



Advisory

Councils: *Speak Out*

**Your Guide For
February Meetings**

Oil and Gas Leasing

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For many years, Ohio farmers have been approached by drilling companies seeking to lease land to explore for oil and natural gas. But new technologies and a rise in natural gas prices are increasing drilling activities in many parts of Ohio.

Questions:

1. Has anyone in your council been approached recently about leasing their land for oil or natural gas exploration? What was their experience working with the drilling company?
2. Do you feel you have enough information about the issue if you were approached with a lease agreement? What additional information do you need?
3. Do you believe that increased oil and natural gas exploration could help rural communities? Are there any potential drawbacks?
4. What additional policy suggestions do you have for OFBF to help landowners navigate issues surrounding oil and natural gas lease agreements?