

Title: Working Together in Shale Gas Policy

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Abstract: Two recent and ongoing efforts have been effective in bringing together industry and environmental groups. The Shale Gas Roundtable of the Institute of Politics at the University of Pittsburgh produced a report with several recommendations dealing especially with shale gas research, water use and impacts and the particularities of Pennsylvania law and regulation as they relate to shale gas. The Center for Sustainable Shale Development (CSSD) was founded to create standards and a certification process for shale gas production in Appalachia. Professor Cohon co-chaired the Shale Gas Roundtable and is chair of the Board of the CSSD. Both activities provide useful lenses through which to view the state of development of shale gas in the region, as well as lessons for working together.