



Local Responses to Unconventional Oil & Gas Development

Interview Questions

Risk perception, information, and communication:

1. How do people in your community perceive the impacts and risks associated with oil and gas development? Do you and other local officials perceive the impacts and risks any differently than your community?
2. Where do community members get information about oil and gas development? Where do you and other local officials get information about oil and gas development?
3. How does your jurisdiction communicate with residents, businesses, oil and gas operators, and others around oil and gas development? What works well and what are the challenges?

Maximizing Benefits and Managing Risks of Oil and Gas Development:

4. What are the different types of benefits that your community has seen from oil and gas development? What sorts of actions or approach does your jurisdiction take to maximize these benefits?
5. What tools and approaches (regulatory, non-regulatory) does your jurisdiction use to manage the risks and impacts of oil and gas development? What's working and what are the challenges?
6. What have the fiscal impacts been, for your local government, from oil and gas development? Additional revenues? Additional costs?
7. How has your jurisdiction changed and adapted its fiscal management approach in response to oil and gas development? Specific tools or policies?
8. On balance, has oil and gas development been fiscally net-positive or net-negative for your jurisdiction?

Closing questions:

9. Are there any surprising or unexpected lessons that you've learned while navigating these issues?
10. Who else would you suggest I speak with about these issues, whether in your community or in others?