

PWEA Position Statement

Marcellus Shale

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PWEA Mission Statement

Enhance the knowledge and abilities of Pennsylvania's water quality professionals, promote sound sustainable water policies, and promote public awareness of the need to protect water resources.

"The Marcellus Shale natural gas reserve and other similar formations underlying Pennsylvania represent a remarkable opportunity for the Commonwealth to invigorate the economy and spur development for years and decades to come. However, we caution that the private and public sectors must understand and address the substantial environmental and water management challenges presented by this asset. We feel that diligent technical consideration on planning and execution of sound water management strategies are essential to protecting the environment and public interest. PWEA is confident that the skilled and qualified water treatment and environmental planning professionals within our membership are capable of meeting these needs. As an organization, we welcome this new opportunity to guide, teach, spur innovation and protect the environment specific to this emerging area of interest."

"Currently, PWEA's membership includes approximately 2,000 professionals representing the private and public sectors. The Association provides a forum for continuing education, regulatory commentary and communication within Pennsylvania's water sector. Anyone interested in joining PWEA or becoming more familiar with our association is invited to visit us at www.pwea.org."