

# SUSQUEHANNA RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

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## MEDIA ADVISORY

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## SRBC TO HOLD HEARINGS OCTOBER 21 AND 22 ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO STREAMLINE REVIEW OF NATURAL GAS WELL DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

**WHAT:** The Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC) is holding two public hearings to receive comment on proposed regulatory revisions that will further protect the basin's water resources and streamline the review of consumptive water uses by the natural gas industry. The proposed regulatory changes are available on SRBC's web site [www.srbc.net/programs/projreviewmarcellus.htm](http://www.srbc.net/programs/projreviewmarcellus.htm).

Included among the proposed revisions affecting the natural gas industry, SRBC would:

- Require all requests for consumptive water use approval to go through SRBC's approval by rule process – an administrative procedure – rather than SRBC's standard consumptive water use application process.
- Expand the approval by rule process to allow project sponsors to utilize a broader range of water sources as part of their consumptive use approval, including public water supplies, discharges from wastewater treatment facilities and other lesser quality water sources, and withdrawals from other sources approved separately by SRBC.
- Regulate projects on a drilling pad basis, versus the current process that addresses consumptive use requests on a company-lease area basis.
- Require projects to demonstrate compliance with state and/or federal law for the treatment and disposal of flowback or produced fluids, including brines.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, October 21, 2008  
7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 22, 2008  
7:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Lycoming College  
Academic Center  
Lecture Hall Room D001  
Mulberry Street  
Williamsport, PA

Binghamton University SUNY  
Lecture Hall Complex  
Lecture Hall 1  
Route 434 (Vestal Parkway East)  
Binghamton, N.Y.

**WHO:** Hearing Chaired By:  
Cathleen Curran Myers  
SRBC Alt. PA Commissioner

Hearing Chaired By:  
Kenneth Lynch  
SRBC Alt. NY Commissioner

**DIRECTIONS:** Lycoming College  
<http://www.lycoming.edu/admissions/OurCampus/CampusMap.html>

Binghamton University SUNY  
<http://www2.binghamton.edu/about/visiting-campus/maps-and-directions.html>

**SRBC:** SRBC ([www.srbc.net](http://www.srbc.net)) was established under a compact signed on December 24, 1970 by the federal government and the states of New York, Pennsylvania and Maryland to protect and wisely manage the water resources of the Susquehanna River Basin. The Susquehanna River starts in Cooperstown, N.Y., and flows 444 miles to the Chesapeake Bay.