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Hydraulic Fracturing Permit Process Begins

Illinois Department of Natural Resources activates hydraulic fracturing registration

SPRINGFIELD, IL – GROW-IL (Growing Resources and Opportunity for the Workforce in Illinois) is pleased the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has begun the process of registering – and ultimately granting permits – to companies wishing to conduct hydraulic fracturing in Illinois. Under the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act, the law requires a permit applicant to register with DNR at least 30 days prior to submitting a permit application. Once the registration is accepted, companies will then be able to apply for individual fracturing permits which should occur early next year. Earlier this year, the legislature passed and Governor Quinn signed into law common-sense hydraulic fracturing legislation (SB 1715) regulating the practice in Illinois.

The registration information can be found at <http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/mines/Pages/HydraulicFracturing.aspx>.

“We are very pleased the Department of Natural Resources is opening up the registration process,” said Mark Denzler, **co-chair of GROW-IL and Vice President and COO of the Illinois Manufacturers’ Association**. “Our coalition is excited progress is being to realize the tremendous economic benefit of hydraulic fracturing here in Illinois. This law will create thousands of jobs, millions of dollars in revenue while keeping our environment safe.”

"We need to create jobs for working men and women and we're one step closer in doing that today," said **Michael T. Carrigan, co-chair of GROW-IL and president of the Illinois AFL-CIO**. "We're encouraged with the progress being made by DNR that will result in good paying jobs for working families in Illinois."

About GROW-IL

GROW-IL is a diverse coalition of more than two dozen business, labor, construction, transportation and agricultural organizations focused on enacting common sense hydraulic fracturing legislation in Springfield and are led by three co-chairs: Illinois Manufacturers’ Association, Illinois AFL-CIO and the Illinois Petroleum Council. For more information, visit www.grow-il.org.

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