



## UPCOMING OOGA EVENTS

### OOGA Regional Producer Meetings

*Regions I & II*  
May 8, 2008  
McKinley Grand Hotel  
Canton, OH

*Regions III & IV*  
May 29, 2008  
The Lafayette Hotel  
Marietta, OH

### OOGEOP Crisis Management Seminars

May 8, 2008  
McKinley Grand Hotel  
Canton, OH

May 29, 2008  
The Lafayette Hotel  
Marietta, OH

### SPE Ohio Petroleum Section Distinguished

#### Lecturer Series

May 20, 2008  
McKinley Grand Hotel  
Canton, OH

### 2008 OOGA

#### Summer Meeting

August 4-5, 2008  
Wooster Country Club  
Wooster, OH

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these events log on to:**

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## News Station Airs Investigative Report on Ohio Oil and Gas Production

In an April 30, 2008 story, WEWS NewsChannel 5 (located in northeastern Ohio) aired an investigative report on the Ohio oil and natural gas industry. The impetus of this report seems to come from the recent incident in Bainbridge Township. The report questions the ODNR's ability to effectively regulate the process of urban drilling, the validity of the TAC and the "catastrophic" consequences of the next "blast".

OOGA and OOGEEP issued a joint statement that was included in both the report and on the station's website. You may view a transcript of the report by going to: <http://www.newsnet5.com/station/16059086/detail.html>

## Regional Producer Meetings and Crisis Management Seminars Announced

It is important to note that two OOGA Regional Producer Meetings will be held during the month of May. While dealing with a few procedural issues including the election of officers, these regional meetings will also be a chance for Region I & II producers to discuss recent events in northeastern Ohio and the challenges that the industry currently faces. Region III & IV producers will be updated on recent events regarding the coal industry.

Before these regional meetings, OOGEEP will be presenting a Crisis Management Seminar. The purpose of this seminar is designed to help companies to be better prepared in the event of an oilfield emergency. Space will be limited to the first 100 registrants.

To register for one or both of these events, log on to [www.ooga.org](http://www.ooga.org) and click on our "Next Event!" section of our front page.

## Senate Bill 221 Clears House, Senate; Signed by Gov. Strickland

On April 22, the Ohio House passed a substitute version of Governor Strickland's energy proposal. The following day, the Ohio Senate concurred with the House changes and sent the bill to the Governor, who signed the bill into law today. The bill was changed to include several benchmarks for energy efficiency standards, along with incentives to spur renewable energy production in Ohio.

Previously there had been some discussion on the validity of a limited state lands leasing provision for this bill. Several provisions, including state lands leasing, were included in House Bill 357. House leadership then took provisions of House Bill 357 and created House Bill 487 with the intent of rolling House Bill 487 provisions into Senate Bill 221.

OOGA would like to thank Rep. Jim McGregor for his efforts to include a state lands leasing provision in these energy bills. OOGA will continue to look for opportunities to put access of state lands into effect in Ohio.

## 2008 OOGA Summer Meeting and Oilfield Patriot Award Dinner in Wooster!

Mark your calendars! The 2008 Ohio Oil & Gas Association Summer Meeting will take place Monday, August 4—Tuesday, August 5, 2008 at the Wooster Country Club in Wooster, Ohio. Expect the traditional golf outings and clay shoot, along with networking opportunities and catching up with those in the oil patch!

In addition to the Summer Meeting, the Third Annual Oilfield Patriot Award Dinner will be held on Monday, August 4, 2008 at the Ken Miller Oil & Gas Museum in Shreve, Ohio. Who will be the third recipient of Ohio's most prestigious industry award? Make sure to reserve your spot early to find out who will be the third recipient!