

HAYNESVILLE SHALE

Fact Sheet

**Can Provide 10 Years
Worth of Natural Gas**

**Created over 32,000
New Jobs**

**Increased State and
Local Tax Revenues**

LOCATION OF HAYNESVILLE SHALE

- The Haynesville Shale formation is located approximately 10,500 to 13,000 feet below of the subsurface of Northwest Louisiana and East Texas. The most productive portions of the shale play lie in the Louisiana parishes of Caddo, Bossier, DeSoto, Bienville, Webster and Red River.¹

THE IMPORTANCE

- The Haynesville Shale is estimated to contain as much as 251 trillion cubic feet of gas meaning the Haynesville Shale contains enough natural gas to meet U.S. demand for approximately 10 years at 2008 consumption levels.²

THE ECONOMIC IMPACT

- Economists project that in 2008 the Haynesville Shale generated nearly \$3.9 billion dollars in household earnings.³
- The activity of the Haynesville Shale created 32,742 new jobs in 2008.⁴
- State and local tax revenues were increased by at least \$153.3 million dollars in 2008.⁵

STATE REGULATIONS

- The Louisiana Department of Natural Resources has proposed an order regulating the urban development of the Haynesville Shale. The order applies to wells drilled and completed in the Haynesville Shale within 750 feet of a residence, religious institution, public building or public park in an urban area.⁶
- Louisiana Commissioner of Conservation Jim Welsh has recommended the use of ground water from the Red River Alluvial aquifer system because of its high yield and coarse nature making unsuitable for domestic consumption, preserving the Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer for domestic use.⁷
- Louisiana requires all drilling operators to give proper legal notice of the well location to the Office of Conservation prior to fracturing operations, giving the Office of Conservation time and opportunity to determine whether the well location might pose a risk to ground water resources.⁸

1 <http://myhaynesvilleshale.com/>

2 <http://www.askchESApeake.com/Haynesville-Shale/LA/NaturalGas/Pages/About-Haynesville-Shale.aspx>

3 Loren Scott & Assoc., The Economic Impact of the Haynesville Shale on the Louisiana Economy in 2008, available at: <http://dnr.louisiana.gov/haynesvilleshale/loren-scott-impact2008.pdf>.

4 Id.

5 Id.

6 <http://dnr.louisiana.gov/cons/notices/20090501-haynesville.pdf>

7 <http://dnr.louisiana.gov/sec/execdiv/pubinfo/newsr/2008/1016con-gwater-advisory.ssi>

8 <http://dnr.louisiana.gov/sec/execdiv/pubinfo/newsr/2008/0813con-well-notification-rules.ssi>