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[KWGD Expands Oil and Gas Practice](#)

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The law firm of Krugliak, Wilkins, Griffiths & Dougherty Co., L.P.A. (KWGD) is pleased to announce the expansion of the Firm's Oil, Gas and Mineral Law Practice Group with the addition of Ian R. Hoke and Joseph J. Pasquerella who have joined the firm as associate attorneys. "KWGD has been instrumental in our region's growth of the Utica Shale play and we are excited to be expanding our practice section to eleven oil and gas attorneys so we may continue to be responsive to our client's needs along with the pace of industry growth" said William G. Williams, the firms' Oil and Gas Practice Group Leader.

[CONSOL Energy Announces Operations Update](#)

Consol Energy

During the third quarter, in the Utica Shale joint venture with Hess Corporation, CONSOL drilled three wells located on the NBL 19 pad in Noble County. The wells ranged in lateral length from 9,396 feet to 10,360 feet. CONSOL completed three wells located on the NBL 11 pad in Noble County. On September 20, 2013, CONSOL Energy entered into a definitive agreement with Blue Racer Midstream to construct, own and operate gathering pipelines and facilities to support production with our joint venture partner, Hess Corporation. This agreement provides takeaway capacity for current Noble County activity to-date utilizing existing infrastructure in the area and, following additional construction, will support further development plans, which will allow for delivery of future Utica Shale production to market.

[Gulfport Energy Reports Third Quarter 2013 Production and Provides Operational Update](#)

Gulfport Energy

Gulfport increased its acreage position in the core of the play and currently has approximately 154,000 gross (144,500 net) acres under lease. Gulfport increased its acreage position in the core of the play adding approximately 9,000 gross acres, bringing the company's total acreage position to approximately 154,000 gross (144,500 net) acres under lease in the Utica Shale. Net production for the third quarter of 2013 by region was 662,333 BOE in the Utica Shale, 351,171 BOE at West Cote Blanche Bay, 167,520 BOE at Hackberry and an aggregate of 12,784 BOE in the Bakken, Niobrara and other areas.

[Privately held Rice Energy prepares IPO: sources](#)

Reuters

It is rumored that the family-owned company, which has focused its efforts on Pennsylvania's Marcellus shale and Ohio's Utica shale, could have an enterprise value between \$1.5 billion to \$2.5 billion. It is further rumored that the company is targeting early 2014 for its IPO.

[Aubrey McClendon Snatches Up 24,000 Acres in Guernsey County](#)

The Daily Digger

American Energy Utica has acquired 24,000 acres in Guernsey County from SWEPI, LP (Shell).

[EQT Third Quarter 2013 Earnings Increase 177%](#)

EQT

The Company completed three Utica wells in the oil window in the third quarter 2013 - with 30-day initial production rates of 286, 268, and 241 bbls/d of oil, respectively. If processing were available, the wells would have produced 41, 58, and 42 bbls/d of NGLs, plus, approximately 755, 1,082, and 771 MMcf/d of natural gas, respectively. Regional pricing was realized for the natural gas; while the realized oil price was approximately \$101 per bbl. The Company is on track to spud eight Utica wells in 2013.

[Huntington CEO says Advantage Bank deal boosts Utica shale play](#)

Business First of Columbus (blog)

The \$97 million purchase of Camco and its 22-branch Advantage Bank brings 55,000 customers and \$756 million in assets. In Guernsey County, where Cambridge is located, Advantage holds a market-leading \$165 million in customer deposits, according to the latest count by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

Gulfport Energy Still Believes in the Utica Shale

DailyFinance

The Utica's potential is very enticing for companies targeting liquids growth. That's why we're seeing Halcon Resources join Chesapeake and Gulfport in pursuit of the play. It's currently still evaluating the play and optimizing its drilling and completion techniques. However, its two most recent wells produced test rates of 1,652 BOE/d and 2,233 BOE/d respectively, which suggests that Halcon Resources has solid future potential in the Utica. With nearly as many net acres as Gulfport, it has built a scale position that could start fueling impressive future results.

Devon Energy and Crosstex Energy to Create New Midstream Business

Crosstex

Devon Energy Corporation (NYSE:DVN) ("Devon"), Crosstex Energy, Inc. (NASDAQ: XTXI) and Crosstex Energy, L.P. (NASDAQ: XTEX) (collectively "Crosstex") today announced the signing of definitive agreements to combine substantially all of Devon's U.S. midstream assets with Crosstex's assets to form a new midstream business. These assets are located in many of North America's premier oil and gas regions, including the Barnett Shale, Permian Basin, Cana and Arkoma Woodford, Eagle Ford, Haynesville, Gulf Coast, Utica and Marcellus. The New Company will have approximately 7,300 miles of gathering and transportation pipelines, 13 processing plants with 3.3 Bcf/day of net processing capacity, 6 fractionators with 165 MBbl/day of net fractionation capacity, as well as barge and rail terminals, product storage facilities, brine disposal wells and an extensive crude oil trucking fleet.

Fracking has not caused water-well problems in Ohio

Akron Beacon Journal (blog)

Hydraulic fracturing or fracking for natural gas in the Utica shale has not created any major problems with Ohio's drinking water, says the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Its Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management has investigated 183 water well complaints filed by Ohio landowners from 2010 through mid-October.

South Side company wants to recycle fracking debris

Columbus Dispatch

Ohio Soil Recycling said it makes sense to clean the thousands of tons of crushed rock and shale - called cuttings - that oil and gas companies churn out of the ground as rigs drill the Utica shale in eastern Ohio. The cuttings are typically dumped in landfills. Chris Elliott, the company's president, said oil and gas companies will pay him to take the cuttings that he plans to treat to get rid of drilling lubricants. The cleaned rock and shale would then be used to help build a cap over an old Franklin County landfill along Alum Creek.

[District approves transfer of mineral rights to McClendon firm](#)

Akron Beacon Journal (blog)

The Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District approved a partial assignment of deep mineral rights under three leases at Clendening Reservoir in Harrison County to America Energy-Utica, the new company formed by Aubrey McClendon, the former CEO of Chesapeake Energy. The transfer is further evidence that McClendon is actively pursuing Ohio's Utica shale. The partial re-assignment was requested by EnerVest Energy, which had owned the rights and in transferring them to McClendon's Oklahoma-based firm. The three leases together cover 132.96 acres and hold two producing wells.

[Drilling industry creates housing demand locally](#)

Marietta Times

The local housing industry has been impacted as the Mid-Ohio Valley experiences a resurgence in the energy market because of drilling in the Marcellus and Utica shale fields. Motels, hotels and RV camps are full and people working in the industry, they are beginning to set up more permanent residences. Construction has begun on more motel or hotel properties. For now, though, the drilling industry has had its greatest impact on the rental segment with a slight growth in sales of existing properties.

[Atlas Resource Partners, L.P. Provides Operational and Financial Update](#)

Atlas Resource Partners, L.P.

Atlas Resource Partners, L.P. (NYSE: ARP), reported in September 2013, ARP began connecting its five initial wells drilled in the Utica-Point Pleasant formation in northern Harrison County, OH. Early results indicated higher levels of high-grade condensate than originally expected. ARP had previously secured capacity to several processing plants in the area, namely the Natrium and Hastings plants via Blue Racer Midstream's gathering system. A major fire occurred at the Natrium processing plant on September 21st, causing the plant to shut down and, subsequently, forcing ARP to temporarily shut in the Harrison County wells. ARP has successfully made arrangements in the interim to send a portion of the Harrison County production to other plants, and several of the wells have been brought back online at limited production. ARP is in the process of identifying additional third-party capacity in order to optimize production.

