

Official with Pennsylvania Geological Survey to Discuss Marcellus Shale

The actual value of the Marcellus as a gas reservoir has yet to be firmly established, says John Harper, chief, geological division of the Pennsylvania Geological Survey.

“The Marcellus was not considered promising until gas prices increased and [drilling] technology advanced,” Harper says. “But only time will tell just how lucrative the Marcellus play truly will be.”

Harper will discuss this at 4 p.m., Monday, April 27 in a talk, “The Marcellus and Other Shale Plays in Pennsylvania: Are They Really Worth All the Fuss?”

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

Harper is the final speaker in the 2009 EarthTalks Spring Colloquium Series on “The Marcellus Shale Play: Boon or Burden?” that is sponsored by the Penn State Earth and Environmental Systems Institute (EESI), the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences (EMS), the College of Agricultural Sciences, the Environment and Natural Resources Institute, the Penn State Institutes of Energy and the Environment (PSIEE), the EMS Energy Institute and the John A. Dutton e-Education Institute.