

Risk Management and Governance Issues in Shale Gas Development: Two Workshops

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Abbas Firoozabadi (NAE) is director and senior scientist at the Reservoir Engineering Research Institute, Palo Alto, CA and Adjunct Professor of Chemical & Environmental Engineering at Yale University. His research concerns: (1) mathematical modeling of CO₂ injection in the subsurface for improved hydrocarbon recovery and sequestration; (2) nano-particles in transport in flowline and oil capture; (3) production of methane and other light hydrocarbons from shale resources; and (4) irreversible phenomena in hydrocarbon reservoirs. He holds M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in gas engineering from Illinois Institute of Technology and a B.S. degree in Gas Engineering from Abadan Institute of Technology.

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Bernard D. Goldstein (IOM), professor emeritus in the Department of Environmental and Occupational Health and former Dean of the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health, is an environmental toxicologist whose research interests have focused largely on the concept of biological markers in the field of risk assessment. He has published in the areas of blood toxicity, the formation of cancer-causing substances (free radicals) following exposure to inhalants, various aspects of public health decision-making and global issues in environmental medicine. Before coming to the University of Pittsburgh, Dr. Goldstein was professor and chairman of the department of environmental and community medicine at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, where he established and directed the largest academic environmental and occupational health program in the United States -- the Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences Institute. He also has served as an officer with the U.S. Public Health Service and as assistant administrator for research and development at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. He is a member of IOM. Dr. Goldstein received his medical degree from New York University and undergraduate degree from the University of Wisconsin.

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Robert B. Jackson is Nicholas Professor of Global Environmental Change, professor of biology, and Associate Dean for Research at Duke University. He was a Department of Energy Distinguished Postdoctoral Fellow for Global Change at Stanford University and an assistant professor at the University of Texas before joining the Duke faculty in 1999. He is currently Director of Duke's Center on Global Change and Duke's Stable Isotope Mass Spectrometry Laboratory. He also directs the Department of Energy-funded National Institute for Climate Change Research for the southeastern U.S. and co-directed the Climate Change Policy Partnership, working with energy and utility corporations to find practical strategies to combat climate change. Jackson has received numerous awards, including the Murray F. Buell Award from the Ecological Society of America, a 1999 Presidential Early Career Award in Science and Engineering from the National Science Foundation. He has a B.S. in chemical engineering from Rice University, a M.S. in statistics, a M.S. in ecology, and a Ph.D. from Utah State University.

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He has served as a member and consultant to the Science Advisory Board of the US Environmental Protection Agency since 1978 and as a member of the US Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board (1989-1994). He has served on multiple National Research Committees working on issues in risk assessment and decision making. He is a past president of the Society for Risk Analysis and a recipient of the Frank P. Ramsey Medal from the Decision Analysis Society for lifetime contributions to the field of decision analysis. He received his Ph.D. in operations research from Stanford University and his B.S. in physics from Yale University.

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Susan Tierney is a principal in the Analysis Group. Dr. Tierney is an expert on energy policy and economics, specializing in the electric and gas industries. She has consulted to companies, governments, non-profits, and other organizations on energy markets, economic and environmental regulation and strategy, and energy facility projects. Her expert witness, business consulting, and arbitration services have involved industry restructuring, market analyses, regulatory policies for renewables and energy efficiency, transmission planning, siting and cost-allocation, wholesale and retail market design, contract disputes, resource planning, resource procurement analysis, market monitoring, and asset valuations. In addition, Dr. Tierney's work has covered regional transmission organizations, siting of generation and transmission facilities and natural gas pipeline projects, natural gas markets, electric system reliability, and environmental policy and regulation. A former Assistant Secretary for Policy at the U.S. Department of Energy and state public utility commissioner, she is a member of the Bipartisan Policy Center's energy project and the Secretary of Energy's Advisory Board. She has been appointed to the National Petroleum Council. Dr. Tierney also serves as an ambassador for the U.S. Clean Energy Education & Empowerment program, an initiative of the Department of Energy and MIT. She has published widely, and frequently speaks at industry conferences. She served on the DOE's 90 Shale Gas committee. She has a Ph.D. in regional planning from Cornell University.

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Barbara Zielinska is research professor and the director of the Organic Analytical Laboratory at the Desert Research Institute. Prior to coming to DRI, she was an associate research Chemist for the Statewide Air Pollution Research Center, University of California, Riverside, where she conducted research on the mechanism of formation of mutagenic derivatives of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons under the influence of gaseous atmospheric pollutants. Her primary research interests include development of measurement methods for organic compounds present both in gas- and particle phases in ambient air and emission sources; atmospheric transformations of organics; and exposure measurements to hazardous air pollutants. She served three consecutive terms (from 2000 to 2006) as a member of the US EPA Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee. She has a M.S. in chemistry from the Technical University of Lodz, Poland, and a Ph.D. in chemistry from the Polish Academy of Sciences.