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Depending on how comprehensively (or alternately, how specifically) you want to explore the topic, I'd think it would be worthwhile to research the historical track record of the oil and gas extraction industries in Pennsylvania in regards to environmentally sound and responsible ops. It isn't all that pretty of a picture. Doesn't mean your take should be anti-drilling, but rather as a cautionary observation.

Additionally, an exploration of what sort of well bonding (monies put into escrow up front by operators to guarantee responsible ops) requirements will apply for the Marcellus wells and whether they will be adequate for this new sort of well and how they may/may not differ from the bonding requirements legislated by the Oil and Gas Act of 1984 (I think this is the right name, but it may not be. What's important is that the first mandated bonding for gas wells in PA were a result of this act).