

## **Accessing Oil and Gas Well Records at the Pennsylvania Geological Survey**

### **The PA\*IRIS/WIS System and Service Request Policy**

Information regarding Pennsylvania's oil and gas wells is available to the public in three different ways:

**Office visits** – People may visit either Pennsylvania Geological Survey (Survey) office (Pittsburgh or Middletown) during normal business hours to access and view records contained in the Pennsylvania Internet Record Imaging System/Wells Information System (PA\*IRIS/WIS) at one of our visitor computer workstations. No appointments are needed, and no fees are charged for viewing the information.

**Duplication and transmission of information** – For those preferring the convenience of obtaining oil and gas well information remotely, Survey staff will work with the requestor to determine whether the Survey has the information they are looking for, and if so, the most efficient format for data transmission. The fees for such service requests are as follows:

- (1) Duplication fees for paper records are \$0.25 per page. No fee is charged for electronic (pdf) files that can be emailed in a single transaction (Commonwealth email message size is limited to 10 MB).
- (2) Digital reports (Excel files) generated from customized WIS queries incur a setup fee of \$26, plus \$0.02 for each record returned by the query.
- (3) CD-ROM/DVDs filled with any combination of geophysical logs (TIFF images or LAS files) incur a fee of \$75 per CD/DVD.

Please note that personal USB thumb drives ("flash drives"), external hard drives, or any external media (CD-ROM/DVDs) may not be connected to Commonwealth-owned/leased computers for any reason, including, but not limited to, the transfer of data associated with service requests. Any electronic/digital data retrieved from PA\*IRIS/WIS during an office visit must be transferred to a Commonwealth-supplied CD-ROM or DVD by a Commonwealth employee on behalf of the visitor, and will incur the appropriate fee.

**PA\*IRIS Partnership** – People desiring access to PA\*IRIS/WIS from their computer desktop on a 24-hour-a-day, 7-day-a-week, real-time basis may subscribe to the PA\*IRIS Partnership. The subscription includes software licenses for accessing the system remotely, technical training and support on the use of the system, and as-needed software upgrades and maintenance. The initial subscription fee is \$5,000, which covers the software licenses and initial training on use of the system. An annual maintenance fee of \$500 covers technical support and troubleshooting, geologic consultations, and software upgrades and maintenance during the subscription year.

Any questions regarding PA\*IRIS/WIS or obtaining oil and gas well information can be directed to the Survey's Pittsburgh office at 412-442-4235.