

Pennsylvania gas drilling impact fee disbursements for 2014 reach \$223.5 million

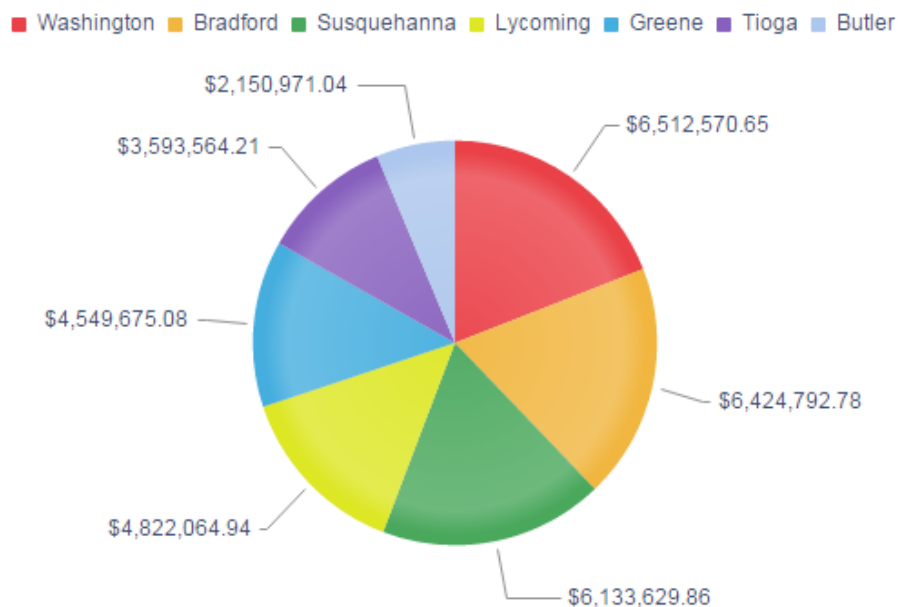
The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) recently published information about the 2014 impact fees paid under Act 13 of 2012 (Act 13) by natural gas production companies.

Act 13, signed into law by former Pennsylvania Governor Tom Corbett, requires production companies to pay an impact fee for each of its natural gas wells drilled in the state. A significant portion of impact fee disbursements are distributed directly to local governments to cover the local impacts of drilling. Several state agencies also receive funding.

The 2014 impact fee disbursements totaled \$223.5 million. Breakdowns include:

- \$123.3 million distributed to county and municipal governments
- \$18 million distributed to state agencies
- \$82.2 million will be placed into the Marcellus Legacy Fund (established under the law to fund environmental, highway, water and sewer projects, rehabilitation of greenways and other projects throughout the state)

Top Receiving Counties for 2014



Impact fee chart from the PUC Act 13 website

The PUC administers the collection and disbursement of impact fees and expects 2014 impact fee checks to be mailed prior to July 1. Since 2011, impact fees have brought in \$855 million to Pennsylvania.

To learn more about impact fees and distribution, visit the PUC's Act 13 website at <https://www.act13-reporting.puc.pa.gov/Modules/PublicReporting/Overview.aspx>.