

# Regulating shale operations: new role for Public Utility Commission

The Public Utility Commission will have a new role in determining which gas drilling ordinances are acceptable under the new shale law. How some of the ordinances differ according to location:

## SAMPLE OF DRILLING RESTRICTIONS

**Collier:** Drilling cannot take place within 300 feet from the Panhandle Trail

**South Fayette**  
Drilling must be no less than 2,500 feet from a school or hospital and 1,500 feet from a day care center

**Peters**  
Drillers must test water within 1,000 feet of a gas well

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- A.** Office of Administrative Law Judge Pittsburgh District Office, Pittsburgh
- B.** Harrisburg Office, Harrisburg
- C.** Scranton District Office, Scranton
- D.** L-M West Philadelphia District Office, Philadelphia

