Stakeholder Interview Questions

- 1. What is your organization's primary area of interest/concern related to the potential shale gas exploration and production in Western Maryland?
- 2. In your opinion, what adverse impacts and net benefits could potentially be caused by shale drilling?
- 3. As part of the analysis, RESI will be measuring economic, fiscal, and nonmarket economic impacts. To address impacts that are not easily measured with a dollar amount we will survey residents and nonresidents, asking them to place a dollar value on avoiding environmental damage that could potentially result from shale gas exploration and production, like increased noise from truck traffic, forest fragmentation, groundwater contamination, and impacts to scenic and recreational assets.

Are there other environmental values - which do not have a dollar value associated with them - which you would like for us to consider?

- 4. What studies or data would you recommend that RESI review as part of the analysis?
- 5. Are there any other groups or individuals that you would recommend the MDE/RESI team speak with?
- 6. What other policy issues are raised by unconventional gas drilling? (Examples: agricultural preservation, renewable energy, leasing of State forests and parks for gas development, affordable housing, etc.)
- 7. What would you like the economy of your County (Garrett or Allegany) to look like in 25 years? What has to happen to achieve that?
- 8. Do you feel as well-informed as you would like to be about the work of the Governor's Marcellus Shale Safe Drilling Initiative? If not, what would be the best way to publicize it?
- 9. Has your organization taken a position on whether and how gas exploration and production from deep shale formations like the Marcellus Shale should be allowed in Maryland? If yes, what is the position, and how did your organization adopt the position?
- 10. Do you have any additional questions or comments?



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