

# Ban Gas Fracturing In NY

## Keep Our Water Safe, Clean & Drinkable

- **What is it?** Also called hydrofracturing: a method of drilling for natural gas that requires literally millions of gallons of fresh water that becomes polluted and highly toxic in the process. The NYC Dept. of Environmental Protection says in the coming years 3,000 to 6,000 gas wells would be drilled in the City's watershed area, and even more statewide.
- **How does it destroy water?** Into each of those gas wells will be pumped 3 to 8 million gallons of water and 80 to 300 tons of chemicals, depending on well size and depth. This water, drawn from streams and rivers or pumped from the aquifer, comes back out of the wells highly toxic and eventually pollutes any body of water it reaches.
- **Isn't it illegal?** No. In the 2005 Energy Bill, then Vice President Cheney, on behalf of major gas extracting corporation Halliburton, arranged for this process to be exempt from the Safe Drinking Water Act, the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, the Superfund Law and the Right-to-Know Act, among other regulations.
- **Who is against fracturing?** The growing list of "Kill the Drill" coalition members calling for an immediate ban on natural gas drilling in New York City's watershed includes (in formation):  
*Congressmembers* Micahael Arcuri, Carolyn B. Maloney, Eric Massa, Jerrold Nadler; *Public Advocate* Bill de Blasio; *Borough Presidents* Manhattan, Scott Stringer, Bronx, Ruben Diaz Jr., Brooklyn, Marty Markowitz, Queens, Helen M. Marshall; *State Senators* Tom K. Duane, Liz Krueger, Bill Perkins, Eric T. Schneiderman and Daniel L. Squadron; *Assembly Members* Jonathan L. Bing, James F. Brennan, Karim Camara, Jeffrey Dinowitz, Deborah J. Glick, Richard N. Gottfried, Brian Kavanagh, Micah Z. Kellner, Rory I. Lancman, Joan L. Millman and Linda B. Rosenthal; *City Council Speaker* Christine C. Quinn, *Councilmembers* Gale A. Brewer, Leroy Comrie, Daniel R. Garodnick, James F. Gennaro, G. Oliver Koppell, Jessica S. Lappin, Annabel Palma, Melissa Mark-Viverito, Rosie Mendez, James Vacca, Peter F. Vallone Jr., Margaret Chin and Brad Lander. The list of civic associations, and block associations is too long to print here.  
**Seventy organizations that oppose fracturing throughout New York State include:**  
Natural Resources Defense Council, NYH2O, Just Food, CIVITAS, New York Restoration Project, Hudson Riverkeeper, Catskill Riverkeeper, Earthjustice, local affiliates of the Audubon Society and the Sierra Club, New York Public Interest Research Group, Food & Water Watch, Democracy for New York, Earth Day NY, Ulster Co. Democratic Women, Atlantic Sierra Club, Delaware-Otsego and Northern Catskills Audubon, NY Climate Action, 17 NYC Community Boards.
- **Who is for it?** Oil and gas companies, including Halliburton. Some property owners who can sell drilling rights on their land.
- **Who has not taken a position?** Governor Patterson.
- **What do we want?** An unbiased New York State environmental impact statement. Ban gas fracturing in the state and throughout the United States. Immediately bring hydro fracturing under the jurisdiction of all applicable federal laws.

**Write or Call the Governor Today**

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