Landowner Oil and Gas Leasing and Michigan Oil and Gas Industry Educational Meeting
Thursday, March 6, 2014, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
(Registration opens at 6:30 pm)

Sponsored by Exeter Township, Monroe County Farm Bureau, Lennard, Graham and Goldsmith Attorneys and the Monroe County Agriculture Advisory Council

Ida Township Hall, 3016 Lewis Avenue, Ida, MI 48140

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
- Environmental and economic considerations for mineral owners
- Understanding and negotiating the standard oil and gas Lease

**Welcome and Introductions**
Ned Birkey, Spartan Agricultural Consulting

**Understanding the standard oil and gas Lease**

*Curtis Talley Jr., Michigan State University Extension Farm Management Educator*

- What does the language in the oil and gas lease mean?
- Should I be concerned about the lease language when I am getting a bonus payment?
- What is a non-development lease?
- What options are there to accepting the oil and gas “standard” lease
- Protecting groundwater quality in the lease

**The Department of Environmental Quality Role in Regulating the Michigan Oil and Gas Industry**

*Bill Mitchell, Kalamazoo District Geologist MDEQ/RMD - Office of Oil, Gas, and Minerals*

- Michigan oil and gas well construction requirements
- Hydraulic fracturing in Michigan
- Environmental considerations and regulations

**Question and Answer Period**
Ned Birkey moderator

*All speakers and attorney Marty Kamprath of Lennard, Graham and Goldsmith will be present to answer questions.*

For questions related to the program information contact Ned Birkey at 734-260-3442. To reserve your seat please contact the Monroe County Extension office at 734-240-3170 or Monroe County Farm Bureau at 734-269-3275. Pre-registration is encouraged so that ample handouts will be available, but not required.

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