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Update: Counties With 2,093 Marcellus Wells File With PUC To Adopt Drilling Fee

So far, ten counties with a total of 2,093 natural gas wells have formally filed their intent with the Public Utility Commission to adopt a drilling impact fee under the Act 13 Marcellus Shale Law.

The counties include: **New-** Bedford (1 well), Butler (109 wells), **New-** Elk (58 wells), Forest (6 wells), Lawrence (2 wells), Lycoming (473 wells), Perry (0 wells), **New-** Tioga- (693 wells), Washington (560 wells) and Westmoreland (191 wells) counties.

[4,344 of the 4,982](#) producing Marcellus Shale wells in Pennsylvania are in just 11 counties: Bradford-1,008, Tioga-693, Washington-560, Lycoming- 473, Susquehanna-462, Greene-415, Westmoreland-191, Fayette-185, Clearfield-136, Armstrong-112 and Butler-109.

For 2012, counties have until April 16 to adopt a drilling fee ordinance.

For more information, visit the PUC's [Act 13 Drilling Fee](#) and [Drilling Fee Public Documents](#) webpages.