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**Cleveland, Ohio** (February 6, 2013) – Water continues to be a hot topic in the shale gas industry because recovery of shale gas requires large quantities of water. The impact of shale gas extraction on the water supply has already become a controversial issue. With the escalation of oil and gas production in the Utica and Marcellus shale plays, there is a growing awareness, and some concern, about the quantity of fresh water that must be used to enable production. Enormous volumes of water must be injected to depths often exceeding one mile to free up and produce valued hydrocarbons. But ironically, water already existing at those depths may eventually prove to be a matter of greater concern.

McDonald Hopkins issued an alert and will air an energy webcast to discuss this hot topic. The law firm's **recent alert** on the subject provides additional information around the hydrofracking process. The alert also discusses the definitions of "flowback" water, as well as "produced water" and where they come into play in the hydrofracking process. The McDonald Hopkins Energy Forum – *It's all about water! Water challenges in the oil and gas industry* – will focus on water's implications in shale exploration, including supply chain and state and federal regulatory developments.

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