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The Durham Engineers Club Cordially Invites You  
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**Featuring our guest speaker Amy Pickle, J.D.**

Senior Attorney for State Policy at Duke University's Nicholas Institute for

Environmental Policy Solutions

Her presentation will be about ...

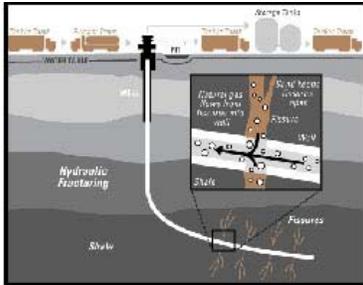
**Shale Gas Development in North Carolina**

(also known as Fracking)

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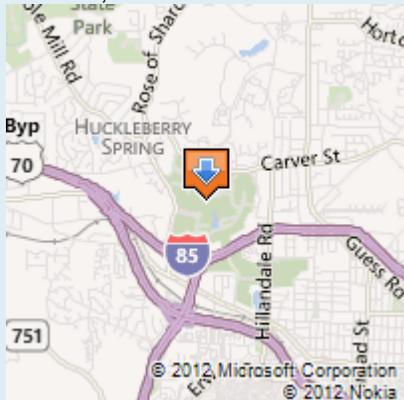
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*This meeting will begin at 6:00pm.*



**Where:**

Croasdaile Country Club  
3800 Farm Gate Avenue  
Durham, NC 27705



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**When:**

Thursday October 11, 2012 from  
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM EDT

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**Dear Fellow Professional:**

Please consider our special invitation to attend our regular monthly meeting Thursday, October 11th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

**Fracking, shale gas, hydraulic fracturing, unconventional gas—all terms that are increasingly familiar to North Carolinians.** This past summer North Carolina joined other natural gas producing states in efforts to explore and develop domestic natural gas resources. North Carolina's path, however, is different than the rest of the country's—North Carolina does not have a history of regulating natural gas extraction and development. The controversy surrounding hydraulic fracturing and shale gas resource development, however, is common throughout the country and North Carolina is no exception.

The debate in North Carolina started in 2009 and, although has shifted forums, continues. On July 2, 2012, the North Carolina General Assembly narrowly overrode Governor Perdue's veto to ratify the Clean Energy and Economic Security Act. This law reconstitutes the state's Mining Commission as the North Carolina Mining and Energy Commission, and charges the Commission with developing a modern regulatory program for the management of oil and gas exploration and development. The Commission has started on its task and most of the public's attention has shifted to the Commission's work.

This talk will explore the national context for unconventional energy development, some of the controversies associated with shale gas, and prospects for developing North Carolina's resource.

**Amy Pickle** is the Senior Attorney for State Policy at Duke University's Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions. She has extensive experience in environmental litigation and environmental policy development at the state and federal level.

She served as an Assistant Attorney General from 2001-2003 working on implementing the North Carolina Attorney General's environmentally superior hog waste management initiative. From 2003-2008, she was a Senior Attorney at the Southern Environmental Law Center where she served as a water attorney working on both litigation and legislative and administrative policy advocacy. She joined the Nicholas Institute in 2008.

She was appointed in 2012 to the North Carolina Environmental Management Commission and to the North Carolina Mining and Energy Commission.

Her professional interests and work at the Nicholas Institute include water allocation and water quality policy, coastal adaptation to climate change, unconventional and offshore energy, governance, and federal and state regulatory structure.

Please click on the link below to register; the cost to attend is \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members. You can now pre-pay as you register with a credit card or PayPal account, mail a check, or pay at the door with cash or check. We cannot accept credit cards at the event.

The price includes a buffet dinner at the Croasdaile Country Club. The buffet features an extensive salad bar, and a variety of hot dishes; the food is excellent. Social hour is from 6:00 to 6:30 pm and there is a cash bar. Dinner is from 6:30 to about 7:00 and the seminar will begin about 7:00, the presentation will be about an hour followed by Q&A.

One (1.0) PDH will be provided; a terrific bargain!

Please join us for this great presentation by clicking on the "Register Now" link below, if you cannot attend please let us know as well, and feel free to forward this invitation to as many others as you would like using the button below.

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We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

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