



## **ACEC-NB Supports the Responsible Development of a Shale Gas Industry in New Brunswick**

**(New Brunswick) April 17, 2012** - The Association of Consulting Engineering Companies – New Brunswick (ACEC-NB) supports the responsible development of a shale gas industry in New Brunswick. ACEC-NB believes that through establishing an appropriate regulated system that safeguards the public and the environment, ‘a made in NB shale gas industry’ is possible, ultimately benefiting the Province and the people of New Brunswick.

“Responsible development can be accomplished by applying ‘made in NB solutions’, which would be drawn from the experience gained worldwide through successful practices incorporated in other jurisdictions,” says Dave McAllister, P.Eng., President of the ACEC-NB Board. “A regulated shale gas industry would not only have a positive economic impact on the people of New Brunswick, it would also create new employment opportunities for members and non-members alike while maintaining existing jobs in the Province.”

Many ACEC-NB member firms are presently engaged in similar technical projects in New Brunswick and around the globe and have the expertise to be able to contribute to the responsible and regulated development of a shale gas industry in New Brunswick. Contributions made by member firms would ensure the protection of the environment, in addition to safeguarding the well-being of present and future generations.

Practicing professionals in the Province are bound by the Engineering and Geoscience Professions Act (1999), related By Laws and Code of Ethics (2011) as regulated by the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of New Brunswick (APEGNB). The professional engineers working in the field have strived and pledged, while entering the profession, to “hold paramount the safety, health and welfare of the public and the protection of the environment [...]”, as stated in the Act. The pledge is part of an admission into and sustained good standing within the profession and professional engineers must stand by the oath diligently in all respects to the profession.

### **Supporting Documentation:**

[“Natural Resources and Energy”, published by the Atlantica Centre for Energy](#)

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### **About ACEC-NB**

ACEC-NB is a non-profit industry organization representing the consulting engineering industry in New Brunswick. Its member and affiliate member companies employ approximately 1200 engineers, geoscientists, technologists, technicians and related administration and support staff in the Province. Member firms generate in excess of \$100 million in revenue while completing \$1 billion in capital construction annually. ACEC-NB is dedicated to supporting the development and success of its members through advocating for a fair business environment on behalf of the industry in New Brunswick. ACEC-NB operates in liaison with twelve other Provincial and Territorial member organizations under the umbrella of the Association of Consulting Engineering Companies – Canada (ACEC-Canada). For more information on ACEC-NB, visit [www.acec-nb.ca](http://www.acec-nb.ca).

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