

# Natural Gas Workforce Training Opportunities

## Potter County Education Council, Penn State Cooperative Extension, and Seneca Highlands Area Vocational School

### SafeLand & OSHA 10 Certification (14 hours)

The two industry standards for Safety Training for the Gas Industry are SafeLand Certification and OSHA 10 General Industry Certification. With these two certifications, you meet the basic safety training requirements of virtually every company in the industry. This course combines the SafeLand program with an OSHA 10 program allowing you to earn both certifications in one convenient class. The topics covered in each program are very similar, however they each have their own unique requirements. By lengthening the course by 4 hours, we are able to complete both certifications in 1 ½ days rather than two full 10 hour days.

The PEC Basic-SafeGulf/SafeLand Orientation safety awareness course was designed to take the place of multiple Operator orientations and to give each student a general idea of life and safety issues in the oil and gas industry (upstream, downstream, onshore or offshore). This program meets API RP 75 & API RP T-1 requirements and provides a basic awareness of certain general safety information that an employee should know before entering a company facility and while performing their assigned work duties. Over 25 of the leading oil and gas operators accept this orientation as it meets their requirements.

The OSHA 10-hour General Industry course provides entry level workers with broad awareness on recognizing and preventing hazards on a general industry site. The training covers a variety of safety and health hazards which a worker may encounter at a work site. OSHA recommends this training as an orientation to occupational safety and health.

Upon successful completion of this 1 ½ day course, each student is issued a SafeLand Picture ID with a unique barcode and an OSHA 10 card. SafeLand Certification information will also be stored in a national database. Course Fee: \$325 per

person (group discounts are available, call for details)

#### Dates/Times:

September 8 & 9, 2010: Wednesday. This two-day workshop will begin at 8:30 am in room B114 of the Seneca Highlands Area Vocational Technical School

September 15 & 16, 2010: Wednesday from 8AM – 7PM and Thursday from 8AM – Noon at the Warren Forest Higher Education Council

October 6 & 7, 2010: Wednesday from 8AM – 7PM and Thursday from 8AM – Noon in room B114 of the Seneca Highlands Area Vocational Technical School



### Certified Well Tender Program (240 + Hours)

This 6 week Certified Well Tender Course covers many topics important to the Natural Gas Industry and is supported by over 35 gas companies in PA who have provided input into the course content and have had success hiring participants who have completed this program in other locations. Key topics covered during this course include: Identifying procedures and processes basic to producing transporting and distributing natural gas, maintaining a safe work environment, properties of fuel gases, controlling and preventing fires fueled by natural gas, duties and responsibilities of well tenders, physical structures and completion procedures common to gas storage wells, storage well operations, proper use of combustible gas indicator, proper use of buried pipe using pipe locating equipment, and routine maintenance and patrolling of facilities. This course also prepares you for your Class A CDL

license with both classroom and behind the wheel experience. We have commitments from 6 firms to guarantee everyone who participates in this course with at least one interview. Course Fee: \$7,995 per student (Participants may also be responsible for DOT Physical Exam, Drug Testing, State Permit Fees, License and Testing Fees, Motor Vehicle Record fees, Criminal Background Checks and Materials) **Dates / Times:** Monday through Friday, September 13 – October 29, from 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM



### Pipe Welding (120 Hours)

Natural Gas Exploration in the Marcellus Shale is anticipated to create a significant demand for Pipe Welders throughout Pennsylvania. This course will teach pipe welding based on the American Petroleum Institute Standards for the industry. Students will need to complete a test weld that will be evaluated by the instructor before admissions to the course.

Course Fee: \$4,500 per student

Dates / Times: Monday through Thursdays (Course Begins Wednesday, September 8, 2010)

September 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, October 4, 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 18, 19, 20, 21, 25, 26, 27, 28, November 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 2010 from 5:30 – 8:30 PM at the Seneca Highlands Area Vocational Technical School

