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The Marcellus Shale Safe Drilling Initiative Advisory Commission “will assist State policymakers and regulators in determining whether and how gas production from the Marcellus shale in Maryland can be accomplished without unacceptable risks of adverse impacts to public health, safety, the environment and natural resources.” To guide its deliberations, the Advisory Commission adopts and will refer to the following goals.

Goal #1: Support a healthy, sustainable economy and environment.

Goal #2: Minimize and, if possible, eliminate air, water and land contamination and other short-term and long-term adverse impacts.

Goal #3: To the extent adverse impacts cannot be eliminated, ensure that those who suffer negative impacts are appropriately compensated and damage is mitigated.

Goal #4: Ensure that the citizens of Maryland, especially those most impacted by the industry, receive significant benefits from gas production.

Goal #5: Acquire sufficient baseline information so that Maryland has an understanding of current surface water and ground water availability and quality, and air quality.

Goal #6: Ensure adequate State oversight of compliance and environmental conditions and sufficient resources to support those activities.

Goal #7: Advocate continuous improvement in regulating gas exploration and production.

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