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Central Susquehanna Citizens Coalition, The Bucknell University Environmental Center,
and the Bucknell Marcellus Shale Initiative present:

Protecting the Environment One Day at a Time: How the DEP Regulates Drilling in the Marcellus Shale

Thursday, November 10, 7:00 pm

Gallery Theatre, Elaine Langone Center, Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA

LEWISBURG, PA - The Central Susquehanna Citizens Coalition (CSCC), Bucknell University Environmental Center and Marcellus Shale Initiative will present a public forum titled "Protecting the Environment One Day at a Time: How the DEP Regulates Drilling in the Marcellus Shale" with special guest speaker Stephen Brokenshire on Thursday, November 10 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Gallery Theatre located in the Elaine Langone Center on the Bucknell University campus in Lewisburg. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 570.522.0418 or visit www.csccnw.org.

"Environmental protection and regulation are clearly at the heart of the debate over Marcellus Shale and its long-term effect on Pennsylvania's economy and well-being," says Jove Graham, chairman of the CSCC. "On one hand, some groups claim Pennsylvania has very strict environmental regulations already, but on the other hand, many residents worry that the current level of environmental regulation isn't enough, particularly when it comes to ensuring clean drinking water for everyone. People on either side may not really know the details of how current regulations are enforced or whether the rapid growth of the industry has really allowed the Commonwealth to keep up with enforcing those regulations. Our group's mission is to bring interesting speakers and information to citizens in the Susquehanna Valley that will allow them to stay up-to-date on important topics like this one. Our speaker, Stephen Brokenshire from the Department of Environmental Protection, brings first-hand knowledge and front-line experience as he is an environmental scientist who spends every day carrying out state policies to oversee this large industry. We hope that interested citizens can attend this talk and make their own decisions about the debate over shale drilling."

The keynote speaker for this event is Stephen D. Brokenshire, a Mineral Resources Program Specialist for the Office of Oil and Gas Management, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) where he has worked for over 10 years. In his presentation titled, "Protecting the Environment," he will discuss the duties and roles of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection in regulating Marcellus Shale activities. The presentation will be followed by 30 minutes of interactive discussion where audience members are encouraged to ask questions and share their thoughts.

As a Mineral Resources Program Specialist, Stephen Brokenshire's primary job duties include developing, interpreting and recommending changes to rules, regulations, policies and procedures for the Office of Oil & Gas Management; conducting evaluations of regional or district programs to ensure uniformity of actions and to monitor progress in attaining program goals and objectives; developing technical program guidances; conducting technical

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investigations of issues and problems with significant statewide impact; conducting training for field personnel and the regulated community; and representing the Office of Oil & Gas on special committees and in dealings with federal or interstate agencies. Mr. Brokenshire has been employed by the Department of Environmental Protection for nearly 11 years as a Sanitarian, Environmental Protection Compliance Specialist, Water Quality Specialist and Mineral Resources Program Specialist. Prior to his employment with the state, he worked for the A.E. Kirby Memorial Health Center's Environmental Laboratory in Wilkes-Barre as a laboratory technician. Mr. Brokenshire has a bachelor of science degree in Earth & Environmental Science from Wilkes University with a concentration in Water Quality.

This event is sponsored by CSCC, a non-profit, non-partisan all-volunteer grassroots organization centered in Union County that reaches out to connect and encourage citizens to participate in the democratic process. The event is also co-hosted by the Bucknell University Environmental Center, and the Marcellus Shale Initiative, a partnership between Bucknell, the Forum for Pennsylvania's Heartland, Degenstein Foundation and Geisinger Health System dedicated to supporting objective research and critical evaluation of information related to the Marcellus Shale natural gas.

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TICKETS: No tickets are necessary. This event is free and open to the public.

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