



Local Governments and Gas Shale Drilling: SGEIS, Potential Regulations, and Home Rule

As part of our 2012 Training School and Annual Meeting, the Association of Towns of the State of New York has scheduled a full day of programming devoted to helping you prepare your community for natural gas drilling. This dedicated one day program will provide information on the tools and resources that are available to towns facing shale gas development. Special attention will be given to the recent lawsuits against the towns of Dryden and Middlefield.

This special program will be held during the second day of our 2012 Training School and Annual Meeting in New York City at the New York Hilton on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The program will cover the following topics: the Department of Environmental Conservation's Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement; experiences and expectations for local emergency service providers; and the Drafting, Adopting, Litigation and Defense of Land Use Local Laws.

A tentative agenda is enclosed. Registration is available via mail or online, and forms for both methods can be found on the Association's web site: www.nytowns.org. Registering for the program will also give you access to approximately 150 hours of additional training on fiscal, personnel, environmental, and public safety courses that will be presented on both Monday and Tuesday. We look forward to your attendance at this informative conference. Please contact the Association with any questions or concerns.

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Location:

New York Hilton
1335 Avenue of the Americas
New York, NY 10019-6078

Date: Tuesday, February 21, 2011

Cost: \$135

Agenda:

10:00 – 10:50

Shale Gas Development and Public Safety Aspects
Michael Atchie, Local Government Specialist, Chesapeake Energy

What can local emergency service providers expect from natural gas drilling service demands? What are the additional training and equipment requirements, if any? This session will provide answers and examples that are based on experience from actual drilling operations.

11:00 – 12:30

Hydraulic Fracturing In New York: A Potential Regulatory Approach
Steven C. Russo, Deputy Commissioner and General Counsel, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

This discussion will focus on the regulatory scheme proposed to regulate high-volume hydraulic fracturing in New York State, which is currently undergoing environmental review. It will summarize the proposed regulations, draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement and current status. A special emphasis will be placed on the role of local governments in connection with the proposed regulatory regime.

12:30 – 2:00

Lunch Break

2:00 – 2:50

Property Taxation and Compulsory Integration
James F. Dunne, Director of Property Tax Research. Office of Tax Policy Analysis, New York State Department of Taxation and Finance
Mara B. Ginsberg, Esq. Hinman Straub, PC

This session will be split between a discussion on how natural gas drilling will impact local real property tax assessments and levies and how the concept of compulsory integration works in New York State.

3:00 – 5:00

Home Rule and Shale Gas Development: Perspectives
Gregory R. Nearpass, Esq. Nixon Peabody LLP
David Everett, Esq. Whiteman Osterman & Hanna LLP
Michael Kenneally, Esq. Association of Towns of the State of New York

Environmental Conservation Law preempts local laws “relating to the regulation of the oil, gas and solution mining industries.” But is a local zoning law of general applicability a law that relates to the oil, gas and solution mining industry? This 2 hour session will present the audience with different perspectives on this and other questions regarding the scope of municipal of home rule authority in context of shale gas development.



2012 Training School & Annual Meeting February 19-22, 2012

The Association of Towns of the State of New York
150 State Street, Albany, New York 12207
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Registration will be accepted online (www.nytowns.org), by mail, or by fax until February 10, 2012
After February 10, registration will be accepted on site.

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