

Berks Gas Truth

Gas Drilling Jobs Factsheet

At Issue

The natural gas industry and its supporters at every level of government frequently cite job creation as a justification for drilling. Penn State University issued an industry-friendly estimate that over 100,000 jobs would be created in 2010 alone. It was as inflated as their estimate of the amount of natural gas in the Marcellus Shale that was reduced by 80% by the USGS last September. Here are the facts from the Keystone Research Center's *Drilling Deeper into Jobs Claims*.

- From 4th Q 2007 through 4th Q 2010, the number of jobs created in both core and ancillary Marcellus industries totaled 5,669.
- In 2010, Pennsylvania was third in the nation in job growth. Subtract all of the Marcellus Shale jobs and Pennsylvania was *still* third in job growth.
- Reports surfaced in the media that 48,000 jobs had been created in the first three months of 2011 according to the state's Department of Labor and Industry. The figures were actually citing the number of new hires, not jobs created. In the same three months, there were 2.8 million new hires across all PA industries, of which only 85,467 were filling newly created jobs. New hires also includes those who filled job openings created as a result of resignations, firings, promotions, transfers, retirements, and other situations.