

SHALE GAS: CREATING AMERICAN JOBS

Fact Sheet

Development of American Shale Gas Creates Thousands of Jobs

Shale Gas Will Boost U.S. Energy Independence

SHALE GAS: THE BRIDGE TO A CLEANER, MORE INDEPENDENT AND PROSPEROUS AMERICA

- *“The brightening outlook for natural gas supplies changes the backdrop against which we consider energy policy here in America.”*
Rep. Edward Markey, Chairman, House Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, January 20, 2010

JOBS, JOBS, AND MORE JOBS

- A stable and adequately trained work force is critical to the continued environmentally sound development of the nation’s oil and natural gas resources. As domestic production attention shifts toward utilizing the nation’s vast shale resources, there will be a growing demand for personnel to staff shale development projects. Shale gas development represents a key opportunity for policy makers to take proactive steps that ensure a strong, well-trained workforce that can harness the vast amounts of energy that remain trapped in rock formations deep below the surface of the earth.

ENERGY INDEPENDENCE AND JOB CREATION – SHALE GAS IS A REMEDY

- Domestic natural gas and the development of the United State’s shale resources provide much needed relief from foreign energy sources while creating high-paying, high-skilled, quality jobs for Americans. The development of America’s shale gas resources will create more jobs, and the investment in the production of clean-burning natural gas and will boost U.S. energy independence.

DOMESTIC JOB CREATION THROUGH DEVELOPMENT OF A CLEAN-BURNING RESOURCE

- In 2008, natural gas production contributed \$385 billion to the national economy and helped support more than 2.8 million jobs.¹
- More than 700,000 jobs are indirectly involved with the natural gas industry.²
- More than 600,000 jobs are directly involved in exploring, producing, transporting and delivering natural gas or providing critical supplies or services to the industry.³
- In 2008, 33 states had at least 2,000 workers directly involved in natural gas activities, with 21 of the 33 having at least 4,000 people directly involved in natural gas activities.⁴
- Activity in the Marcellus, Haynesville, and Fayetteville shales has created an estimated 80,000 jobs.⁵
- Over the next two decades, shale gas production is expected to create 300,000 new jobs.⁶

1 America’s Natural Gas Alliance, The Contributions of the Natural Gas Industry to the U.S. National and State Economies 1 (2009).

2 Id.

3 Id.

4 Id. at 2

5 America’s Natural Gas Alliance, The Contributions of the Natural Gas Industry to the U.S. National and State Economies (2009).

6 The ExxonMobil-XTO Merger: Impact on U.S. Energy Markets, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 111th Cong., 101 (2010) (statement of Rex W. Tillerson, Chairman and CEO, ExxonMobil Corp.).