

Speakers to Examine Regulatory, Financial Challenges of Marcellus Shale

While the Marcellus Shale region offers opportunities for economic development, it also poses regulatory and financial challenges, according to the next speakers in the EarthTalks Spring Colloquium Series, “The Marcellus Shale Play: Boon or Burden?”

Rachel Allen and Ryan Dahl, attorneys with Jones Day’s Pittsburgh’s office, will discuss some of the hurdles involved in developing the Marcellus Shale on Monday, March 2. These include tight credit markets, absence of certain infrastructure and the ever-evolving environmental permitting and regulation of oil and gas activities in the Marcellus region.

The speakers also will present potential solutions to those challenges.

Open to the public, the talk is set for 4 p.m. in 112 Walker Building. The presentation also will be available online at http://www.eesi.psu.edu/news_events/EarthtalksSpring09.shtml.

Allen, a partner at Jones Day, has extensive experience in the highly regulated energy industry. Dahl who is an associate practices in the environmental, health and safety area and advises clients on regulation matters.

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