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Spilman Attorneys Address Shale Gas Industry Leaders at Infrastructure Summit

Canonsburg, Pa. - Nearly 150 leaders from the shale gas industry, including energy companies, exploration and production companies, midstream operators, policymakers, and legal professionals, gathered today at the Marcellus & Utica - NGL & Shale Gas Infrastructure Summit 2012 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Canonsburg. A delegation of attorneys from Spilman participated in the conference, providing valuable perspectives and insights on legal concerns related to infrastructure and midstream developments in the shale gas plays.

This important, two-day conference, sponsored in part by Spilman, addresses the rapid infrastructure build-out and new market access necessitated by increased production in the Marcellus and Utica Shale plays. Topics of discussion included strategic, technical and regulatory issues involved with infrastructure development for processing, storage and pipeline takeaway.

Spilman attorneys [Allyn G. Turner](#), [M. Katherine Crockett](#), [Barry A. Naum](#), [James A. Walls](#), [William M. Herlihy](#), [Michael G. Connelly](#), [Nathaniel C. Hunter](#), [Peter R. Rich](#) and [Ronald W. Schuler](#) led a preconference workshop, The

In The News



Compressor Stations Found to Be Part of Gas Production in Pa.

The Commonwealth Court recently ruled that compressor stations cannot be banned by a township in areas where gas production is otherwise permitted. Compressor stations are needed to move gas from wellhead to pipeline, thus it is a necessary component of gas production.

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Dimock, Pa. Water Supply Not Contaminated by Shale Activity

After months of testing, the EPA has concluded that Dimock drinking water meets all regulatory standards. Thus shale gas drilling activity has not contaminated the town's water supply as previously asserted.

Read the full article [here](#).



Shale Gas Investments Spur

Legal Landscape for Midstream Operators, which included information on the economic and environmental implications of rapid development for infrastructure firms. During the session, Spilman lawyers analyzed state and federal laws and regulations affecting midstream operations, with particular emphasis on recent developments in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Ohio.

Regionalized Growth in Pa.

As Shell moves forward with plans for its ethane cracking plant in Pa., business and government officials expect other companies to piggy-back the move and bring more jobs to Western Pennsylvania.

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