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## **\*\*\*PRESS ADVISORY\*\*\***

### **Independent Oil and Gas Association of NY and the Sullivan County Partnership for Economic Development to Host Public Information Session**

Lake View, NY -- The Independent Oil and Gas Association of New York (IOGA of NY), together with the Sullivan County Partnership for Economic Development, will host a public information session to address the environmental, scientific and economic aspects of natural gas exploration. The session will take place:

**6:30 – 8:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, September 8  
Bernie's Holiday Restaurant  
277 Rock Hill Drive  
Rock Hill, NY**

“Natural gas is one of the cleanest, most abundant, and affordable fuels available today,” said Brad Gill, IOGA of NY executive director. “By increasing the production of this natural resource, we can improve our economy, increase tax revenues, create jobs, and bring our nation closer to energy independence. And all of this can be accomplished safely in an environmentally friendly way.”

“The Sullivan County partnership for Economic Development believes strongly that if government and industry can collaborate to properly protect and preserve our environment,

natural gas exploration in Sullivan County could create substantial economic benefits for our community,” said Timothy S. McCausland, president of the Sullivan County Partnership.

IOGA of NY speakers will include:

- **Brad Gill:** Executive Director of IOGA of NY and President of Earth Energy Consultants.
- **John Holko:** Secretary of the IOGA of NY Board and President of Lenape Resources, Inc.
- **Michael Joy, J.D., Ph.D.:** Member of IOGA of NY, partner of Lipman, Biltekoff & Joy, LLP and adjunct professor at State University of New York at Buffalo Law School.
- **John A. Conrad:** Member of IOGA of NY and president and senior hydrogeologist of the Conrad Geoscience Corp.

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 will host two additional meetings. They are:

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](http://www.marcellusfacts.com).*