



Tri-State area collaborates to maximize growth in shale gas industry

In an effort to maximize growth in the shale gas region, Ohio has entered into a three-year [regional cooperation agreement](#) with West Virginia and Pennsylvania to collaborate on areas critical to the success of the growing industry. The agreement was signed at the Tri-State Shale Summit held in Morgantown, West Virginia.

As part of the new agreement, the three neighboring states within the Appalachian Basin will discuss ways to cooperate in marketing efforts to attract new businesses, strengthen workforce development programs, spur investments in expanding infrastructure and delivery of natural gas and liquids, and encourage its academic institutions to expand and collaborate on research.

Ohio's horizontal shale wells recently produced a record 10 million barrels of oil and 405 billion cubic feet of natural gas in the first half of this year. Production continues to rise as oil increased by more than 5.6 million barrels and gas by 250 billion cubic feet compared to the first half of 2014 – a 126 and 160 percent increase, respectively. [Read more...](#)