbent, Senator Lou Gentile, defeat Republican challenger Shane Thompson by a 53% - 47% margin.

**Issues: Both Statewide Issues Fail, Local Bans on Energy Extraction Pass**

Issues One and Two both were defeated by large margins on election night. Issue One, which would have called for a citizen’s convention to rewrite the Ohio Constitution, was defeated by a 68% - 32% margin. Issue Two, which would have immediately reset recently drawn legislative district and change the way the apportionment process is done in Ohio, went down by a similar 63% - 37% margin.

On the local level, Issue 29 in Broadview Heights, a measure that would prohibit any new oil and gas wells within the community, was passed with 66% of the vote. A similar proposal in Mansfield (Charter Amendment A) passed with 63% of the vote. Both proposals stemmed from an “environmental bill of rights” created by the Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund (CELDF).
Ohio General Assembly

“Lame Duck” Session Could Impact Oil, Gas Industry

By: Brian Hickman

As the 129th General Assembly draws to a close at year’s end, reports are beginning to surface about bills or amendments impacting the Ohio oil and gas industry. The rest of the legislative session – commonly called “lame duck” session – might entail measures impacting underground protection, steel reporting, and other various issues.

As of now, one issue that is not being readied to pass during “lame duck” session is increasing the severance tax on oil and gas extraction. Legislative leaders in the Ohio House and Senate have publically stated that the entire tax structure for oil and gas companies must be considered, with a desire to make any proposal at least “revenue neutral” to the companies.

Senate Bill 354, sponsored by Senator Bill Coley (R – 4th District), would amend current underground protection laws contained in Ohio Revised Code Section 3781. Generally, the bill would make some changes to Ohio law but not dramatically impact the current state of limited basis participation (LBP) that the Oil and Gas Producers Underground Protection Service (OGPUPS) employs.

Under the current version of the bill, a member of a protection service that is an LBP would need to provide the service with updated contact information of the person on staff receiving the inquiries. Additionally, a protection service would be required to notify an LBP that a locate ticket has been called into a protection service.

This legislation is expected to be passed and enacted before the end of the legislative session. There are also discussions that this may not be the last piece of legislation on underground protection, as the interested parties are looking to further amend Ohio’s underground protection law during the next General Assembly.

Senate Bill 382, sponsored by Senator Gayle Manning (R – 13th District), is an effort to require the reporting of the country of origin on all steel tubular goods used in oil and gas production. The bill, which originally was a Senate amendment to Senate Bill 315 (Sen. Jones) and also introduced as a House bill (HB 559), has not been heard in committee and most likely will not be enacted this year. However, this issue continues to come up around the Statehouse and most likely will come up in the next General Assembly.

Additionally, in a recent “business to business” seminar, Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Director Jim Zehringer noted that there might be legislation forthcoming on well pad construction, freshwater impoundments, pipeline safety. It is assumed that these efforts will also carry over into the next General Assembly, as OOGA is not aware of any action on these issues during “lame duck” session.

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UIC Permits

State Permits Four Injection Well Sites, Lifting Moratorium

By: Brian Hickman

On Tuesday, November 13, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management (DOGRM) stated that four underground injection control (UIC) permits were to be issued in Ohio. The permits, located in Athens, Portage, and Washington Counties, are the first to be approved since a de-facto moratorium on their permitting was instituted by Governor John Kasich.

Beginning this January, in response to seismic activity related to an injection well in the Youngstown area, the ODNR has not issued a UIC permit. The reasoning behind the move was to institute additional rules and regulations on UIC wells. To this end, provisions included in Senate Bill 315 and provisions in a recent rules package have upgraded safety requirements to a level ODNR will now issue these permits.

While four of these UIC permits were approved, ODNR has an additional thirty UIC permits that are awaiting their approval.

“We’ll be moving forward in coming months to approve permits in small groups,” said Heidi Hetzel-Evans, Media Relations Manager for the ODNR.

Environmentalists cried foul, stating that Ohio’s UIC regulations are still “weak” after these changes. Environmentalists have gone as far as staging protests at select UIC injection sites.

On November 19, members of the environmental activist group “Appalachia Resist!” blockaded an injection well in Athens County. Donning hazmat suits and wearing respirators, the protesters were asked to disperse by police, which they did without incident.

“We feel underground injection of fracking wastewater is an unhealthy and unsafe practice,” said Nate Ebert, spokesman for Appalachia Resist! “We are concerned about the increased traffic of this toxic waste coming into our state.”

Other statewide environmental groups are joining the crowd. Teresa Mills, “Fracking Coordinator” for the Buckeye Forest Council, also believes that additional reforms are needed to Ohio’s UIC program. She said that her group supports mandatory seismic tests for every proposed well, and the routine testing of produced water for toxic metals and fracking compounds.

These statements could lead one to believe that environmentalists are targeting UIC wells and the disposal of produced water in an effort to stymie oil and gas development in Ohio.
Election Results

The Nominating Committee met on November 1, 2012 to count the ballots received from the membership during October. The month long balloting resulted in two newly elected Trustees and eight re-elected Trustees to the OOGA Board for three-year terms, beginning January 1, 2013. Additionally, the requested change to the Association’s by-laws was accepted by the membership.

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Fiscal Cliff Negotiations May Entail Oil, Gas “Tax Breaks”

By: Brian Hickman

While leaders in the U.S. Congress and President Obama try to wrestle with a compromise to the upcoming “fiscal cliff”, House Democrats have thrown so-called oil and gas “tax breaks” like intangible drilling costs (or IDC’s) onto the bargaining table.

As you may know, “fiscal cliff” is the common name given to the current budget situation facing President Obama and members of Congress. At the end of this year, several provisions of the Budget Control Act of 2011 are scheduled to go into effect. On December 31st at midnight, tax provisions such as temporary payroll tax cuts (which would result in a 2% tax increase for workers), the end of certain tax breaks for businesses, shifts in the alternative minimum tax, and the beginning of taxes related to President Obama’s health care law are scheduled to go into effect.

At the same time, spending cuts agreed upon as part of the debt ceiling deal of 2011 will begin to go into effect. According to Barron’s, this will lead to over 1,000 government programs - including the defense budget and Medicare – to be put in line for “deep, automatic cuts.”

To avoid this fiscal cliff, Speaker John Boehner and President Obama continue to deliberate on a compromise solution. According to reports, several different options are on the table. However, for the most part, fair oil and gas tax treatments – such as IDC’s, tertiary well injectants, and percentage depletion – were not a part of these discussions.

That was until Democratic members of the U.S. House of Representatives (including Ohio Reps. Dennis Kucinich and Marcy Kaptur) sent a letter to the Speaker and the President calling for an end to these “tax breaks”. The group of 70 Democrats – including Natural Resources Committee ranking member Edward Markey (D-Massachusetts) – stated their belief that any fiscal cliff compromise must include the repeal of these tax provisions. The estimated total savings would be $40 billion over the next ten years.

“The tax breaks that provide preferential treatment to the oil and gas industry are narrowly tailored and do not expire,” stated the letter. “Indeed, some oil industry tax subsidies have been on the books for nearly 100 years. The five largest oil companies made $137 billion in profits last year, yet the oil industry still reaps the benefits of these tax breaks.”

“These are tax treatments that are unique to the oil industry and not provided to all industries,” the letter went on to state. “Repealing these unnecessary tax subsidies for this hugely profitable industry should be a key component of any revenue generating measures included in an agreement on the fiscal cliff.”

The Independent Petroleum Association of America (IPAA) and the OOGA continue to educate Ohio members on the importance of these fair tax treatments to members of Congress. As of print, it is believed that IDC’s, tertiary well injectants, and percentage depletion will not be a part of a fiscal cliff compromise this year. However, it is believed that Democrats will push for their elimination in the next federal budget debate.

House Democrats are going to be fighting to ensure that oil and natural gas tax breaks are eliminated as part of any fiscal-cliff compromise. A group of 70 House Democrats, led by Natural Resources Committee ranking member Edward Markey, D-Mass., sent a letter on Thursday to Boehner and President Obama last week urging a repeal to oil and gas tax breaks, which the lawmakers claim will cost the government $40 billion over the next 10 years. Despite this predicted Democratic push, it’s unlikely Congress will repeal any such tax breaks before the end of the year. But next year is a different story.
Ohio Department of Natural Resources Press Release

Key Information to Research, Exploration and Development

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources’ (ODNR) Division of Geological Survey has released its entire archive of oil and gas data set, which is comprised of 126,000 geophysical logs for nearly 69,000 wells throughout the state. The logs are now available to the public as digital files.

These logs are a fundamental data set used by the industry for oil and gas exploration, by government agencies for environmental restoration and remediation and by academic institutions for research.

The digital logs are raster-formatted scanned images saved as TIF files and are available on DVD at a cost of $2 per log, with a $25 minimum order (plus tax and shipping). Ordering information and an index of all available digital logs can be found on ODNR’s website at OhioGeology.com. For details about obtaining records, contact the division's Geologic Records Center at 614-265-6576.

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Utica Shale

Ohio Map of Utica Shale Activity
Provided By: MacKenzie Land & Exploration Ltd.
In Memoriam

Larry F. Perkins

Larry F. Perkins, age 76, died on Wednesday, October 24, 2012, losing his 10-year battle with Alzheimer’s Disease.

Larry was a self-made man. He was honest, kind, generous and loved his family. He is now at peace with Jesus. Praise the Lord.

Yvonne T. Atha

Yvonne T. Atha, age 88, passed away on Monday, November 5, 2012, after a brief illness.

She was born in Clarion, PA, on December 17, 1923, to the late Leon and Edith (Gifford) Thompson. She grew up in Michigan and was a graduate of Mount Pleasant High School, as well as Davenport University in Grand Rapids. She worked as a secretary for Sun Oil Company before beginning her lifelong career of wife, mother, homemaker, and secretary for 33 years of a family owned and operated oil and gas company.

She was a member of Worthington United Methodist Church, the CCL Club, and her Bridge club. She was a supporter of Worthington High School and Ohio State Athletics while her children were participating through the years, and she was a member of the OSU President’s Club. She was interested in politics and the oil and gas industry, but most of all, she was passionate about her family.

She was preceded in death by her husband Howard D. Atha, sons David Atha and William Atha, parents Leon and Edith Thompson and siblings Marie (Don) MacRae, Richard (Evelyn) Thompson, and Ruth Ann (Kermit) Ramsey. Yvonne is survived by her children, Richard Atha (fiancé Diana Borroel), Nancy (Joe) Melville, Thomas (Cindi) Atha, and Robert (Carol) Atha; daughters-in-law, Gay Atha and Julia Atha; grandchildren, Megan (Brian) Just, Jennifer (Nic) Welty, Lee (Tammy) Atha, Howard D. “Chip” Atha III, Cortney Forward, Todd (Terra) Forward, Chelsea Atha, McKenzie Atha, Thomas M. Atha Jr., Hilary Atha, David Atha, Lauren (Zach) Skinner, Hunter Atha, and Tanner Atha; nine great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

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The Ohio Third Frontier Internship Program is developing a pool of talented workers for Ohio for-profit companies and exposing students to the strategies and processes of business environments by creating student work experiences for Ohio residents. The program links college students with Ohio for-profit companies commercializing new products, technologies, and processes in the technology areas of Advanced Energy; Advanced Materials; Advanced Propulsion; Biomedical; Instruments, Controls and Electronics; and Information Technology.

Ohio Third Frontier Internship Program funds are competitively awarded to regional partners located within the six Ohio Third Frontier defined regions – Northeast (two regional partners), Northwest, Central, West Central, Southeast two regional partners, and Southwest. Regional partners are Ohio nonprofit organizations representing professional and/or business associations, regional economic development organizations, or One-Stop employment centers. The regional partners serve as the conduit for investing in student internships at for-profit Ohio companies. Students and companies interested in participating in the program can register at www.thirdfrontierintern.ohio.gov.

Funding

For-profit companies will be provided up to $3,000 for each eligible internship (full- or part-time opportunity). Ohio Third Frontier Internship Program funds must be matched with private funds on a 1:1 cash basis, which could equate to $6,000 in earnings over one year for a student intern.

Students and Internships

Internships are for eligible Ohio students enrolled at an Ohio higher education institution. They must be in good academic standing (2.5 GPA or higher) and currently registered as a second-year technical or community college student; a sophomore, junior, or senior at a four-year institution; or a masters or doctoral candidate in high-tech graduate studies in an approved high-tech curriculum. Internships are to be associated with a defined high-tech category for a limited period of time (at least 10 weeks of full-time employment or 20 weeks of part-time employment).

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OOGEEP SET TO CELEBRATE 15TH ANNIVERSARY THANKS TO SUPPORT AND FUNDING FROM OHIO’S NATURAL GAS AND CRUDE OIL PRODUCERS

Background:
With support from Ohio’s crude oil and natural gas industry, the Ohio General Assembly enacted Ohio Revised Code 1510 on September 18, 1997. The legislation only provided the necessary mechanism to create an oil and gas energy education program now known as the Ohio Oil and Gas Energy Education Program (OOGEEP). At that time, Ohio became the second state, behind Oklahoma, to enact this type of legislation. Since then, Ohio has become a leader in energy education and continues to serve as a role model for other oil and gas producing states.

Ohio Revised Code 1510 created a classic “check-off” program similar to programs used by agricultural commodities. An important component of that legislation was that, even if enacted, Ohio’s natural gas and crude oil producers, and royalty owners, would still have to vote and approve OOGEEP through a statewide referendum.

Following the enactment, a statewide referendum was held, and Ohio’s producers and royalty owners authorized to move forward with an education program by a remarkable 99% approval vote. OOGEEP officially became effective on April 1, 1998.

Operating Board/Staff:
OOGEEP has an Operating Board consisting of seven members. Recommendations to those Board seats are made based on names submitted by qualified producer and farmer organizations as defined under Ohio Revised Code 1510. These organizations include the Ohio Oil and Gas Association, Southeastern Ohio Oil and Gas Association, and the Ohio Farm Bureau. Six members of the Board are oil and gas producers and the seventh member is a royalty owner seat. These recommendations are further approved by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management’s Technical Advisory Council (TAC). The Board does not receive compensation and cannot serve more than three consecutive three-year terms. OOGEEP has four paid employees, and relies on a significant number of industry volunteers and leaders to implement the various public education and outreach programs that have positively impacted the entire state and Ohio’s industry.

Funding:
In accordance with Ohio Revised Code 1510, OOGEEP is funded 100% through an assessment on the production of all Ohio natural gas and crude oil produced in the state. That assessment is $0.01 (one cent) per gross Mcf of natural gas, and $0.05 (five cents) per gross barrel of crude oil (and wet gas). Ohio Revised Code 1510 requires all first purchasers of Ohio produced natural gas and crude oil to collect these assessments and remit them directly to OOGEEP no less than quarterly.
Educational Programs:

In the last 14 years, OOGEEP, thanks to the support of Ohio’s natural gas and crude oil producers, is now considered a credible resource by the educational, emergency response, regulatory and general public communities, and has received numerous state, national and international awards on behalf of Ohio’s industry.

To date, OOGEEP has conducted training workshops throughout the state to more than 2,568 Ohio teachers, from 1,311 schools, 602 cities located in all 88 counties (a new milestone in 2012). OOGEEP has also trained more than 978 Ohio firefighters, from 243 fire departments, representing more than 237 cities and townships. OOGEEP has also provided more than 200 scholarships and science awards to Ohio students, and has also help train more than 1,800 Ohio oilfield workers with specialized safety and industry related training. OOGEEP is currently working with 41 different Ohio colleges, universities, vocational schools and career centers on qualified workforce training. In 2012 alone, OOGEEP has also given more than 200 public presentations and town hall meetings aggressively defending and educating Ohio citizens about the exploration, production and natural gas industry, and distributed more than 1,000,000 fact sheets about Ohio’s industry. The anti’s hate OOGEEP for a reason ---- we are winning their propaganda war!

We would like to thank all Ohio producers that have supported OOGEEP over the last 14 years, and who have contributed collectively several million dollars into these educational efforts. As we get ready to celebrate our 15th anniversary, OOGEEP will continue to maintain and expand our current educational initiatives, and has many exciting new programs that are getting ready to launch in 2013. Thank you for all your support over the years, and your continued commitment in the future! We are a leader in the nation on energy education thanks to your pledge and support of this GREAT industry!

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The Expo continues to see growth, as this year’s event was moved to the I-X Center in Cleveland due to the need to increase exhibitor space. The extra space was needed, as companies from all over Ohio and many from across the nation, jumped at the chance to display their company and network with key players in the industry. As companies continue to look at their acreage positions in the Utica Shale play, we expect the interest in the Expo to remain high and continue to grow in the near future.

The event was also an opportunity for companies to showcase their latest technological advances in the oil and gas industry. These companies include local Ohio businesses that are experiencing increased sales directly tied to increased Utica Shale activity in Ohio.

The Expo presented the opportunity for those curious about the industry to experience it for themselves. The Expo offered several educational opportunities for those not currently affiliated with OOOGA members or the oil and gas industry. From talking to exhibitors at their respective booths about their roles in the industry to educational materials, films and other presentations that were made available, the Expo presented a very unique hands-on educational opportunity. Besides companies looking to showcase and network, citizens eager to learn more about the industry making such a huge impact in their state traveled to the Expo. Energy In-Depth and the Ohio Oil and Gas Energy Education Program spoke with many newcomers to the industry about its processes and safety.

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While slippery floors are an everyday occurrence in many workplaces, they are commonly overlooked as a safety hazard. According to the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), slips and falls resulting from unsafe flooring are very common. Statistics show that more than 30% of all occupational injuries result from slips, trips and falls. And, more than 70% of falls occurred on flat surfaces.

OSHA requirements state, “The floor of every workroom shall be maintained in a clean and, so far as possible, a dry condition. Where wet processes are used, drainage shall be maintained, and false floors, platforms, mats or other dry standing places should be provided where practicable.” [29 CFR 1910.22(a)(2)]

Equipment areas are at particular risk for slip-and-fall accidents because liquids for cooling, cleaning, and lubricating are required. These liquids typically leak, drip and spray onto floors and walkways where workers can easily slip and fall. Clean, dry floors are the key to reducing - and eliminating - these kinds of accidents.

The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) has created standards that address floor safety hazards and detail steps that can be taken to make walking surfaces safer. Although these standards are voluntary, they are considered to be good industry practices, and can help reduce the likelihood of slip and fall injuries.

Safe footing can be secured in three easy steps

Maintenance crews alone are not responsible for maintaining clean and safe workstations. Everyone shares the responsibility. With proper training and workplace maintenance, most accidents can be prevented. Following are three steps to an effective floor safety program:

- Step 1. Survey the floors and stairways for potential hazards. Check stairwells. Smooth, continuous handrails, proper lighting and slip resistant stair surfaces should be provided. Aisles and walkways must be free of debris and obstructions such as tools, extension cords, hoses and packing materials. When potentially unsafe conditions are discovered, correcting them should be a priority. In addition to entrances where slips and falls may be common; any area where liquids or powders are stored, used or transferred is a likely target.

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By: Scott St. Clair, Regional Business Consultant

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**Crude Oil Prices**

NYMEX v Ohio Wellhead Posted Prices


![Chart showing NYMEX vs Ohio Wellhead Prices]

**Natural Gas Index Pricing**

NYMEX Close & Appalachian Index


![Chart showing Natural Gas Index Pricing]

**Settle Price, Crude Oil Light Sweet**

New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX)

Wednesday, November 21, 2012

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**Settle Price, Natural Gas**

New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX)

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