

NEWS RELEASE

Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation Joins the Center for Sustainable Shale Development as a Philanthropic Participant

PITTSBURGH, Pa., January 21, 2014 – The Center for Sustainable Shale Development (CSSD) announced the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation has joined the center as a philanthropic participant. CSSD consists of a group of leading environmental organizations, philanthropic foundations and energy companies which have partnered to provide natural gas producers in the Appalachian Basin with certification to a set of collaboratively developed, leading-edge performance standards for shale development.

The Benedum Foundation is now one of three CSSD philanthropic participants, joining The Heinz Endowments and the William Penn Foundation.

“The Benedum Foundation has long been an anchor in regional philanthropy,” said Andrew Place, Interim Executive Director at CSSD. “It is very encouraging that CSSD’s work focused on prudent development of shale resources is in keeping with the goals of the foundation.”

The Benedum Foundation focuses its investments in West Virginia and Southwestern Pennsylvania. The foundation encourages projects that cross state lines and supports initiatives that benefit the multi-state economy centered in Pittsburgh.

CSSD Participants

CSSD’s participants are: Benedum Foundation; Chevron; Clean Air Task Force; CONSOL Energy; Environmental Defense Fund; EQT Corporation; Group Against Smog and Pollution (GASP); Heinz Endowments; Citizens for Pennsylvania’s Future (PennFuture); Pennsylvania Environmental Council; Shell; and William Penn Foundation

About The Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation

The Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation was established in 1944 by Michael and Sarah Benedum, natives of West Virginia, as a memorial to their only child, Claude Worthington Benedum, who died in 1918 at the age of 20. The Foundation is a regional foundation focusing primarily on West Virginia and Southwestern Pennsylvania. For more information on the Foundation, please see: www.benedum.org.

About Center for Sustainable Shale Development (CSSD)

Based in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, CSSD is an independent organization whose mission is to support continuous improvement and innovative practices through performance standards and third-party certification in the Appalachian Basin.

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Funded by philanthropic foundations and participating energy companies, CSSD promotes collaborative efforts by a diverse and comprehensive group of stakeholders to address the imperatives for prudent development of shale gas resources as called for by the Shale Gas Production Subcommittee of the U.S. Secretary of Energy's Advisory Board; the National Petroleum Council; and the International Energy Agency. For more information, visit, www.sustainableshale.org.

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