Shale Development: A Proven and Powerful Job Creator

IHS CERA

“Combined with upstream activity, the entire unconventional oil and gas value chain currently supports more than 2.1 million jobs. Total jobs supported by this value chain will rise to more than 3.3 million in 2020 and reach nearly 3.9 million by 2025.” (January 2013)

President Obama

“We have a supply of natural gas that can last America nearly 100 years. And my administration will take every possible action to safely develop this energy. Experts believe this will support more than 600,000 jobs by the end of the decade.” (January 2012)

Gina McCarthy, Administrator, U.S. EPA

“Industry experts predict that natural gas alone can support more than 600,000 jobs by the end of the decade. Right now, this industry is supporting nearly 140,000 jobs in Colorado.” (August 2013)

Senator Mary Landrieu (D-Louisiana)

“The oil and gas industry supports over 300,000 jobs in Louisiana, and has been a major factor in securing below average unemployment for the last 5 years.” (March 2014)

PricewaterhouseCoopers

“The US oil and natural gas industry’s total employment impact to the national economy in 2011, combining the operational and capital investment impacts, amounted to 9.8 million full-time and part-time jobs and accounted for 5.6 percent of total US employment. At the national level, each direct job in the oil and natural gas industry supported approximately 2.8 jobs elsewhere in the US economy in 2011.” (July 2013)

Bureau of Labor Statistics

“Despite recent declines in Pennsylvania’s overall economy, the state’s oil and natural gas industry has seen substantial growth in terms of both employment and wages. Most of Pennsylvania’s substantial employment gains in the oil and natural gas industry were due to the recent surge in shale gas production brought about by the drilling in the Marcellus Shale.” (February 2014)

“From 2007 to 2011, among U.S. counties within [the Bakken Shale] region, employment grew from 77,937 jobs to 105,891 jobs—an increase of 35.9 percent.” (April 2013)

Cynthia C. Dungey, Director of Ohio Department of Job and Family Services

“Ohio is fortunate to have this natural resource that can provide good jobs for families and reinvigorate many of our communities, especially those in the eastern part of the state. The average wages of shale-related jobs are excellent: $70,160 in core industries and $59,516 in ancillary industries.” (April 2014)

Manhattan Institute

“For every direct oil and gas job, there are, on average, three jobs created in industries such as housing, retail, education, healthcare, food services, manufacturing, and construction.” (February 2014)

National Association of Manufacturers (NAM)

“The combined upstream, midstream and downstream unconventional oil and gas production process, and the chemical industry benefiting from it, will support more than 460,000 combined manufacturing jobs by 2020, rising to nearly 515,000 by 2025.” (September 2013)

Illinois Chamber of Commerce

“Accessing natural gas in Illinois could produce many direct and indirect benefits and thousands of jobs. Illinois is in a great position to participate in this dynamic energy renaissance.” (December 2012)