

First The Gulf, Now The Marcellus Shale: Gas Well Rupture Forces Mile-Wide Evacuation In PA



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[The Pittsburgh Channel](#) reports that an explosion at a gas well in the Marcellus Shale, has forced a mile-wide evacuation in Clearfield County, PA. The irony of this event occurring even as CNBC shows some guy mopping up oil with hay from a bucket is beyond sublime. Also, so much for clear energy. There are no details as yet which company's well was responsible for the explosion, although there are is one junk-bond laden firm which comes to mind. *Update:* the gas well operator is EOG. *Update 2:* Elizabeth Ivers, a spokeswoman for driller EOG Resources, said the well has been brought under control, just about 16 hours after it started spewing gas. Spadoni said no one was injured and there are no homes within a mile of the well.

From the [source](#):

Natural gas and drilling fluids are spewing from an out-of-control well in Clearfield County.

Emergency officials said a mile-wide area has been evacuated after an operation drilling into the Marcellus Shale ruptured on Friday. The FAA has issued a flight restriction in the immediate area.

According to a news release from the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, a well which was in the frack process ruptured in Clearfield, spilling frack water and unignited wet gas.

Frack water is water mixed with other substances used during drilling. According to PEMA, the well is six miles from State Route 153 in the area of Interstate 80 exit 111.

Pretty soon Obama will need a doppelganger for the daily teleprompter updates from both Louisiana and Pennsylvania, in which he disburses daily doses of ineffectual harsh language.