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KASICH SIGNS EXECUTIVE ORDER

Ensures Building Standards Are Applied Consistently to All New Shale Gas Processing Facilities

COLUMBUS—Today Gov. John R. Kasich signed [Executive Order 2012-03K](#) instituting an emergency rule giving the Division of Industrial Compliance exclusive jurisdiction over the construction of shale gas processing plants in Ohio. With many companies preparing to build new, shale-related processing facilities in the very near future, this Executive Order will allow the work of the plans examiners and Building Code Compliance to begin immediately.

Because the product processed by these facilities—Utica shale gas located thousands of feet below the surface—crosses manmade borders of various municipalities, the division is uniquely qualified to manage these projects in a consistent and uniform way statewide. Previously, construction plans would be submitted to a local building authority, where one exists, and the local authority would oversee the project through its completion. Moving jurisdiction to the state provides the benefits of consistency, expertise, speed and enhanced safety, with no loss to local authorities, where they exist. Construction beyond the processing plant would still fall under the local building authority.

NOTE: Full text of the EO 2012-03K can be [found here](#).

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