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Independent Oil & Gas Association Members to Host Public Information Forum Thursday

Lake View, NY – Members of the Independent Oil & Gas Association of New York (IOGA of NY) will host the first of a series of public information sessions on:

Thursday, September 3
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Corning Community College
Triangle Lounge, located in the Commons Building
1 Academic Drive, Corning, NY

The public information session will address the environmental, scientific and economic aspects of natural gas exploration.

“Natural gas is one of the cleanest, most abundant, and affordable fuels available today,” said Brad Gill, IOGA of NY executive director. “And New York has an incredible opportunity before it. By increasing the production of this clean-burning and abundant natural resource, we can improve our economy, increase tax revenues and jobs, and bring our nation closer to energy independence.”

IOGA of NY speakers will include:

- **Brad Gill:** Executive Director of IOGA of NY and President of Earth Energy Consultants.
- **Mark Scheuerman:** Member of IOGA of NY and Manager of the Legal, Government & Media Relations for Fortuna Energy Inc.
- **David Palmerton:** Member of IOGA of NY and CEO of The Palmerton Group, LLC. Palmerton is a certified professional geologist and hazardous materials manager with more than 23 years of experience in environmental consulting.

Speakers will be available to the media before and after the presentation.

“New York has some of the most rigorous environmental regulatory requirements in the county, which have quite literally shaped our industry here,” said Gill. “These regulations will likely be even tougher when the DEC completes its comprehensive environmental review. Oil and natural gas companies have been drilling for natural gas in New York for more than a hundred years and have an exceptional track record on safety and environmental compliance. This is something we do not take for granted – after all, we live, work and raise our families here too.”

IOGA of NY has three other meeting dates scheduled. They are as follows:

Tuesday, Sept. 8, Bernie’s Holiday Restaurant, 277 Rock Hill Drive, Rock Hill
Thursday, Sept. 10, SUNY Oneonta, Hunt Union, 108 Ravine Parkway, Oneonta
Thursday, Oct. 1, Morrisville State College, Theatre, 90 Eaton Street, Morrisville

Each meeting will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

IOGA of NY is a trade association founded in 1980 to protect, foster and advance the common interests of oil and gas producers, professionals and related industries in the State of New York. For additional information on natural gas exploration, as well as an up-to-date listing of the association's public meeting schedule, please visit IOGA of NY's informational blog: www.marcellusfacts.com.

