Landowner Oil and Gas Leasing and Michigan Oil and Gas Industry Educational Meeting
Thursday, March 13, 2014, 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.
Szikszay Farms, 8329 North Irish Road Otisville, MI 48463.

In the last two years there has been increasing interest in leasing mineral rights in the State of Michigan and the U.S. This interest in leasing to produce oil and natural gas can lead to a significant income opportunity for landowners. Can the lease you are offered be negotiated to improve income and reduce impacts to your existing operations? How is the oil and gas industry regulated to insure energy is produced safely in Michigan?

MSUE is sponsoring a public meeting for landowners to educate them on the following topics:

- Regulation of the Michigan Oil and Gas Industry
- Advances in drilling technology
- Understanding and negotiating the standard oil and gas Lease
- Legal considerations in oil and gas Leasing

There is a suggested donation of $5 per person to cover speaker travel. Please contact the Lapeer County MSU Extension office at 810-667-0341 for more information.

Welcome and Introductions
Phil Kaatz, MSU Extension

The Department of Environmental Quality Role in Regulating the Michigan Oil and Gas Industry
Office of Oil, Gas, and Minerals, Michigan DEQ
- Introduction to the Office of Oil, Gas, and Minerals
- Michigan oil and gas well construction requirements
- Hydraulic fracturing in Michigan
- Environmental considerations and regulations

Oil and Gas Industry Perspective on Advances in Drilling Technology
Representative from Western Land Services
- Horizontal and vertical well construction stimulation; When and why is hydraulic fracturing used?
- Environmental safeguards in drilling oil and gas wells
- What is causing the leasing in southern Michigan now?
- Reclamation procedures used for forest and cropland

Understanding the standard oil and gas Lease
Curtis Talley Jr., MSUE Farm Management Educator
- What does the language in the lease mean?
- Why should I be concerned about the lease language when I am getting a bonus payment?
- What are the long-term implications of the standard lease?

Legal Consideration in Oil & Gas Leasing
Aaron K. Bowron, attorney at law; Zirnhelt, Bowron & Wiggins, P.L.C.abowron@zbwlaw.com.
- Common pitfalls to avoid
- Defining how the royalty is paid
- Protecting land and groundwater quality in the lease
- What can be negotiated in the lease?

Question and Answer Period
Phil Kaatz MSU Extension

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