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SLPWA ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting for Seneca Lake Pure Waters Association will be held on Wednesday, August 26 from 6:00-9:00 PM at the Belhurst Castle, Rt 14S, Geneva, NY. The Association's largest public meeting each year, members and the general public are invited to attend this special evening on Seneca Lake.

Our guest speakers will discuss the potential impacts on Seneca Lake of the anticipated increase in natural gas drilling in the watershed:

Dr. Ronald E. Bishop, will address the **Impacts of Natural Gas Extraction from New York's Shales** Large-scale development of the gas-rich shales and tight sand formations of New York is alarming to many residents due to accidents and incidents of groundwater contamination that have plagued this industry in other parts of the USA. However, these incidents – sobering as they are – tend to occur infrequently. The greatest natural gas development-related impacts should be expected from more common sources: fragmentation of fields by all-weather access roads and new pipelines, surface waters fouled by erosion from degraded roads, culverts and bridges, and compressor stations which generate noise and fumes continuously. Dr. Bishop anticipates that an unprecedented industrialization of our landscape will result from natural gas extraction here.

Gary Byron will address **The Environmental Realities of Drilling the Marcellus Shale.** His non-technical presentation will highlight the operational facets of drilling the Marcellus, touching on the problems associated with securing a frac water supply, and the more significant problems associated with treatment of blow-back brine waters, highlighting PA's new regulatory approach which focuses on the "big 4" - Chlorides, TDS, Barium and Strontium.

Dinner will be served at 6:30 PM, a business meeting will begin at 7:30 PM, and the keynote presentations will begin at 8 PM. The public is welcome to attend. Reservations can be made at www.senecalake.org.

About the Speakers:

Ron Bishop has a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Youngstown State University and a Ph.D. in biochemistry from the West Virginia University School of Medicine. His full-time research experience of more than 17 years is related to cancer and biosafety testing. For the past 11 years, Ron has taught biology, environmental sciences, genetics, general and organic chemistry, and biochemistry in high schools and colleges. He currently teaches at SUNY Oneonta. His

background includes extensive construction experience and more than two years as an investigative journalist.

Gary Byron spent 33 years at the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, the last 6 years as Assistant Regional Director in the 17 county Williamsport Regional Office overseeing 175 professional and technical staff. In this position, Mr. Byron is responsible for all permitting and compliance for Mining, Oil & Gas, Air Quality, Waste, Emergency Response, Water Quality, Watershed Management, Drinking Water, & Hazardous Sites Clean-Ups in a 17 county area, bordering NY state. He retired 15 months ago and founded Dux Head Environmental Services, working with one gas drilling company out of Houston, a couple of gas brine treatment providers in Pa, a large construction company (Glenn O. Hawbaker) and Pennsylvania's first ethanol plant (Bio-Energy / Bionol) in Clearfield. He has served on PA-DEP Marcellus technical advisory committees at their request, as well as informal Marcellus Shale technical advisor to state Rep. Camille "Bud" George, Chair of Pennsylvania's Joint House & Senate Conservation Committee.