

Gas Drilling Threatens NY Water

“The inherent environmental impacts and risks of gas drilling could result in the need to construct a filtration plant at a minimum cost of \$10 billion, which would translate into a 30 percent increase in water rates.”

New York City Department of Environmental Protection

What is it? Called hydraulic fracturing, it is a method of drilling for natural gas requiring literally millions of gallons of fresh water that become polluted and highly toxic in the process. Between 3,000 and 6,000 wells would be drilled in the watershed and 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. This water comes back out of the ground highly toxic and eventually pollutes every body of water it reaches.

Who Wants It? Oil and gas companies see this as an opportunity to make wind-fall profits because hydraulic fracturing is exempt from federal environmental laws. People in depressed upstate areas are leasing out their land to these companies; there is strong pressure on the Governor to let the process proceed.

Write to Gov. Cuomo Today

Tell him ban gas drilling by hydraulic fracturing.

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Hon. Andrew M. Cuomo, State Capitol Building, Albany, N.Y. 12224; 518-474-8390
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