



Natural Gas Drilling in the Delaware River Watershed A Webinar Briefing for Funders

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We invite you to a webinar to advance our understanding of the environmental and public health issues surrounding industrial gas drilling in our region. Delaware Riverkeeper Network and Riverkeeper, Inc. will identify the impacts of gas drilling, including consumption of freshwater supplies, threats to the New York City watershed, the release of toxins into air and water, degradation of sensitive and vital land and water ecosystems, damage to the Wild and Scenic Delaware River and disruption of local culture and quality of life. They will also address the gas drilling issue within the broader national debate on climate change mitigation and energy independence.

The push for clean, domestic energy is a worthy one, but there is a lack of informed decision making regarding the proposed natural gas drilling in the Marcellus Shale formation that covers large swaths of New York and Pennsylvania. While new technologies have enabled gas companies to access the natural gas that is trapped in the shale formation, which is some 8,000 feet underground, there has been little consideration that the drilling area is in the heart of a major drinking water supply area for New York City, will impact the Upper Delaware River watershed and dependant communities, and threatens the natural resource-rich Catskill Mountains. The profit potential for energy companies and land owners is real, and it is driving a "natural gas rush" that has private land owners signing over the mineral rights on their land without fully understanding the drilling process and the resulting short- and long-term land use and water quality impacts.

This webinar will inform funders' about the concerns related to natural gas drilling in the PA-NY-NJ area, and will enhance the understanding of how grantmaking dollars can be put to work to protect our region and communities from this growing threat that will impact local quality of life, environment and public health

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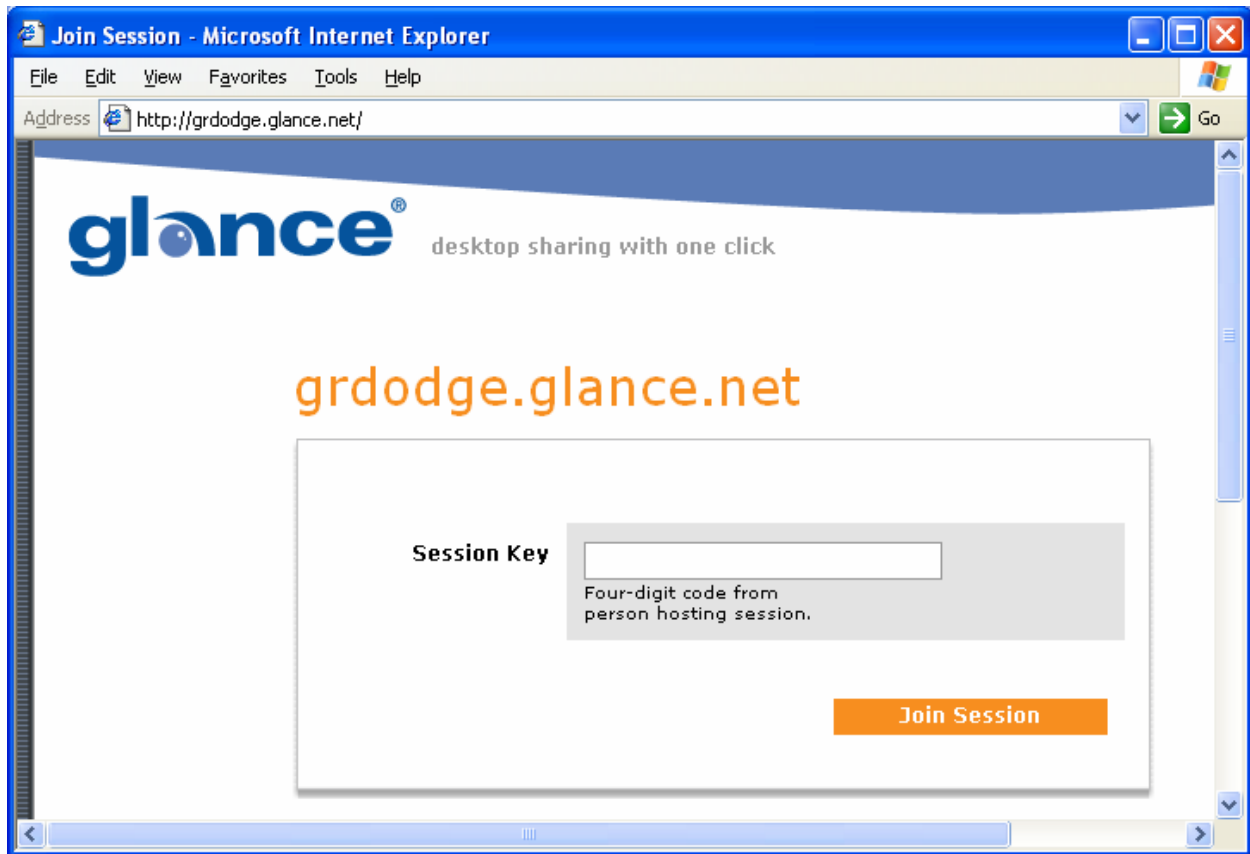
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