



Association of Consulting Engineering Companies – New Brunswick (ACEC-NB) Position on Shale Gas in New Brunswick

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The Association of Consulting Engineering Companies – New Brunswick (ACEC-NB) supports the responsible development of a shale gas industry in New Brunswick. ACEC-NB believes that through establishing an appropriate regulated system that safeguards the public and the environment, a made in NB shale gas industry is possible, ultimately benefiting the Province and the people of New Brunswick. Responsible development can be accomplished by applying made in NB solutions, which would be drawn from the experience gained worldwide through successful practices incorporated in other jurisdictions. A regulated shale gas industry would not only have a positive economic impact on the people of New Brunswick, it would also create new employment opportunities for members and non-members alike while maintaining existing jobs in the Province.

Many ACEC-NB member firms are presently engaged in similar technical projects in New Brunswick and around the globe. Practicing professionals in the Province are bound by the Engineering and Geoscience Professions Act (1999), related By Laws and Code of Ethics (2011) as regulated by the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of New Brunswick (APEGNB). The professional engineers working in the field have strived and pledged, while entering the profession, to “hold paramount the safety, health and welfare of the public and the protection of the environment ...”, as stated in the Act. The pledge is part of an admission into and sustained good standing within the profession and professional engineers must stand by the oath diligently in all respects to the profession.

ACEC-NB member firms have the ability to contribute to the responsible and regulated development of a shale gas industry in New Brunswick. It is ACEC-NB’s belief that contributions made by member firms will not only benefit industry and the environment, but most importantly the economic quality of life for the people of New Brunswick, in assuring that the environment and the well-being of present and future generations will continue to be protected.

About ACEC-NB

ACEC-NB is a non-profit organization that represents the consulting engineering industry in New Brunswick. Its member and affiliate member companies employ approximately 1200 engineers, geoscientists, technologists, technicians and related administration and support staff in the Province. Member firms generate in excess of \$100 million in revenue while completing \$1 billion in capital construction annually. ACEC-NB is dedicated to supporting the development and success of its members through advocating for a fair business environment on behalf of the industry in New Brunswick. ACEC-NB operates in liaison with twelve other Provincial and Territorial member organizations under the umbrella of the Association of Consulting Engineering Companies – Canada (ACEC-Canada).

For more information on ACEC-NB, visit www.acec-nb.ca.

Supporting Document:

“Interconnected: Our economy. Our natural resources. Our environment. Our public services. Our obligation to each other. New Brunswick’s Future”, published by the Atlantica Centre for Energy. Visit http://www.atlanticaenergy.org/uploads/file/ACfENaturalResourcesandtheEconomy_version7.pdf

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