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### [Utica 2013 Production Surpasses 2012 Production Level](#)

Rigzone

Third quarter 2013 production from Utica shale horizontal wells surpassed production levels recorded in Utica shale wells in 2012, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) reported. ODNR reported that 245 wells out of 285 wells for which data was reported in 2013 produced 1.3 million barrels of oil and 33,606,075 thousand cubic feet of natural gas. The 245 wells produced on average 5,439 barrels of oil and an average 137,168 thousand cubic feet of gas. The average number of days in production was 55. Forty wells had no production because they are waiting on pipeline infrastructure, ODNR reported.

### [Gulfport Energy Corporation Announces 2013 Exit Rate and Provides Update on Production](#)

Gulfport Energy Corporation

Gulfport Energy Corporation announced that it achieved record daily production of approximately 27,780 barrels of oil equivalent per day ("BOEPD") on December 31, 2013. James Palm, Gulfport's Chief Executive Officer, commented, "we entered 2013 producing approximately 6,300 BOEPD and exited the year producing 27,780 BOEPD, which was over 340% in growth during this period. This is a significant milestone for Gulfport employees and shareholders. We are diligently working to execute on our 2014 program and look forward to substantial growth as a company during 2014 as we continue to develop our Utica Shale assets."

### [Eureka Hunter Announces Record Gas Gathering Throughput](#)

Magnum Hunter Resources Corporation

Eureka Hunter Pipeline, LLC, a majority-owned subsidiary of Magnum Hunter Resources Corporation (the "Company"), announced that throughput volumes on Eureka Hunter's gas gathering pipeline system located in West Virginia and Ohio have increased to approximately 166,500 MMBtu per day. During December 2013, Triad Hunter, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, produced approximately 45% of the volumes that flowed through the Eureka Hunter Pipeline System. The Company expects Eureka Hunter to flow an additional 40,000 MMBtu per day of throughput volumes (approximately 206,500 MMBtu per day total) from Triad's new WVDNR and Ormet wells located in Wetzel County, West Virginia and Monroe County, Ohio, respectively. These new wells are scheduled to go online sometime over the next three to six weeks.

### [Magnum Hunter Resources January 2014 Investor Presentation](#)

Magnum Hunter Resources Corporation

MHR reported a 97,000 net acre prospective for the Utica Shale, upon which 35 wells have been drilled and placed on production to date with 3 gross (2.9 net) tested and waiting on sales (14 wells in Tyler County, WV; 18 wells in Wetzel County, WV; and 3 well in Monroe County, OH (tested)). Reporting the acreage owned by MRH to exhibit good thickness and is highly prospective with a large portion of the acreage in the wet gas and condensate window, as "potentially the best shale play in the U.S."

### [Marcellus and Utica Shale: Dec. permit hot spot: Belmont County](#)

Farm and Dairy

There were seven permits issued in Belmont County during December, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Four permits were issued in Wayne Township to the Gulfport Energy Corporation. One permit was issued each in Smith, Wheeling and Richland townships. They were all issued to Hess Ohio Resources, LLC. Monroe County received five new drilling permits. There were four new permits issued for drilling in Seneca Township to Antero Resources Corporation and one in Perry Township to EM Energy Ohio.

### [Drill Capital launches analytics arm to provide information on energy investments](#)

Columbus Business First

New York-based Drill Capital LLC has launched Drill Research, an analytical arm that will evaluate companies that are benefitting from the shale oil boom. In November, Drill Capital closed on a \$5.2 million deal to build an 83-room hotel in Carrollton under the Wyndham Hotel Group brand. That hotel should open in the second quarter. Drill Capital wants to expand its reach, however, by adding the research division. The company solely is interested in energy investments and is led by Farid Guindo, former energy analyst at Ospraie Management, a New York asset management fund focused on commodities.

### [Summit Midstream to acquire interest in Utica Shale Gathering System](#)

Shale Energy Insider

Summit Midstream Partners will be acquiring Blackhawk Midstream's equity interest in Ohio Gathering Company and Ohio Condensate Company. Ohio Gathering is supported by fee-based gathering agreements and acreage dedications from producer customers that are actively developing Utica Shale positions throughout Harrison, Guernsey, Belmont, Noble and Monroe counties in Ohio. Ohio Gathering's customers currently include Gulfport, Rex Energy Corp., PDC Energy, Inc. and other producers in the Utica Shale play. Ohio Gathering's liquids rich gathering system serves as an inlet to MarkWest Utica EMG's Cadiz and Seneca processing complexes, the largest integrated rich-gas processing and fractionation facilities in the Utica Shale.

### [Marcellus, Utica Shale regions keep railroads busy](#)

Progressive Railroad

"We really believe that will be a very strong property for us in 2014 and beyond" says Michael Filoni, vice president of sales and marketing for Carload Express. "We're seeing steady and growing business for fracturing sand moving into that market," he says. "The Utica is really still in the ramping-up process. But I believe it is going to be a very strong, continuing opportunity. Heavy in natural gas liquids (NGLs), the Utica likely will provide railroads more outbound traffic opportunities than what has been coming out of the Marcellus area, rail execs say. "I think there is a lot of potential in the Utica," says Rich Karn, director of marketing, chemicals and fertilizer at CSX. "It's relatively underdeveloped compared to the other major shales in the country, especially when compared to the Marcellus, which it's next to. What we're talking about is inbound sand and outbound NGLs. There also is the potential for condensate, and that really is in its infancy in being developed. And rail will be a key component in that."

### [ODNR triples regulatory staff, poised to regulate gas, oil well construction](#)

Ohio Gas & Oil

James Zehringer, director of ODNR said the ODNR projects the wells to be drilled in Ohio will take a large jump next year, with 1,180 predicted to be drilled in 2014, compared to 625 in 2013, and 215 in 2012. As he pointed out with this prediction, the activity is expected to go through the roof. In anticipation, the ODNR has beefed up its staff. In 2010, the ODNR had only 37 full-time people to regulate the oil and gas activity. "We have talked to other states to discuss lessons learned, and we've learned we have to have our regulatory staff in place," Zehringer said. "So, we've tripled our staff in the last two years. That includes 50 on-the-ground inspectors."

### **[Pennant Midstream Announces Hickory Bend Cryogenic Processing Plant Ready for Service](#)**

Columbia Pipeline Group

Pennant Midstream announced that its Hickory Bend cryogenic gas processing plant was ready to begin operation. The Hickory Bend processing plant and gathering system, a \$375 million investment in the region, includes approximately 55 miles of 20 and 24-inch wet gas gathering pipeline facilities, as well as the cryogenic natural gas processing plant, which will separate dry natural gas from natural-gas liquids (NGLs). The dry gas will be transported for delivery to homes and business across the region, and the NGLs will be shipped through a new liquid pipeline for conversion into products such as butane, ethane and propane, delivering additional value to the marketplace. Much of the liquids will be transported by way of a 38-mile NGL pipeline to a fractionation facility in Harrison County, Ohio.

### **[Youngstown area gets 4,000 jobs, \\$5 billion in investments from shale](#)**

Akron Beacon Journal

"The people of the Valley have embraced the oil and gas industry because they have seen a significant turnaround in our economy - much of it from shale development and the growth of its supply chain," said Tom Humphries, President & CEO of the Regional Chamber. Since the announcements of jobs and investment in the Valley began in 2010, the Metro area's jobless rate has fallen from more than 13 percent to about 8 percent. "Most of the jobs being created in our area are permanent, good-paying jobs. We have seen our area become a strong manufacturing and industrial center again that has caught the attention of business people and the news media around the U.S. and the world," Humphries said.

### **[State regulators not finished with rules for drillers](#)**

Columbus Dispatch

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources plans to propose draft rules in the coming weeks to set standards for the sites that drilling companies are clearing, leveling and fencing off to house drilling rigs and fracking equipment. The rules will set requirements for such things as fresh-water storage and stormwater and erosion controls. Also expected are rules for recycling plants, fracking-waste disposal wells and spill protections for oil- and waste-storage sites.

### **[Most Americans don't care about fracking, survey finds](#)**

Columbus Business Journal

Fracking seems like a hot topic, especially in Ohio with its burgeoning Utica shale play, but many Americans aren't quite sure what it is, says a recent survey conducted by researchers for the journal Energy Policy. Almost 40 percent of the 1,061 persons responding to the survey said they had heard nothing about fracking, compared with 9 percent who said they'd heard a lot about it and 38 percent who had heard something about the topic. [Click here](#) to see the survey.

