



# PA Environment Digest

## An Update On Environmental Issues In

PA

**Edited By: David E. Hess, Crisci Associates**

Winner 2009 [PAEE Business Partner](#) Of The Year Award

---

Harrisburg, Pa

May 10, 2010

---

**Click On This Link To Print Digest**

[http://docs.google.com/View?id=dgp6dbtq\\_518fj384hcq](http://docs.google.com/View?id=dgp6dbtq_518fj384hcq)

### **House Passes State Forest Leasing Moratorium, Moves Natural Gas Severance Tax, But**



The House this week passed [House Bill 2235](#) (Vitali-D-Delaware) imposing a 3 year moratorium on Marcellus Shale natural gas leasing in State Forests and requiring certain studies by a vote of 157 to 33. The Senate is not expected to take up the bill.

"Drilling has an enormous impact on our state forests," Rep. Vitali said. "Each well drilled requires millions of gallons of water. It also requires the clearing of several acres of land, hundreds of truck trips, the expansion of roads, the construction of retention basins and the laying of pipeline.

"To cash out Pennsylvania's assets to solve a year or two of budget problems is shortsighted."