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DEP secretary on drilling: 'We're going to do it right'

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WATERVILLE - Acting state Department of Environmental Protection Secretary Michael L. Krancer said Friday that his agency will continue to responsibly regulate the natural gas industry.

"The bottom line is, we're going to do this business and we're going to do it right," Krancer said.

Krancer spent the morning and part of the afternoon touring gas operations in Sproul and Tiadaghton state forests as a guest of state Sen. Eugene Yaw, R-Loyalsock Township.

Accompanying the group were state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources District Forest Jeffrey S. Prowant, Lycoming County Commissioner Jeff C. Wheeland and Williamsport-Lycoming Chamber of Commerce President Vincent J. Matteo, state and regional DEP officials, members of the county Community Gas Drilling Task Force and representatives of Anadarko Petroleum Corp.

"(Gov. Tom Corbett) said public health and safety is a priority. My agency is at the forefront of that," Krancer said following an afternoon luncheon at the DCNR's Tiadaghton State Forest Resource Management Center in Waterville.

The tour was an opportunity to provide Krancer with a first-hand look at natural gas drilling activity in the Pine Creek Valley, Yaw said.

"I just wanted to do this because the secretary had not had a chance to see all of the operations going on with the gas industry," Yaw said. "I wanted him to see actual drilling activity on DCNR land."

The tour included stops at an active drilling site, a producing well site and a water empoundment, according to Yaw.

"We also looked at an area where they are treating their own flowback water - not even moving it off site," Yaw said.

The empoundment was of interest because it was built large enough to provide water to multiple drilling operations, Yaw said. In an effort to minimize environmental impacts, the water is piped to well sites using the same trench that gathering lines are being installed in, he said.

When asked if the Corbett administration planned to relax some of the industry-related regulations imposed under Gov. Ed Rendell, Krancer said all aspects of the industry will be studied by the governor's recently-created Marcellus Shale Advisory Commission. Wheeland and Matteo have been appointed to that commission.

There is a possibility the regulations could be strengthened through legislative action, he said.

Yaw recently proposed legislation that would, among other things, increase the area where a gas well is assumed to be the cause of adverse impacts to a drinking water well from 1,000 feet to 2,500



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Krancer said it is important for the state to take advantage of the economic benefits associated with developing the Marcellus Shale and for the nation to move toward energy independence.

"Look at gas prices and the situation in the Middle East," he said. "A clean energy source is important to America."

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